



CALIFORNIA TRIBAL
BUSINESS ALLIANCE

August 29, 2006

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

The California Tribal Business Alliance respectfully requests your signature on Senate Bill 1835, which would require solid waste landfills sited and approved through the initiative process to follow the same planning and review processes as those approved through normal local government procedures.

The Pala Band of Mission Indians and other Southern California tribes have been fighting just such a dump proposal at Gregory Canyon, a site of great spiritual importance to Indian people. This site had been rejected by San Diego County planners for use as a landfill, but its promoters qualified it through an initiative, even though it is immediately adjacent to the San Luis Rey River, the source of drinking water for thousands of San Diego County residents.

The Gregory Canyon landfill is a case study of why local planning processes and standards must be followed in order to ensure that all relevant impacts are aired before a landfill site is approved. The initiative process is not the appropriate method for making complex, technical landfill siting decisions unless local and state laws are also followed.

The members of the California Tribal Business Alliance are the Pala Band of Mission Indians, the Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians, the Pauma Band of Luiseño Indians, the Rumsey Band of Wintun Indians, the United Auburn Indian Community, and the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians. We appreciate your support for SB 1835.

Sincerely,

Bobby Barrett
Chairman, CTBA Board of Directors

