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TO: California State Senators

FROM: Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/
Integrated Waste Management Task Force

**SUPPORT – ASSEMBLY BILL 3163 (SALAS) AS AMENDED ON MAY 14, 2020 –
ENERGY: BIOMETHANE: PROCUREMENT**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports** Assembly Bill 3163 (AB 3163), as amended on May 14, 2020.

If enacted, the proposed legislation would revise the definition of “biomethane” for the Public Utility Commission’s procurement targets and goals for each gas corporation, as methane produced from an organic waste feedstock, rather than biogas, that meets those specified standards, and is either produced from the anaerobic decomposition of organic material, or produced from the non-combustion thermal conversion of specified materials. Organic waste feedstock is further expanded to include both livestock waste, and sewage sludge or biosolids.

The Task Force **supports** the proposed legislation because the bill furthers the Task Force’s position that additional forms of non-combustion thermal conversion ought to be eligible for much needed biomethane procurement, allowing for more efficient production and quantities of biomethane from waste and for more Short-lived climate pollutants (SCLP) emission reductions. If enacted, the legislation would also help local jurisdictions divert more waste from landfill to meet state’s organic waste reduction goal to divert 75 percent of organic landfill waste and put waste to beneficial use per Senate Bill 1383 (Lara, 2016).

As provided by AB 939 (1989) and Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code, the Task Force is responsible for coordinating the development of major solid waste planning documents for Los Angeles County and the 88 cities in the County with a population of over ten million. The Task Force addresses issues impacting the solid waste management system on a countywide basis.

Based on the foregoing, the **Task Force SUPPORTS AB 3163 and requests your AYE vote on the bill.** 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.

cc: Assembly Member Salas