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April 1, 2005

The Honorable James Battin
Vice Chair, Senate Rules Committee
State Capitol, Room 3067
Sacramento CA 95814

**RE: Support for Confirmation of Rosalie Mulé's Appointment to the California
Integrated Waste Management Board**

Dear Senator Battin:

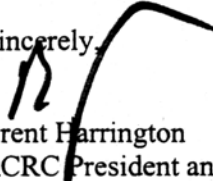
On behalf of its 30 member counties, the Regional Council of Rural Counties (RCRC) is pleased to support Senate confirmation of Rosalie Mulé's appointment to the California Integrated Waste Management Board.

Through its Rural Counties' Environmental Services Joint Powers Authority, RCRC member counties have had the opportunity to work closely with Ms. Mulé to help increase the diversion of waste materials from landfills and to develop realistic waste diversion programs and strategies for our rural communities. We appreciate the supportive efforts of Ms. Mulé in this regard and applaud her commitment to critically review and improve existing regulatory systems so that our local governments will be better able to focus limited local resources on cost-effective programs that will help to preserve environmental quality in our counties while providing for protection of public health and safety.

Ms. Mulé has proven to be a thoughtful and well-respected voice on the Waste Board. As a designated representative of the solid waste industry, Ms. Mulé has hands-on experience in dealing with local solid waste management issues and the working knowledge to understand what programs and priorities are needed by local government in order to effectively establish and maintain compliance with regulatory standards and achievement of statutory goals. RCRC would like to specifically acknowledge Ms. Mulé's ongoing efforts to improve compliance measurement systems for meeting statutory waste diversion goals; her commitment to establish clear and measurable goals for Waste Board programs; and, her recognition of the need for State and local government to work cooperatively with one another in furtherance of our common interest to meet the needs of our citizenry.

In recognition of Ms. Rosalie Mulé's experience, her leadership abilities, and her proven track record of positive performance while on the Waste Board for the past year, RCRC strongly urges positive consideration for her confirmation by the Senate Rules Committee and by the full Senate.

Sincerely,


Brent Harrington
RCRC President and CEO

cc: Members, Senate Rules Committee
Rosalie Mulé, Member, California Integrated Waste Management Board
Members, Rural Counties' Environmental Services Joint Powers Authority