



January 6, 2026

The Honorable Isaac Bryan, Chair  
Assembly Natural Resources Committee  
1020 N Street, Suite 112  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 643 (Wilson): Climate Change and Procurement of Organic Waste Diversion Materials  
- SUPPORT-

Dear Chairman Bryan and Members of the Committee,

Clean Water SoCal supports AB 643 which will expand the availability of marketable products made from the diversion of organics from traditional outlets. Previously enacted SB 1383 set targets for reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by reducing disposal of decomposable organic materials in landfills. SB 1383 initially established a limited type of materials for procurement that could be made from the diverted residuals. Expanding the eligibility of materials for procurement to incentivize markets in this field is important and will provide market flexibility as well as long term security to encourage investment in organic material management and expand options for jurisdictions that are required to procure these products in order to meet the State's SB 1383 objectives.

Reducing GHG emissions in California and beyond is crucial for our climate. The expansion of procurement products that support agriculture is important for Californians. The process of organic diversion, collection, processing, and beneficial use is a perfect example of how the circular economy should work, benefiting the environment and making organic residual management more affordable for the public.

We strongly encourage a YES vote on AB 643.

Clean Water SoCal represents more than 80 public water and wastewater agencies across Southern California, serving around 20 million people in counties including San Diego, Orange, Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura. Our wastewater members manage over two billion gallons of wastewater daily in an environmentally responsible and cost-



effective manner, converting wastewater into resources like recycled water and renewable energy.

If there are any questions regarding this transmittal, please contact me directly at (760) 415-4332 or [sjepson@cleanwatersocal.org](mailto:sjepson@cleanwatersocal.org)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Steve Jepsen', is positioned below the word 'Sincerely,'.

Steve Jepsen  
Executive Director – Clean Water SoCal

CC: Mark Rossow, Office of Assembly Member Wilson