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New Commercial Trash Franchise System to Improve Collection Services

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors today approved a non-exclusive commercial waste franchise system that will improve commercial trash collection services in County unincorporated areas.

The new system, which takes effect on July 1, 2012, will help ensure commercial waste haulers meet new State recycling law (Assembly Bill 341) mandates. As part of the system, commercial customers will receive: free recycling services and on-site consultations, bulky item and electronic waste collection, holiday tree collection, graffiti removal, clean fuel collection trucks to reduce air pollution and noise, and customer dispute resolution.

Typical affected customers include businesses and apartment/condo complexes, and single-family homes with large lots. Residential customers which subscribe to cart collection service will not be impacted.

Pat Proano, Assistant Deputy Director of Los Angeles County Public Works' Environmental Programs Division, said that under the non-exclusive franchise, all current waste haulers will continue to operate provided they meet rigorous performance and customer service standards.

"Most importantly, customers will continue to have the ability to choose their waste hauler and negotiate prices directly with the hauler," Proano said.

For further information, please visit www.CleanLA.com or call Pat Proano at (626) 458-3500.

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