

***BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN AND FOR THE  
COUNTY OF MONTEREY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA***

**Resolution No.**

Resolution requesting support of a \_\_\_\_\_ )  
Statewide Commission on Recycling Markets )

**WHEREAS**, the Monterey County Health Department Environmental Health Bureau is the designated Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) pursuant to 14 CCR 18051 for the permitting, inspection and enforcement of statutes and regulations applicable to solid waste handling and disposal sites in the County and twelve incorporated Cities within the County; and

**WHEREAS**, China recently enacted strict mixed paper and plastic contamination limits and import bans which are collectively referred to as “National Sword”; and

**WHEREAS**, China has declared their intent to ban all recyclable material imports by 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, exporting recyclable materials to foreign markets is a key component of California’s recycling infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, National Sword policy changes in China has led to the decline of other international markets for recyclables, and subsequent stockpiles of unsold materials at California solid waste and recycling facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, California recycling policy relies on robust international markets to purchase and process the millions of tons of recyclable waste it produces each year; and

**WHEREAS**, stockpiled paper and plastic materials in California’s solid waste and recycling facilities is causing slowdowns in processing of other waste materials and is creating significant public health risks; and

**WHEREAS**, local governments across California will soon have to comply with additional state regulations for organic waste diversion and processing; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 1383 (Chapters 395, 2016) establishes targets to achieve a fifty percent (50%) reduction in the level of the statewide disposal of organic waste from the 2014 level by 2020 and a seventy five percent (75%) reduction by 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, infrastructure required to implement these regulations is expected to cost billions; and

**WHEREAS**, these increased diversion requirements added to recent changes to international policies and a declining global market value for recyclables has resulted in an issue of statewide concern for the resource recovery industry, local governments and Californians;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Monterey County Board of Supervisors calls for the Governor of California to establish a statewide Commission to address these significant challenges to our recycling markets. The Commission should be comprised of state, local and industry representatives with the task of making recommendations for solutions to our declining

markets for recyclable materials, while continuing to emphasize the need to divert materials from our landfills. The Commission should examine potential solutions including, but not limited to, the development of international and domestic markets, updated compliance standards in this new economic environment, ways to improve source reduction and reduce waste production, and any other means that will alleviate the growing public health and environmental crisis while still allowing California to meet its goals for a sustainable future.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019 by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book\_\_\_\_ for the meeting on \_\_\_\_\_.

Dated:

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Monterey, State of California

By \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, Deputy