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The Honorable Lorena S. Gonzalez Fletcher, Chair  
Assembly Committee on Appropriations  
State Capitol, Room 2114  
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Assembly Member Gonzalez Fletcher:

**SUPPORT ASSEMBLY BILL 1180 (HOLDEN): CALIFORNIA TIRE FEE:  
STORMWATER PERMIT COMPLIANCE FUND**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) is pleased to **support** Assembly Bill 1180 (AB 1180) as amended on, April 19, 2017. If enacted, AB 1180 would increase the existing \$1.75 California tire fee by \$1.50 and deposit the additional moneys generated by \$1.50 fee in the Stormwater Permit Compliance Fund, established by this bill, to offer competitive grants for statewide and regional programs that address the effects of zinc pollutants in stormwater runoff.

When a vehicle is driven, the rubber tire tread slowly wears off and mixes with other materials, like pavement debris and soils, which eventually are washed into storm drains. This is becoming a high-level water quality threat to the current collection of stormwater.

Under the 2012 Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit, adopted by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (LARWQCB), all jurisdictions in Los Angeles County under the purview of the LARWQCB must meet the strongest water quality guidelines in the country. Estimates of the total countywide capital costs to comply with the MS4 permit exceed \$20 billion to upgrade infrastructure and implement stormwater capture technology. AB 1180 offers a much-needed funding tool to offset the costs of zinc pollutants and invests resources into local and regional projects that benefit the state's water quality and supply.

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 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 1180. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer, a member of the Task Force, at [MikeMohajer@yahoo.com](mailto:MikeMohajer@yahoo.com) or at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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