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TO: California State Senators

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

SUPPORT – ASSEMBLY BILL 843 (AGUIAR-CURRY) AS AMENDED ON JULY 5, 2021 – CALIFORNIA RENEWABLES PORTFOLIO STANDARD PROGRAM: RENEWABLE FEED-IN TARIFF: BIOENERGY MARKET ADJUSTING TARIFF PROGRAM: COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATORS

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **SUPPORTS** Assembly Bill 843 (AB 843), as amended on July 5, 2021.

The proposed legislation, if enacted, would provide that the renewable feed-in tariff would apply to a qualifying electric generation facility that is developed to sell electricity to the electrical corporation or, for a bioenergy electric generation facility, to an electrical corporation or a community choice aggregator (CCA) within the electrical corporation's service territory. This bill would authorize a CCA to submit eligible bioenergy projects for cost recovery pursuant to the Bioenergy Market Adjusting Tariff (BioMAT) program if open capacity exists within the 250-megawatt BioMAT program limit.

The Task Force supports the proposed legislation as it would allow CCAs, which now serve more than 25 percent of all California's electricity customers, to participate in the BioMAT program and would remove the service territory restriction on project locations creating additional market demand for bioenergy. Bioenergy is a beneficial product of organic waste diverted from landfills and landfill gas, helping us to achieve both the state's short-lived climate pollutant emission reduction and waste diversion goals.

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 843 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 Aguiar-Curry