

Los Angeles County Solid  
Waste Management  
Committee/Integrated  
Waste Management Task  
Force

Role &  
Responsibilities

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# Historical Overview

## Solid Waste Management Plan

- 1972 • Nejedly-Z'berg-Dills Solid Waste Management and Resource Recovery Act
- 1976 • Original Plan for Los Angeles County adopted by County Board of Supervisors
- 1977 • Approved by California Waste Board
- 1985 • The plan was revised in naming the County Engineer responsible for administering the Plan
- 1985 • Road & Flood Control Dist. merged and Public Works became the agency responsible for preparing, maintaining and administering the Plan.

# Historical Overview – Task Force

1982

- County Solid Waste Management Committee was established. County Engineers designated as Chairman.

1989

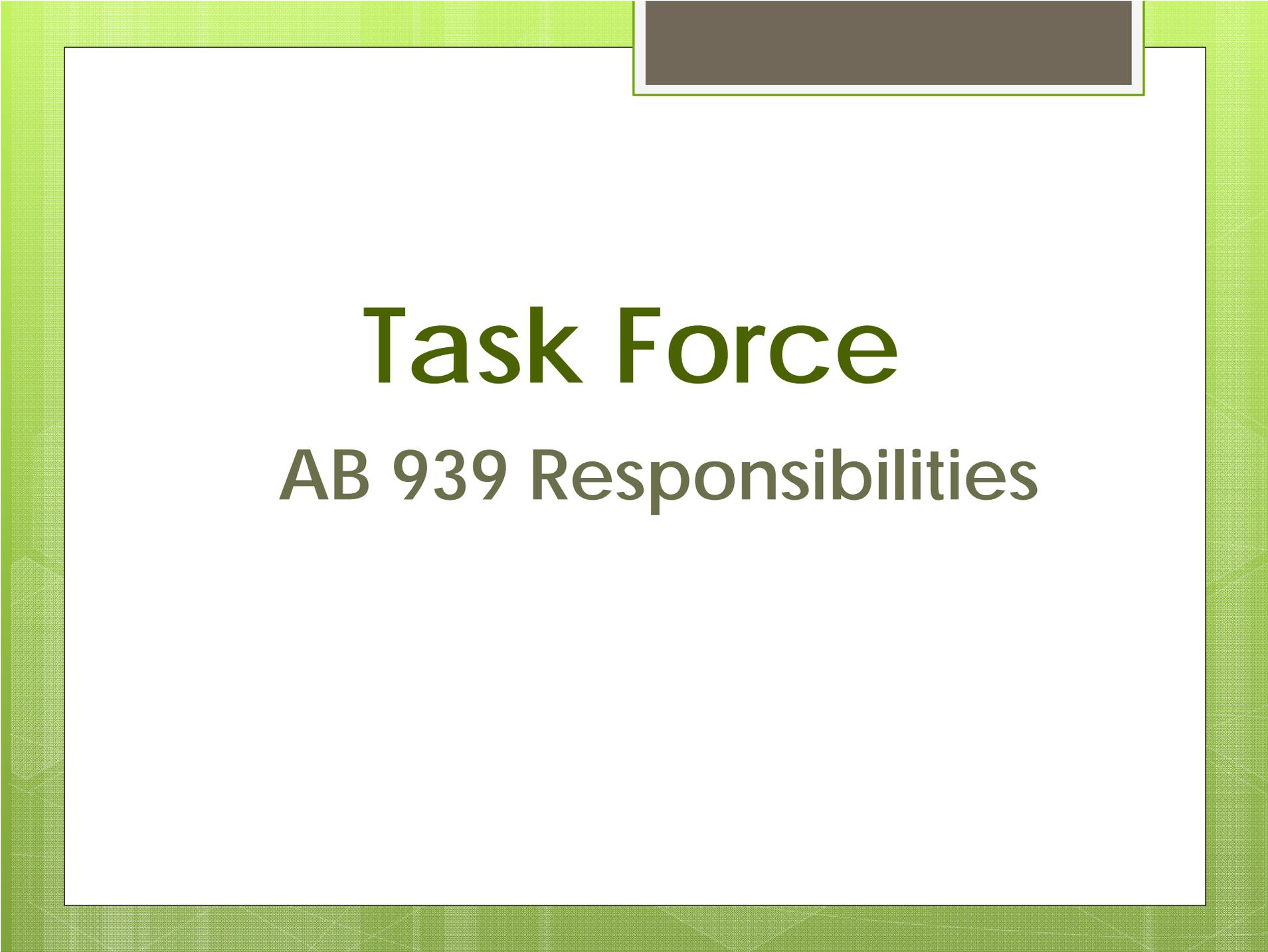
- AB 939 Mandates each county shall convene a task force to assist in coordinating the development of the SRRE, HHWE, NDFE, CSE & CoIWMP

1990

- Committee Designated as the County Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) per Section 40950 of the PRC

1990

- Director of the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works is designated as the Task Force Chairman.



