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

Dear Assembly Member Chesbro:

## SUPPORT ASSEMBLY BILL 513 (INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 20, 2013) TIRE RECYCLING PROGRAM: RUBBERIZED ASPHALT

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports** Assembly Bill 513 (AB 513), which would establish a \$10 million grant program for funding public works projects by cities, counties, and other local government agencies that utilize rubberized asphalt concrete.

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, 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.

If enacted, AB 513 would establish the Rubberized Asphalt Concrete Market Development Act and would require CalRecycle, in accordance with the tire recycling program, to award grants to cities, counties, and other local government agencies for the funding of public works projects that utilize rubberized asphalt concrete. The bill would require CalRecycle to annually expend \$10 million from moneys authorized to be expended for the tire recycling program, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to award these grants. The bill would require the grants to pay \$2 for every 12 pounds of crumb rubber used in a paving project by a local government agency and specify selection procedures if the grant requests exceed the money allocated.

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Providing grants to local government agencies for the use of recycled crumb rubber from tires in public works projects provides a strong incentive to keep such materials out of landfills. The use of recycled crumb rubber has additional benefits beyond the conservation of resources, including enhanced durability and safety; however, it is sometimes more costly to use in certain public works applications. Establishing a grant program with clear guidelines that is easy for local agencies to apply for will facilitate and boost in the use of rubberized asphalt using recycled crumb rubber.

Therefore, the Task Force **supports** AB 513. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at <u>MikeMohajer@yahoo.com</u> or at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,

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