



StopWaste is
the Alameda
County Waste
Management
Authority, the
Alameda County
Source Reduction
and Recycling
Board, and the
Energy Council
operating as one
public agency.

July 25, 2014

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 24th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: Comment Letter- Trash Amendments

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Dear Board Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Trash Amendments to the Ocean Plan and ISWEBE Plan. Our Agency applauds the effort to address the impacts of trash on California's waterways. StopWaste supports the waste management hierarchy of reduce, reuse, recycle, then transform. One of the Agency's objectives is to encourage mitigation of the impact of existing waste streams on the environment, including litter. The proposed amendments support our Agency's goal to minimize environmental impacts in all aspects of solid waste management.

The Agency supports the recommendation to allow institutional controls, such as product bans, to be used in combination with structural controls to meet the prohibition of trash discharge. Our Agency adopted a single use bag ban ordinance in 2012 on behalf of all the cities in Alameda County. The ban is proving to be an effective method to dramatically reduce this source of litter that finds its way into our waterways, and reduce waste.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Debra Kaufman".

Debra Kaufman
Senior Program Manager