# Task Force

## AB 939 Responsibilities

# Role & Responsibilities

## Assembly Bill 939

*Assist in coordinating the development of...*

- Source Reduction and Recycling Elements (SRREs)
- Household Hazardous Waste Elements (HHWEs)
- Nondisposal Facility Elements (NDFEs)
- Countywide Siting Element (CSE)
- County Integrated Waste Management Plan
- Five year review of Solid Waste Plan



Task Force

# Role & Responsibilities

Assembly Bill 939

*SRREs, HHWEs, & NDFEs*

- Advise and assist jurisdictions as needed
- Provide technical guidance and information on reducing, diverting, and recycling
- Ensure a coordinated and cost-effective recycling system
- Review preliminary and final drafts of SRREs, HHWEs, & NDFEs (No longer applies to NDFE. Duties have changes due to AB 341)



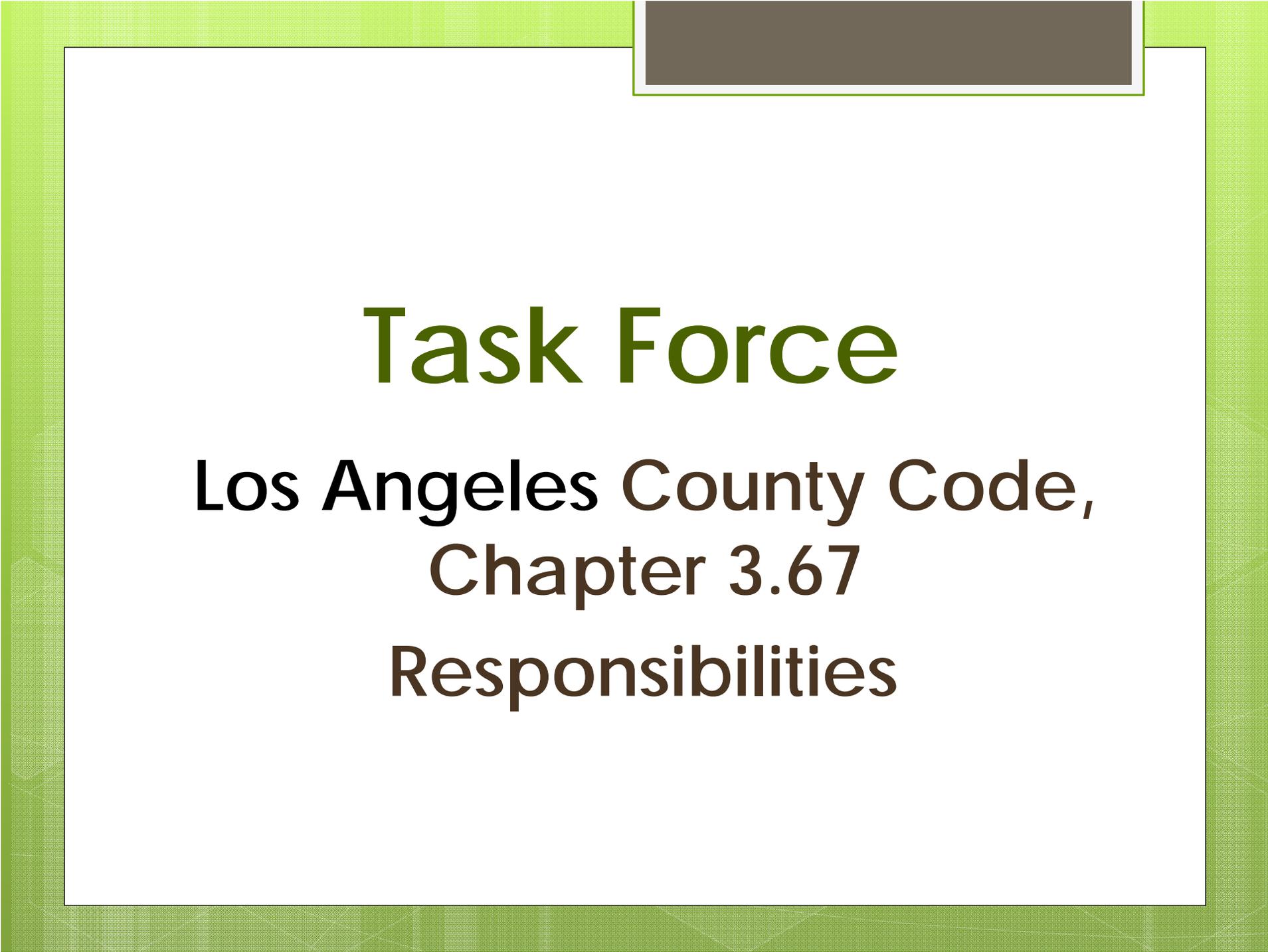
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**Assembly Bill 939**

*CSE & CoIWMP*

- Assist and advise preparing agency
- Develop goals, policies and procedures to guide development
- Review preliminary and final draft and provide written comments to agency and CalRecycle



