



March 30, 2001

Ms. Andrea Hoch
Senior Assistant Attorney General
Department of Justice
1300 I Street, 11th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814



Dear Ms. Hoch:

This letter is to request that your office represent the Department of Finance on the new Commission on State Mandates (COSM) test claim 00-TC-07, Integrated Waste Management, filed by Santa Monica and South Lake Tahoe Community College Districts. Finance received the initial package on March 22, 2001, and COSM has requested our comments by April 19, 2001.

Based on our initial review of the claim, this test claim is the first which seeks state reimbursement for new programs and higher levels of service incurred by local facilities for the State Agency Model Integrated Waste Management Plan, enacted by Chapter 764, Statutes of 1999. This act potentially affects local community colleges or other entities identified by the Integrated Waste Management Board as primary campuses, prisons or facilities. Accordingly, we believe the legal issues and potential future exposure for the State warrant your office's involvement.

We are still completing our preliminary review, yet my staff will work with your office to provide any assistance that may be needed for resolution of this matter.

By receipt of a copy of this letter, we are also respectfully asking COSM for an extension for consideration of this matter. We are including a "Proof of Service" indicating that the parties included on the mailing list which accompanied the March 20, 2001, letter have been provided with copies of this letter via either United States Mail or, in the case of other state agencies, Interagency Mail Service.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Michael Wilkening, Principal Program Budget Analyst, at (916) 445-0328, or Jim Lombard, state mandates claims coordinator for the Department of Finance, at (916) 445-8913. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Radtkey-Gaither
Program Budget Manager

Attachment

PROOF OF SERVICE

Test Claim Name: Integrated Waste Management

Test Claim Number: CSM 00-TC-07

I, the undersigned, declare as follows:

I am employed in the County of Sacramento, State of California, I am 18 years of age or older and not a party to the within entitled cause; my business address is 915 L Street, 7th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814.

On March 30, 2001, I served the attached recommendation of the Department of Finance in said cause, by facsimile to the Commission on State Mandates and by placing a true copy thereof: (1) to claimants and nonstate agencies enclosed in a sealed envelope with postage thereon fully prepaid in the United States Mail at Sacramento, California; and (2) to state agencies in the normal pickup location at 915 L Street, 7th Floor, for Interagency Mail Service, addressed as follows:

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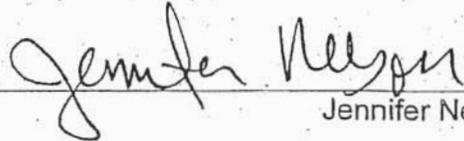
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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this declaration was executed on March 30, 2001 at Sacramento, California.


Jennifer Nelson