



February 3, 2015

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr. JOINT STATE OFFICE
Governor of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: ILWU Slowdown at California Ports

Dear Governor Brown:

We write in reference to the labor contract negotiations between the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) and the Pacific Maritime Association (PMA) that began in the spring of 2014.

Since then, there has been a significant "slowdown" in the movement of California recycled plastic, paper and other such commodities out of California ports. Our member companies provide recycling services for local governments in California and are now at full capacity in their warehouses.

The continued slowdown is having serious implications upon our industry's ability to fulfill our contractual obligations designed to achieve maximum recycling and waste diversion goals for the municipalities we serve. Without immediate relief, industry members may soon be forced to begin redirecting this material to extended storage and disposal, undermining the very goal of our recycling management operations and mandate of law.

Additionally, these delays in moving California recycled material thru the ports and into the Pacific Rim mills are causing delays in the payments our members receive for these materials. These payment delays will impede their ability to meet their own financial obligations.

As this issue is completely out of our control, we respectfully request suspension of any regulatory penalties that might otherwise occur for extended storage and/or disposal of recycled materials that may occur as a result of this slowdown.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can provide further information.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Sil Garaventa Jr. in black ink.

Sil Garaventa Jr.
CRRC State President

Handwritten signature of Jacob Panero in blue ink.

Jacob Panero
CRRC Southern District President

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