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The Honorable Bill Quirk, Chair
Assembly Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials
Legislative Office Building
1020 N Street, Room 171
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Quirk:

SUPPORT – ASSEMBLY BILL 332 (ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND TOXIC MATERIALS) AS INTRODUCED JANUARY 27, 2021 – HAZARDOUS WASTE: TREATED WOOD WASTE: MANAGEMENT STANDARDS

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **Supports** Assembly Bill 332 (AB 332), as introduced on January 27, 2021.

Alternative Management Standards (AMS) for the handling of Treated Wood Waste (TWW) were adopted in the State regulations pursuant to AB 1353 (Matthews, 2004) to effectively manage TWW and allow for the disposal of TWW in a composite-lined portion of a solid waste landfill. The AMS sunset on December 31, 2020, and as a result TWW must now be managed as Hazardous Waste. The many additional Hazardous Waste management requirements, including transport to and disposal at a Class I hazardous waste landfill will significantly increase the costs of proper handling and disposal which could lead to an increase in illegal dumping of TWW. AB 332 proposes to reinstate the AMS for handling TWW. The Task Force sees the benefit of reinstating the AMS while additional regulatory oversight, financial requirements, and enforcement, for the proper management and safe disposal of TWW are developed.

The Task Force is in support of such a measure because while treated wood products have many beneficial uses their proper management and disposal is critical for human health and safety as well as to prevent contamination of our environment and waste stream.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (Assembly Bill 939), 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

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

Based on the foregoing, the Task Force **Supports** AB 332. 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.

Sincerely,



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