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The Honorable Wesley Chesbro, Chair
Assembly Committee on Natural Resources
1020 N Street, Room 164
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Chesbro:

**ASSEMBLY BILL 1935 (INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 19, 2014) – SUPPORT
ELECTRICITY: CLEAN DISTRIBUTED ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports** Assembly Bill 1935 (AB 1935) as amended on February 19, 2014. The bill would revise the definition of “distributed resources” to include clean distributed energy technology. If enacted, the proposal would assist the State reach its goal of 12,000 MW of distributed energy generation by 2020.

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 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, 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.

Currently, millions of tons of organic waste are sent to landfills in California every year. Diverting organic waste such as food scraps and green waste to generate energy not only promotes distributed energy but also reduces methane emissions at landfills. As the State moves towards policies that reduce and eliminate the disposal of organics in landfills, jurisdictions need alternative options to manage those materials. Conversion technologies provide an environmentally sustainable alternative for jurisdictions to manage organic waste locally.

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AB 1935 would create an incentive to divert waste from landfills in California. Therefore, the Task Force **supports** AB 1935. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at (909) 592-1147 or MikeMohajer@yahoo.com.

Sincerely,



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