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September 22, 2011

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.  
Governor, State of California  
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Brown:

**SENATE BILL 833 (VARGAS) - SOLID WASTE: FACILITIES PERMIT**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **respectively requests you veto Senate Bill 833** (SB 833), which would, among other things, prohibit the construction or operation of a landfill in the County of San Diego if that landfill is located within 1,000 feet of San Luis Rey River or an aquifer that is hydrologically connected to that river or within 1,000 feet of a site that is considered sacred or of spiritual or cultural importance to a California Native American tribe.

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.

The Task Force has consistently expressed concerns regarding this legislative proposal, which fundamentally seeks to have the State legislature overturn the authority of local governments and the residents of San Diego County to approve or disapprove the development of facilities through existing land use permitting authority.

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This bill would essentially nullify the extensive environmental review that has been completed for the project (Gregory Canyon Landfill), and overturn two local measures spanning ten years that provided overwhelming support by residents for the development of the landfill as well as a veto from then Governor Gray Davis of a similar piece of legislation in 2000 (Assembly Bill 2752). The Task Force is concerned this bill will set a bad precedent for the State regarding future legislation that would usurp local land-use authority and the authority of residents to establish their own destiny.

Therefore the Task Force **respectfully requests you veto SB 833**. Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at (909) 592-1147 or [MikeMohajer@yahoo.com](mailto:MikeMohajer@yahoo.com).

Sincerely,



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