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

Dear Assembly Member Gonzalez:

**ASSEMBLY BILL 2206 (INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 18, 2016) – BIOMETHANE:
PIPELINE BIOGAS STANDARDS**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) is pleased to **support** Assembly Bill 2206 (AB 2206), **as introduced** February 18, 2016. AB 2206 would request the California Council on Science and Technology (CCST) to complete a study analyzing issues specific to minimum heating value and maximum siloxane specifications for biomethane prior to its injection into common carrier gas pipelines.

The Task Force has been a longstanding supporter of legislation that seeks to advance the use of renewable energy and low carbon fuels, reduction in air pollution, and landfill diversion, among other things. If enacted, the results from the requested study proposed by AB 2206 would be used by the Public Utilities Commission to reevaluate those specific standards and adopt them if necessary. Additionally, the legislation also calls for the CCST study to evaluate the standards held by other states for the dilution of biomethane post-injection, cost implications, volume sold, public safety, and whether different sources of biogas should have different standards. Currently, the existing pipeline regulatory requirements for biomethane make pipeline injection cost-prohibitive and are not in parity with natural gas pipeline injection or surrounding state's injected biomethane. The results of the study are expected to bolster the intent of AB 1900 (Gatto, 2012) to facilitate and promote the use of biogas for transportation in addition to electricity and other end uses.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (Assembly Bill 939 [AB 939], as amended), the Task Force is responsible for coordinating the development of all major solid waste planning

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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 reasons outlined above, the Task Force **supports AB 2206** as introduced. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at MikeMohajer@yahoo.com or (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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