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March 17, 2008

The Honorable Felipe Fuentes
State Capitol, Room 3132
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Dear Assembly Member Fuentes:

**ASSEMBLY BILL 2415 (INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 21, 2008)
LOCAL OVERSIGHT OF MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL SOLID WASTE FACILITY
PERMITS**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports** Assembly Bill 2415 (AB 2415), which would require the California Integrated Waste Management Board (Waste Board) to obtain the approval of each relevant designated and certified local enforcement agency prior to approving a solid waste facility permit for any facility which occupies two or more jurisdictions.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (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 its 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, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, the City of Los Angeles, the waste management industry, environmental groups, the public, and a number of other governmental agencies.

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In Los Angeles County, confusion regarding the authority of the designated local enforcement agency in the case of a facility located in two jurisdictions, has led to a project proponent applying for a solid waste facility permit directly from the California Integrated Waste Management Board (Waste Board) prior to approval by either of the two certified and designated local enforcement agencies. If approved, this permit would set a bad precedent, superceding local oversight of solid waste facilities and potentially nullifying locally developed conditions for the facility's operation. AB 2415 would address this confusion by requiring the Waste Board to obtain the approval of both of the relevant designated and certified local enforcement agencies prior to issuing or revising a solid waste facility permit when the facility is located in multiple jurisdictions. The Task Force supports efforts that ensure that local governments continue to be able to provide protections to the public's health and safety, and ensure local oversight over environmentally sensitive issues.

Therefore, the Task Force **supports** AB 2415. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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