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To: Members, California State Senate

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

Re: **OPPOSE AB 1126 (AMENDED AUGUST 14, 2013) – SOLID WASTE: BIOMASS
CONVERSION: ENGINEERED MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE (EMSW) CONVERSION**

The Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force **OPPOSES** Assembly Bill 1126 for the reasons listed below:

The bill contains a number of provisions with capricious standards that make the permitting pathway for MSW conversion facilities even more challenging than it currently is. It additionally exposes cities and counties to a lower target per capita disposal rate at a significant cost to them for the benefit of the cement kiln industry.

- It categorizes EMSW conversion as disposal and therefore subjects it to disposal facility requirements of the Countywide Siting Element.
- It would remove 10 percent disposal reduction credit from existing transformation facilities that meet the description of an EMSW facility thereby greatly reducing the viability of these facilities.
- It would exclude waste tires and biomass sent to EMSW facilities as part of a jurisdiction's per capita disposal rate and solid waste generation calculation. Subject to CalRecycle's discretionary determination, this would negatively impact the established jurisdictional base-year disposal rates and significantly furthers financial impacts on cities and counties.
- It sets an arbitrary processing limit of 500 tons per day for an EMSW conversion facility.
- It establishes a number of provisions that are clearly exclusive to combustion technologies and are set without any scientific and technological analysis and/or justification such as requiring an efficient "burn rate" and specifying the waste to be processed must contain less than 25 percent moisture and less than 25 percent noncombustible waste.

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 also addresses issues impacting the solid waste management system on a countywide basis.

For these foregoing reasons, the **Task Force opposes AB 1126** and respectfully requests your "**nay**" vote. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at MikeMohajer@yahoo.com or (909) 592-1147.

cc: Assembly Member Gordon