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**Resources Secretary and Ocean Protection Council Chair John Laird's
Statement on Gov. Brown's Signing of Plastic Bag Ban**

Sacramento, Calif. – California Natural Resources Secretary and Ocean Protection Council Chair John Laird made the following statement after Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. signed the nation's first statewide ban on single-use plastic bags – SB 270 (Padilla):

“Gov. Brown is a true champion for our oceans and environment. By signing into law a disposable plastic bag ban, California can remain at the forefront of addressing the long-term environmental crisis in our ocean. With first-in-the-nation Marine Protected Areas, stringent stormwater runoff regulations, and now this sweeping effort to keep non-biodegradable plastics out of the waste stream, we are continuing to do our part to actually solve problems and not just talk about solutions.”

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