



RURAL COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES
OF CALIFORNIA

February 28, 2023

The Honorable Josh Hoover
Member, California State Assembly
1021 O Street, Room 4540
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Assembly Bill 909 – SPONSOR
As Introduced February 14, 2023**

Dear Assembly Member Hoover:

On behalf of the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), we are pleased to sponsor your Assembly Bill 909, regarding cleanup of illegally disposed hazardous waste. RCRC is an association of forty rural California counties and the RCRC Board of Directors is comprised of elected supervisors from each of those member counties.

Assembly Bill 909 expands CalRecycle's existing Solid Waste Disposal Cleanup Program to fund the cleanup and proper disposal of illegally dumped hazardous waste and household hazardous waste.

Illegal disposal of solid and hazardous wastes is a chronic problem facing local governments across the state. Unauthorized dumping often impacts abandoned, idled, or underutilized properties where the owners are either unable or unwilling to pay for the costs of cleanup - especially in rural areas. Many smaller jurisdictions lack the resources to deal with illegal dumping on private properties and public rights-of-way.

CalRecycle's Solid Waste Disposal Cleanup Program helps local governments pay for cleanup and restoration on sites where illegal dumping occurs. Unfortunately, existing regulations preclude the program from funding the removal, abatement, and cleanup or handling of hazardous substances that are not co-disposed with nonhazardous solid waste. This means that while local governments can secure CalRecycle funding for illegally dumped trash on public or private property, they cannot seek funding to pay for removal and disposal of hazardous wastes and household hazardous wastes that are dumped by themselves. Some of the more common illegally disposed hazardous wastes and household hazardous wastes include batteries, cleaners, electronic wastes, paints,

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pesticides, used oil, and lamps. While not found as frequently as solid waste and co-disposal sites, the management and disposal costs for illegal hazardous waste disposal sites are substantially higher and divert scarce local resources from other important programs.

RCRC strongly supports AB 909's effort to expand CalRecycle's existing Cleanup Program to fund the cleanup and proper disposal of illegally dumped hazardous waste. Instead of building a new grant program from the ground up, AB 909 expands upon CalRecycle's existing, successful program. This will reduce state administrative costs and create a one-stop shop for locals seeking financial assistance to undertake these cleanup actions.

For the above reasons, RCRC is pleased to Sponsor your AB 909. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at jkennedy@rcrcnet.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Kennedy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "K" and a long, sweeping underline.

JOHN KENNEDY
Policy Advocate