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TO: California State Assembly Members

FROM: Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/
Integrated Waste Management Task Force

**SUPPORT – SENATE BILL 68 (GALGIANI) AS AMENDED ON SEPTEMBER 3, 2019 –
HAZARDOUS WASTE: TREATED WOOD WASTE**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports** Senate Bill 68 (SB 68), as amended September 3, 2019.

Existing state law requires the wood preserving industry in consultation with the state Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) make information available to generators of treated wood waste that describes how to best handle, dispose of, and otherwise manage treated waste. This requirement, as well as provisions requiring treated wood products' wholesalers/retailers to provide specified information to consumers of these products are due to sunset on January 1, 2021. If enacted, SB 68 would, among other things, extend provisions for the proper generation, use and management of treated wood waste until January 1, 2023. The bill would also require the wood preserving industry to prepare updated/expanded outreach materials on the appropriate handling, disposal, and other management of treated wood waste for generators of treated wood waste and for facilities that may receive or handle treated wood waste. The bill would require the wood preserving industry to annually update and renew outreach materials, disseminate outreach materials, and provide a related specified update to DTSC. Furthermore, the proposed legislation would authorize treated wood waste to be reused only if certain conditions apply, including that the reuse occurs onsite at the facility at which the treated wood waste was generated. The Task Force supports this measure because while treated wood products have many beneficial uses its proper management and disposal as a hazardous waste is critical for human health and safety as well as to prevent contamination of our environment and waste stream.

As provided by AB 939 (1989) and Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code, the Task Force is responsible for coordinating the development of major solid waste planning documents for Los Angeles County and the 88 cities in the County with a population of over ten million. The Task Force addresses issues impacting the solid waste management system on a countywide basis.

Based on the foregoing, the Task Force respectfully requests your Aye on SB 68. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer, a member of the Task Force, at MikeMohajer@yahoo.com or at (909) 592-1147.

cc: Senator Galgiani