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California Energy Commission  
Dockets Office, MS-4  
Re: Docket No. 10-BAP-01  
1516 Ninth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

Dear Members of the Bioenergy Interagency Working Group:

**COMMENTS REGARDING THE DRAFT 2011 BIOENERGY ACTION PLAN, DATED  
DECEMBER 2010 (DOCKET NO. 10-BAP-1)**

On behalf of the Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force), I would like to commend the Bioenergy Interagency Working Group on the completion of the Draft 2011 Bioenergy Action Plan, dated December 2010. The Task Force would like to offer the following to augment the action plan activities identified in the document. Overall, the Bioenergy Action Plan is an ambitious plan, but one with goals the Task Force has long supported.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989, the Task Force is responsible for coordinating the development of all major solid waste planning documents prepared for the County of Los Angeles and the 88 cities in Los Angeles County with a combined population in excess of ten million. Consistent with these responsibilities and to ensure a coordinated and cost-effective and environmentally sound solid waste management system in Los Angeles County, the Task Force also addresses issues impacting the system on a countywide basis. The Task Force membership includes representatives of the League of California Cities-Los Angeles County Division, County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, City of Los Angeles, waste management industry, environmental groups, the public, and a number of other governmental agencies.

For over a decade, the Task Force, in partnership with Los Angeles County, has been an active supporter of biorefinery development in California. Utilizing residual waste materials such as municipal solid waste as feedstock for biofuels production has many benefits including reduced landfill dependence, renewable energy production, and job creation. The use of waste materials for biofuels production is also among the most effective ways to meet a variety of the State's most significant environmental goals and policies, including the Global Warming Solutions Act (AB 32), the BioEnergy Action Plan, the Low Carbon Fuel Standard, and the Renewable Portfolio Standard among others. Therefore, we are supportive of the objectives identified in the 2011 Bioenergy Action Plan. However, we recommend that item 2.6 on page 49, regarding the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle's) action items, be expanded to include *all* MSW conversion technologies and not only anaerobic digestion. Anaerobic digestion is one of the many ways that biomass can be converted into renewable energy, biofuels, and other useful products.

We would like to see CalRecycle take a more active role in promoting the growth of these industries in California in order to realize our mutual goals of reduced dependence on landfills and greater utilization of solid waste materials for beneficial purposes.

If you have any questions or if there are specific ways we can contribute to your efforts, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at [MikeMohajer@yahoo.com](mailto:MikeMohajer@yahoo.com) or (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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