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July 3, 2012

The Honorable Members of the California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 3044
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Members of the California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 3196
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senators/Assembly Members:

BUDGET PROPOSAL: RESTRUCTURING OF THE STATE REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) would like to express our **opposition** to the Administration's proposal to eliminate the two seats reserved for local government on the State Regional Quality Control Boards (Regional Boards). This specific change to the composition of the Regional Boards is one of several changes affecting the structure and operation of the Regional Boards. These changes were originally proposed by the Administration and were recently acted upon by the Senate and Assembly Budget Subcommittees.

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 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, 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.

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Counties and cities play a significant role in stormwater and solid waste management as well as wastewater treatment. Losing their representation on the Regional Boards would remove the perspective of a substantial segment of the regulated community. As such, it is imperative that the local government representation on the Regional Boards be maintained and the Task Force respectfully requests your "nay" vote on the Administration's proposal.

For these reasons, the Task Force **opposes** the Administrations' proposal to eliminate the two seats reserved for local government on the Regional Boards. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at MikeMohajer@yahoo.com or (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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cc: Each Member of the Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force