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April 2, 2010

Haley Bitzer
Virginia Loke
355 Dalewood Drive
Orinda, CA 94563

RE: Plastic Bag Regulation

Dear Ms. Bitzer and Ms. Loke

The Central Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority (CCCSWA) is writing in response to your letter dated March 8, 2010 to the Orinda City Mayor. Our agency manages the garbage collection and recycling programs for Danville, Lafayette, Moraga, Orinda and Walnut Creek, including the surrounding unincorporated areas.

We are very appreciative for your input regarding plastic bag pollution. Our agency has recently begun an analysis of the issue, and although this process will take some time, community input, like yours, is vital to ensure that our programs and policies reflect the community's needs and desires. We invite you to stay abreast of our agency's policies and potential programs by accessing our Board of Directors' meeting agendas and minutes via our website at http://www.wastediversion.org/app_folders/view/30. We also invite you to attend our Board of Directors' meetings held at Walnut Creek City Hall 3rd Floor Conference Room at 1666 N. Main Street. The meeting schedule can be accessed by visiting http://www.wastediversion.org/app_pages/view/233.

Currently, our agency encourages the use of reusable shopping bags and intends to further promote their use through targeted outreach and education programs, in the near future.

Additionally, there is currently a bill before the California State Legislature, Assembly Bill 1998 (Brownley) which could potentially ban plastic bags statewide, if passed. You and your partner may want to consider contacting Assembly Member Brownley's office at (916) 319-2041 to see if there is anything that you, or your school, could do to further this bill. The bill language and status can be accessed at <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/postquery>.

Once again, the Authority appreciates your efforts toward the reduction of plastic bag pollution. If you require additional information, please contact me at (925) 906-1801 x107 or lois@wastediversion.org.

Very Sincerely,



Lois Courchaine
CCCSWA, Program Manager

cc: Victoria Smith, Orinda City Council, CCCSWA Board Chair