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The Honorable Wesley Chesbro, Chair  
Assembly Natural Resources Committee  
1020N Street, Room 164  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assemblyman Chesbro:

**ASSEMBLY BILL 153 (AMENDED APRIL 8, 2013)  
CALIFORNIA GLOBAL WARMING SOLUTIONS ACT OF 2006: OFFSETS**

The Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **support** Assembly Bill 153 (AB 153). If enacted, the bill would require the State Air Resources Board (ARB), on or before January 15, 2015, to adopt a process for the review and consideration of new offset protocols and continually; thereafter, use that process to review and consider new offset protocols.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (Assembly Bill 939 (AB 939), as amended), 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.

The Task Force appreciates the State's significant efforts to address global warming through the passage of groundbreaking State laws, including the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (Act). Under the cap and trade program established by the Act, ARB is authorized to issue offset credits to entities that are not included as major sources of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. The offset credits are GHG emissions reductions or removal enhancements that may be purchased and used by covered entities to meet up to eight percent of their triennial compliance obligation under the cap and trade program.

However, at this time there are currently a small number of established offset protocols with limited scope available. AB 153 would allow for the review, consideration and adoption of additional offset protocols that may allow for local governments and agencies to be issued credits for greenhouse gas reduction, sequestration and/or removal enhancement projects that they may undertake. These credits would then be able to be sold to covered entities under the cap and trade program which generate revenue for the local government.

AB 153 would expand the opportunities for additional projects that reduce GHG emissions in California, thereby enhancing our environment, expanding the marketplace to provide for the lowest cost options for GHG emission reductions, and providing additional revenues to local government agencies. Therefore, the Task Force **supports** AB 153.

If you have any questions, 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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