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TO: Scott Smithline, Director
California Department of Resources Recycling & Recovery (CalRecycle)

FROM: Mike Mohajer, Member
Los Angeles County SWM Committee/IWM Task Force

SUBJECT: September 20, 2016, CalRecycle Monthly Meeting – Action Item I - 4
Consideration of The CARE 2015 Annual Report
<http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Actions/PublicNoticeDetail.aspx?id=1885&aid=1722>

On behalf of the Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force), I would like to express the Task Force appreciation for the opportunity to review and comment on the subject item. On September 15, 2016, at a public meeting, the Task Force considered the subject item and the CalRecycle staff analysis and recommendations on the 2015 Carpet America Recovery Effort (CARE) Annual Report. Considering the effectiveness of the CARE's programs since the enactment of AB 2398 (Chapter 681 of the 2010 State Statutes), the Task Force voted in support of Option 1 of the CalRecycle's staff recommendation. Unfortunately, CARE's efforts to date have not resulted in continuous, meaningful improvement, and carpet recycling rates have actually decreased since 2014.

Specifically Option 1 of the staff recommendation states:

“Based on the Statewide Technical and Analytical Resources (STAR) staff findings that several key components of the 2015 Annual Report, as well as previous Annual Reports, are noncompliant, direct the Waste Evaluation and Enforcement Branch (WEEB) to verify these findings and other potential violations of the statute and regulations and, if warranted, consider action(s) including but not limited to imposition of civil penalties, a compliance schedule, or other options to achieve compliance.”

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 Los Angeles 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 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, the waste management industry, environmental groups, the public, and a number of other governmental agencies.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide the above comments. Should you have any questions you can reach me at MikeMohajer@yahoo.com or at (909) 592-1147.

CC: Each Member of the LA County IWM Task Force