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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Mark Pestrella, PE, Chair

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

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED COUNTY ADVOCACY TO SUPPORT SENATE BILL 1143 (ALLEN) – HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE: PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) is writing to express our strong support for Senate Bill (SB) 1143 (Allen, 2023). SB 1143 as amended on June 10, 2024, offers a comprehensive solution for managing Household Hazardous Waste and requires producers to take responsibility to ensure convenient collection and management systems including funding for those systems.

On March 13, 2024, Los Angeles County (County) took a support position on SB 1143. The Task Force appreciates the County's action to support this legislation and urges the County Board of Supervisors to continue engaging in support for Extended Producer Responsibility programs that reduce costs for local jurisdictions and protect the environment.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB 939), the Task Force is responsible for coordinating the development of all major solid waste planning documents prepared for the County and the 88 cities in the 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 the 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.

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If you have any questions, please contact Jocelyn Stark at (626) 458-6521 or JStark@pw.lacounty.gov.

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cc: Chief Executive Office (Fesia A. Davenport)
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Legislative Summary / Findings SB 1143 (Allen) – As Amended April 18, 2024 Household Hazardous Waste: Producer Responsibility

Summary: This bill would direct and require the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) to develop a comprehensive extended producer responsibility (EPR) program for certain common household hazardous waste (HHW) products that are flammable, toxic, ignitable, corrosive, reactive, or pressurized. This bill would also redirect the responsibility for collecting and managing HHW from local governments and taxpayers to producers covered by an EPR plan and would charge DTSC with EPR administration, fee collection, and enforcement actions. Individual product waste and disposal plans would also have to provide free and convenient collection and management systems. If a plan relies on a local jurisdiction to collect or manage a HHW product, the EPR plan will reimburse local jurisdictions for costs incurred. This bill does not change provisions of existing EPR programs, such as those for paints, batteries, household sharps, electronic waste, carpets, single-use plastics, and pharmaceuticals.

Commission Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors support SB 1143.

CEO Legislative Affairs Findings: The County took a <u>support position</u> on SB 1143 on March 13, 2024, based on existing policy to support proposals that accelerate the deployment and maintenance of public infrastructure that incorporates environmental services.

Bill Status: SB 1143 was placed on the Senate Committee on Appropriations Suspense File on April 29, 2024. The Suspense File hearing will be on May 16, 2024.