

The Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board

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The Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board (SWMCB) is a joint powers board comprised of two commissioners from Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey and Washington counties. To enhance intergovernmental coordination, the SWMCB also includes ex-officio representation from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA).

Member counties work together to increase the efficiency and environmental effectiveness of the region's solid waste management system to benefit taxpayers of the region. The SWMCB is the regional forum for policy development to improve waste management outcomes in the region and state.

2017 Legislative Principles

- 1. The SWMCB supports the State's solid waste management hierarchy that prioritizes recycling, composting, and processing over landfilling. The SWMCB supports measuring the progress on environmental and public health goals through waste management programming that will:**

- Reduce the amount and toxicity of waste;
- Separate and recover materials and energy from waste; and
- Reduce Landfilling.

The SWMCB also supports reducing barriers for developing new processing technologies.

- 2. The SWMCB supports local governments providing and planning for solid waste and recycling services. The SWMCB opposes pre-emption of local control and unfunded mandates.**

- 3. The SWMCB supports increased SCORE funding for recycling programs. The Solid Waste Management Tax dollars being diverted to the General Fund should be refocused on funding for SCORE and related recycling.**

- SCORE funding improves the environment, increases jobs, enhances economic development, and incentivizes local governments to augment current recycling programs.
- SCORE funding also helps support county/business partnerships to educate and assist in the implementation of the commercial recycling mandate.
- SCORE funding helps improve the business environment for Minnesota with the development of recycling market initiatives to enhance the state's economy and support state recycling goals.

- 4. The SWMCB supports replacement of all diverted funds as well as fully funding Metropolitan Landfill Contingency Action Trust Account (MLCAT) and Closed Landfill Investment Fund (CLIF).** These two critical programs ensure landfills, when closed, remain protective of our environment and water resources.

- 5. The SWMCB supports product stewardship programs which focus on products hazardous to public health and safety.** Product stewardship programs shall include the basic principles of producer responsibility to provide environmental protection, local government cost recovery, indemnification of government from any product liability, and measurable and enforceable goals.

- 6. The SWMCB supports State resources to increase organics collection and management and to reduce food waste.** The public and private sectors need resources to facilitate increased organics recycling efforts.

- 7. The SWMCB supports the MPCA ensuring compliance with Minn. Statutes §473.848.** Ensuring compliance is not the responsibility of the counties.

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