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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 Rosario Marin's Appointment to the California
Integrated Waste Management Board**

Dear Senator Battin:

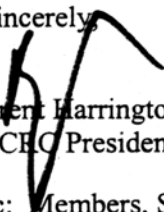
On behalf of its 30 member counties, the Regional Council of Rural Counties (RCRC) is pleased to support Senate confirmation of Rosario Marin's appointment to the California Integrated Waste Management Board.

Through its Rural Counties' Environmental Services Joint Powers Authority, RCRC member counties have worked closely with Ms. Marin and her staff over the past year on a variety of important solid waste related issues. Ms. Marin has shown a keen interest and growing awareness of the particular challenges that rural counties face with respect to solid waste management. As Board Chair, Ms. Marin has worked to help us address these challenges by providing our counties with the assistance and encouragement needed to establish and maintain local compliance with all regulatory requirements for resource conservation and environmental protection. Ms. Marin has always been available to our county representatives and she has thoughtfully and purposefully responded to our questions and concerns without losing focus on the broader statutory goals that we all seek to achieve.

Looking forward, RCRC is hopeful of the opportunity to continue working with Ms. Marin. We are confident that her leadership on the Waste Board will help to facilitate continuing cooperative relationships between local and State governments as we work together to increase waste diversion rates throughout California and to preserve and protect the valuable environmental resources of our rural communities. This cooperative relationship is vital if we are to fully achieve existing waste diversion goals and move forward with ever more ambitious waste recovery efforts that are considerate of the needs of local government and reflective of the geographic and demographic diversity that exists throughout California.

For these reasons, RCRC urges positive consideration for the confirmation of Ms. Rosario Marin by the Senate Rules Committee and by the full Senate.

Sincerely,


Brent Harrington
RCRC President and CEO

cc: Members, Senate Rules Committee
Rosario Marin, CIWMB Chair and Boardmember
Members, Rural Counties' Environmental Services Joint Powers Authority