



May 15, 2008

The Honorable Mark Leno
California State Assembly
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Via Facsimile

SUBJECT: AB2986 (Leno) Relating to Wastewater Systems

Dear Assembly Member Leno:

The Southern California Alliance of Publicly Owned Treatment Works (SCAP) respectfully opposes your AB 2986 proposed legislation related to wastewater systems reporting unless amended to address the concerns of our public wastewater agencies.

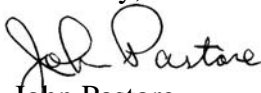
SCAP represents 85 public agencies that provide both water and wastewater to nearly 18 million people in parts of Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, Santa Barbara, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura counties. We treat and safely reuse or dispose of over 1 billion gallons of wastewater each day and deliver 1.7 billion gallons of drinking water per day.

We are aware that the California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA), the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) and the League of California Cities have been working closely with you and your staff to amend AB 2986 and we share their concerns as to the current language of the bill. While we very much appreciate your efforts in addressing the important issues raised in your bill, we do not feel that sufficient changes have been made to warrant our support at this time.

We join with the previously mentioned organizations in requesting that you consider significant amendments to AB 2986 that will eliminate the "Report Card" approach and replace it with a requirement that the State Water Resources Control Board, or another entity under contract, prepare a "State of the Infrastructure" report that identifies the strengths and shortcomings of our existing wastewater collection systems and provides recommendations for addressing key issues, such as funding needs.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns.

Sincerely,


John Pastore
Executive Director