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November 6, 2012

Ms. Grace Robinson Chan  
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County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County  
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Dear Ms. Chan:

**2012 PROGRESS REPORT ON  
THE DEVELOPMENT OF A WASTE-BY-RAIL SYSTEM  
COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County's (Districts) draft Progress Report (Report) on the Development of a Waste-By-Rail System, dated October 15, 2012.

The Task Force recognizes the sheer size and complexity of the project and the progress made by the Districts thus far towards developing the infrastructure of the waste-by-rail system. The Task Force would like to commend the Districts for their efforts towards completing the Waste-by-Rail system by the closure of the Puente Hills Landfill on October 31, 2013, despite the economic downturn during the last few years.

The Task Force would also like to comment on Section 7 of the Report, "Solution for Beneficially Reuse Materials." Specifically in regards to the beneficial use of green waste as alternative daily cover materials, the Report concludes that there is sufficient transfer capacity within the County to direct the green waste to appropriate end uses, as well as sufficient facility capacity within the County and surrounding counties to beneficially reuse all of the green waste that the Landfill receives. While we do not question the Districts' findings, we believe the Report should have discussed the economic impacts of its findings. Accordingly, the Report should be modified to indicate that economics was not a factor in determining the adequacy of the existing green waste management infrastructure.

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

Should you have any questions, or if we can be of any assistance, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at [MikeMohajer@yahoo.com](mailto:MikeMohajer@yahoo.com) or at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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