

## **CRRA Monitored and Priority Bills – Recent Legislative Actions**

### **Passed Senate Environmental Quality Committee June 17, 2015**

AB 888 - Plastic microbeads ban, passed Assembly May 22. CRRA attended and supported. Also referred to Judiciary Committee. (see article below).

### **Senate Environmental Quality Committee - Hearing Scheduled July 1, 2015**

- AB 876 - -- Composting, local government planning for organics processing, passed Assembly June 3.
- AB 1045 - Streamlined permitting, enhance composting to reduce GHG, passed Assembly May 28.

### **Senate Environmental Quality Committee - Hearing Scheduled July 15, 2015**

- AB 901 – Disposal enforcement authority for CalRecycle, passed Assembly June 1.
- AB1063 - Tipping fee surcharge increase (CalRecycle bill), passed Assembly May 11.

### **Senate Environmental Quality Committee – Pending**

- AB 761 – Cap and trade funds for composting application projects, with amendments, also referred to Senate Agriculture Committee.
- AB 1103 - "Food waste"/"food wastepaper" defined for purposes of AB 1826, passed Assembly May 26
- AB 1239 – Tire recycling program improvements, passed Assembly June 2
- AB 1435 - Exclude glass beverage containers from Toxic Packaging Act, passed Assembly on May 26

### **Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Hearing June 30, 2015**

- SB 489 solar panels, passed Senate on May 4.

### **Being Held in Assembly Committee on Tax and Revenue**

- AB 199 – Composting tax exemption, being held by the /Committee Chair

### **Senate Environmental Quality Committee Passes AB 888**

- I attended the Senate Environmental Quality Committee hearing June 17 to express CRRA's support of AB 888, a bill to ban plastic microbeads used in personal care products. Several environmental groups spoke in support of AB 888 including Mark Murray from Californians Against Waste. The California Manufacturers and Technology Association lead the opposition noting that while many manufacturers were phasing out plastic microbeads, the industry needed time to develop, test and manufacture alternatives. Several Senators pointed out that the ban did not take effect until 2020 and that this was ample to accomplish the change to alternatives.

- Opposition groups notably included Biocom, California Life Sciences Association, California Chamber of Commerce, California Retailers Association, Chemical Industry Council, Consumer Healthcare Products Association, Grocery Manufacturers Association and Proctor & Gamble.
- AB 888 passed by a vote of 5 -1. The bill is pending before the Senate Judiciary Committee.