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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Mark Pestrella, PE, Chair   
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED COUNTY ADVOCACY  
TO SUPPORT ASSEMBLY BILL 2514 (AGUIAR-CURRY)  
SOLID WASTE: ORGANIC WASTE: DIVERSION: HYDROGEN, BIOMETHANE**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) is writing to express our strong support for Assembly Bill (AB) 2514 (Aguiar-Curry, 2024). AB 2514 will help the solid waste industry and jurisdictions divert organic waste from landfills, a crucial step in reducing methane emissions as mandated by Senate Bill (SB) 1383 (Lara, 2016). AB 2514 will allow jurisdictions to procure hydrogen produced from organic waste or pipeline biomethane produced from organic waste to meet organic waste procurement targets and recycling goals.

On June 4, 2024, Los Angeles County (County) took a support position on AB 2514. The Task Force appreciates the County's action to support this legislation and urges the County Board of Supervisors to continue engaging in supporting legislation that would allow production of hydrogen and other low carbon hydrogen production methods using various organic waste.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB 939), the Task Force is responsible for coordinating the development of all major solid waste planning documents prepared for the County and the 88 cities in the 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 the 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,

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waste management industry, environmental groups, the public, and a number of other governmental agencies.

If you have any questions, please contact Jocelyn Stark at (626) 458-6521 or JStark@pw.lacounty.gov.

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**Legislative Summary / Findings  
AB 2514 (Aguiar-Curry) – As Amended April 10, 2024  
Organic Waste Diversion: Hydrogen**

**Summary:** This bill would require the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to include hydrogen and pipeline biomethane converted from organic waste as eligible for procurement credit by local jurisdictions. This bill also requires CalRecycle, in coordination with the California Air Resources Board, to consider the life-cycle effects of different projects and then prioritize incentives for landfill diversion projects with the greatest life-cycle benefits to achieve the state's organic waste reduction goals.

**Commission Recommendation:** That the Board of Supervisors support AB 2514 if amended to add mixed waste organics collection systems as an eligible feedstock for renewable hydrogen which can be procured by jurisdictions as an eligible SB 1383 recovered organic waste product.

**CEO Legislative Affairs Findings:** There is existing Board-approved policy to support proposals that expedite or assist in financing the acceleration of the deployment and maintenance of public infrastructure that incorporates environmental services.

**Bill Status:** AB 2514 was placed on the Assembly Committee on Appropriations Suspense File on May 8, 2024. The Suspense File hearing will be on May 16, 2024.

May 14, 2024