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The Honorable Anthony J. Portantino, Chair  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
State Capitol, Room 2206  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Portantino:

**SUPPORT IF AMENDED / OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED – ASSEMBLY BILL 293  
(EDUARDO GARCIA) AS AMENDED ON APRIL 2, 2019 – GREENHOUSE GASES: OFFSET  
PROTOCOLS**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports** Assembly Bill 293 (AB 293), as amended on April 2, 2019, provided it is **amended** as indicated in this letter, and **opposes unless amended** as indicated in this letter.

If enacted, the proposed legislation, among other things, would require the Compliance Offsets Protocol Task Force (COPTF) to consider the development and adoption of additional offset protocols, including, but not limited to, protocols for the enhanced management or conservation of agricultural and natural lands, and for the enhancement and restoration of wetlands. The bill would require the COPTF to develop recommendations for the State Air Resources Board on the inclusion of methodologies to allow groups of landowners to jointly develop natural and working lands offset projects under the approved offset protocols.

According to the State Legislative Analyst's Office, CalRecycle's investments in waste diversion projects have been among the state's most cost-effective climate investments, reducing carbon emissions by one-tenth the average cost of Cap & Trade (Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund) investments. Manufacturing products utilizing recycled content can result in a 60 percent reduction of greenhouse gases over utilizing virgin materials. Converting organic waste to renewable energy and low carbon fuels will help meet the state's Short-Lived Climate Pollutant requirements, meet the state's renewable energy goals, and provide climate resilience for local communities by converting local organic waste to local energy supplies.

Therefore, the Task Force **supports if amended/oppose unless amended** the proposed legislation to also include:

- Two significant GHG emissions reductions processes as carbon offset compliance protocols:

- Recycled product manufacturing, and
- Post-recycled municipal solid waste (MSW) conversion technologies

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 293 **if amended** to include the carbon offset compliance protocols for recycled product manufacturing and post-recycled municipal solid waste conversion technologies, and **opposes** AB 293 **unless amended** to include a working these protocols. 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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