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The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
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Dear Governor Brown:

GOVERNOR'S 2018-19 PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) would like to express our concern with the Governor's 2018-19 Proposed Budget Summary. The Proposed Budget Summary uses \$26 million from the Tire Recycling Management Fund and allocates it to the Fish and Game Preservation Fund. According to the Proposed Budget Summary, this money will be used to expand conservation efforts, improve hunting and fishing and increased participation, connect Californians to the outdoors, and increase stability and services for the public and private partners of the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Reallocating funds from the Tire Recycling Management Fund to the Fish and Game Preservation Fund for unrelated purposes will have a detrimental impact on the State's air quality and the structural viability of its streets, roads and highways. It will also hinder the State's ability to meet its waste diversion and recycling goals as mandated by AB 341 (Chapter 476 of the 2011 State Statutes). Therefore, we respectfully request that you should reserve the entirety of the Tire Recycling Management Fund for its original intended purpose as mandated by the existing State law, Public Resources Code §42889.

Pursuant to PRC §42889, the money collected for the Tire Recycling Management Fund is solely designated for specific purposes until January 1, 2024. A portion of the Tire Recycling Management Fund is intended to be allocated to the Air Pollution Control Fund to fund programs and projects that mitigate or remediate air pollution caused by tires in the state. The rest of the Tire Recycling Management Fund is intended for the Waste Tire Recycling Management Program, to be appropriated by the Department of

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Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) in a manner consistent with the Five-Year Plan for the Waste Tire Recycling Management Program.

The Five-Year Plan covering Fiscal Years 2015/16 – 2019/20 states that CalRecycle's goal is to achieve 90 percent diversion of waste tires from landfills by the year 2015, develop a market for California tire-derived products, develop a supply infrastructure for such products, and foster information flow and technology and product development to achieve environmental protection and diversion goals with supply and demand in balance. However, as stated in the Five-Year Plan, "the tire recycling rate (specifically, the rate for activities that result in use of waste tires to produce marketable products as opposed to exports or use as ADC) has hovered around 40 percent for several years," which is well short of the AB 341's 75 percent recycling goal (emphasis added). Therefore, CalRecycle has indicated its intent to increase the recycling rate of waste tires consistent with AB 341's 75 percent recycling goal. To achieve this goal, CalRecycle would need to implement an expanded incentive program that provides payments for the desired end use of tires. To be effective and reach as high a recycling rate as possible, such a program would require tens of millions of dollars per year. Reallocating funds from the Tire Recycling Management Fund would essentially eliminate the most productive tool currently available to CalRecycle for increasing the recycling rate of waste tires.

According to the Five-Year Plan, the preferred end use of waste tires is the incorporation of crumb rubber into rubberized asphalt concrete (RAC). When compared to conventional asphalt, RAC saves money, provides greater skid resistance, is quieter, and lasts longer than conventional asphalt. As the most populous county in the State, Los Angeles County and the 88 cities within contribute the largest amount of money to the Tire Recycling Management Fund. The reallocation of funds from the Tire Recycling Management Fund reduces the amount of funds available to allow jurisdictions in Los Angeles County to utilize RAC to pave their streets and highways.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (Assembly Bill 939), 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.

Again, the Task Force respectfully requests that you should reserve the entirety of the Tire Recycling Management Fund for its original intended purpose pursuant to the existing State law, Public Resources Code §42889.

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Thank you for your consideration. Should you or your staff have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer, a Member of the Task Force at MikeMohajer@yahoo.com or at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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