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Ms. Margo Reid Brown, Chair
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Dear Chairperson Brown:

COMMENTS REGARDING *THE CONVERSION TECHNOLOGIES STATUS UPDATE SURVEY (APRIL 2009)*

On behalf of the Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) I would like to provide the following comments regarding the Conversion Technologies Status Update Survey (Survey), which was released in April 2009. The intent of the Survey was to provide an overview of the current status of conversion technologies in processing Municipal Solid Waste. While we understand the survey was meant to be short in order to maximize participation, it missed some key elements. We believe it would be very beneficial to incorporate the following into any future Board-approved reports and surveys relating to conversion technologies:

- A full discussion on the regulatory challenges to permitting conversion technology facilities in California with recommendations for enhancing our regulatory system to allow for the development of beneficial renewable energy projects such as conversion technologies.
- An explanation on the reasonable level of emissions and discharge data that conversion technology facilities should provide, including the associated challenges such as costs, available testing technology, and regulations.
- Discussion on how outputs from conversion technology facilities, such as solid residue, energy, and/or biofuels can be marketed.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (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

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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 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, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, the City of Los Angeles, the waste management industry, environmental groups, the public, and a number of other governmental agencies.

We appreciate your consideration of our comments and look forward to working with you in realizing our mutual goal of a more sustainable California. Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at (909) 592 -1147.

Sincerely,

Margaret Clark

Margaret Clark, Vice-Chair
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