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November 10, 2010

Mr. Stephen R. Maguin  
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1955 Workman Mill Road  
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Dear Mr. Maguin:

**PROGRESS REPORT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A WASTE-BY-RAIL SYSTEM  
COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County's (Districts) Progress Report on the Development of a Waste-By-Rail System, dated October 14, 2010, as well as the presentation provided by Ms. Janet Coke of your staff at the October 21, 2010, Task Force meeting. The success of the waste-by-rail system is imperative in meeting the long-term solid waste disposal needs of jurisdictions in Los Angeles County. Therefore, the Task Force would like to offer its full support of the Districts' efforts.

The Task Force recognizes the sheer size and complexity of the project and the progress made by the Districts thus far towards completing the infrastructure of the waste-by-rail system by 2012 including awarding construction contracts for the Puente Hills Intermodal Facility (PHIMF) and Mesquite Regional Landfill, completing design for the final portion of the PHIMF, and entering into a right-of-way agreement with Union Pacific Railroad. Even though the Districts cannot meet the extended deadline of December 31, 2010, as granted by the Director of the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works on December 29, 2009, the Task Force is in support of the Districts and looks forward to the completion of the waste-by-rail system.

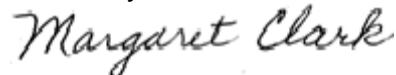
Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (Assembly Bill 939, as amended), the Task Force is responsible for coordinating the development of all major solid waste planning documents prepared for the County of Los Angeles and the 88 cities in the Los Angeles County with a combined population in excess of ten million. Consistent with these

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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.

Should you have any questions, or if we can be of any assistance, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/  
Integrated Waste management Task Force and  
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cc: Each Member of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors  
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