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September 10, 2012

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Governor, State of California
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Brown:

**SIGNATURE REQUEST - SENATE BILL 965 (WRIGHT)
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **respectfully requests your signature on Senate Bill 965** (SB 965) for the following reasons:

- The Bill would allow ex parte communication between interested parties, State Water Resources Control Board, and Regional Water Quality Control Boards members in cases related to the issuing of Waste Discharge Requirements, permits, certification of compliance to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as well as conditional waste discharge waivers if that communication is made public.
- The Bill would encourage transparent communication, which is in the public's interest as it would help foster resolutions in important issues related to water rights.
- The Bill would bring consistency to ex parte communication policies of other State boards and commissions, such as the Coastal Commission and the Air Resources Board.

As provided by Assembly Bill 939 (AB 939, 1989) and Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code, the Task Force is responsible for coordinating the development of major solid waste planning documents for Los Angeles County and the 88 cities in the County with a population of over ten million. The Task Force also addresses issues impacting the solid waste management system on a countywide basis.

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For the foregoing reasons, the Task Force respectfully requests your signature on SB 965. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at MikeMohajer@yahoo.com or (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



Margaret Clark, Vice-Chair
Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/
Integrated Waste management Task Force and
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Gateway Cities Council of Governments
Each City Mayor and City Manager in the County of Los Angeles
Each Member of the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors
Each Member of the Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force