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The Honorable Brian Maienschein, Chair
Assembly Committee on Local Government
Legislative Office Building
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VIA FAX: (916) 319-3959

Dear Assembly Member Maienschein,

**SENATE BILL 485 – AS AMENDED JULY 7, 2015: COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES:
SANITATION DISTRICTS – SUPPORT POSITION**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports** Senate Bill 485 (SB 485), as amended on July 7, 2015. If enacted, this bill would grant a number of sanitation districts in Los Angeles County the authority to acquire, construct, operate, maintain, and furnish facilities for, among other things, the beneficial use of stormwater and dry weather runoff.

The Task Force is long-time supporter of local government and maintaining their ability to effectively meet the environmental standards set at all levels of government. The Federal Clean Water Act requires local governments to obtain and comply with Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems permits which in the Los Angeles County region are difficult and invariably expensive to maintain. This bill provides local governments in the Los Angeles County region the ability to partner with the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts to manage and treat stormwater and dry weather urban runoff. The Task Force believes this partnership will provide an opportunity for innovation in this field as well as provide cities within Los Angeles County a monetary benefit. Moreover, while the State is in the midst of an historic drought, beneficial use of water from all sources is especially essential and resources ought to be utilized towards this end.

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

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

Based on the foregoing, the Task Force **supports** SB 485, as this legislation serves as an effective medium to achieve the aims discussed herewith. 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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Gateway Cities Council of Governments
Westside Cities Council of Governments
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