# **Task Force**

**Los Angeles County Code,  
Chapter 3.67  
Responsibilities**

# Roles and Responsibilities

## Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 3.67

### *Task Force Member*

- **17 voting members**
  - 6 Ex Officio and 11 Appointed
- **Officers**
  - Chairman – Director of Public Works
  - Vice-Chairman – Elected by Task Force Membership
- **Term of service**
  - Members – 3 years or until replaced by appointing authority
  - Vice-Chairman – one year, two consecutive terms



# Roles and Responsibilities

## Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 3.67

### *Task Force Member*

- **Compensation**
  - Ex Officio Members – exempt
  - Appointed Members – \$25 per meeting attended
- **Meetings**
  - Monthly - The third Thursday
  - Quorum – a majority of members
  - Voting – majority of members present



# Roles and Responsibilities

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*Task Force Member*

## DUTIES



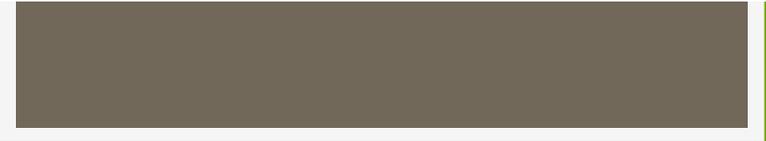
- ✓ Take action to implement Solid Waste Management Plan
- ✓ Prepare annual work programs
- ✓ Form advisory subcommittees
- ✓ Submit progress and annual reports on programs and waste management to County Board of Supervisors
- ✓ Investigate complaints of noncompliance and seek corrective action
- ✓ Review proposed facilities and services for conformance.
- ✓ Monitor, analyze and review legislative bills and propose legislation/policy as needed
- ✓ Prepare and recommend ordinances or standards for local jurisdictions
- ✓ Review and evaluate need for expanded implementing organization and their responsibilities
- ✓ Maintain & Update the Plan
- ✓ Assist with development of SRRE and other duties of PRC 40950

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## *SUBCOMMITTEES*

- Public Education and Information
- Alternative Technology Advisory
- Facility and Plan Review

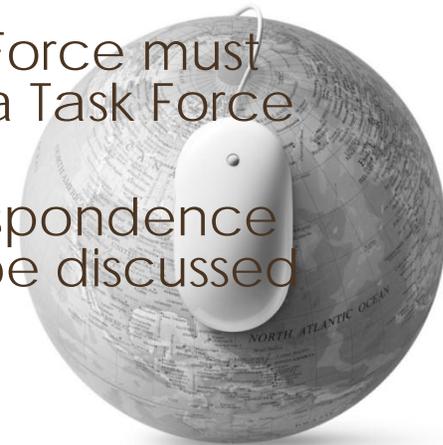


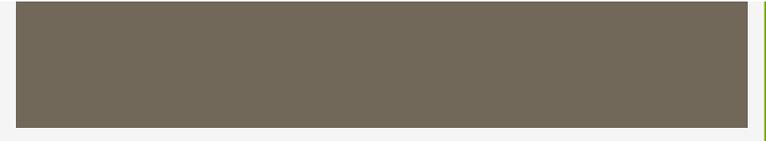
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## Meetings & Communications

# MEETING AND CORRESPONDENCE PROCEDURES

- **The Brown Act** - governs meetings and communications among members
  - Agendas
  - Meetings
  - Serial Communications - prohibited
- **Communications with the Public**
  - Communications on behalf of Task Force must be authorized by the Task Force at a Task Force Meeting
  - Exceptions – Procedures for a correspondence that needs to go out before it can be discussed at a Task Force Meeting





# Task Force

Integrated Waste  
Management Plan

and

Countywide Siting Element

# Role & Responsibilities

## Public Resources Code (PRC) 40950 (a) and (b)

- ❖ Each county shall convene a Task Force **to assist in coordinating the development of city and county SRREs, and to assist in the preparation of the countywide siting element.**
- ❖ The membership of the Task Force shall be determined by the county and by majority of the cities within the county which contain majority of the population, and the Board of Supervisors (Board).
- ❖ In July 1990, Task Force membership was approved by said majority and the Board.

# Role & Responsibilities

Public Resources Code (PRC) 40950 (c)(1)(2) and (d)

- ❖ To ensure a coordinated and cost-effective regional recycling system, the Task Force shall:
  - Identify solid waste management issues of countywide concern
  - Determine the need for solid waste collection and transfer systems, processing facilities, and marketing strategies
- ❖ To develop goals policies and procedures to guide development of siting element and countywide integrated waste management plan

# Role & Responsibilities

## CalRecycle's Clarification of the Role of the Task Force in the CSE process – August 2000

As set forth in these statutory provisions, the Local Task Force is intended to:

- provide information, assistance, review, and comment to the County and Cities within the County during the preparation of the CSE and any subsequent amendments, with a particular emphasis on issues of coordination in the region.
- The Task Force **does not**, however, have any authority relating to the approval of the CSE.

# Role & Responsibilities

## Finding of Conformance (FOC) Process

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Plan adopted in 1989, set forth a Conformance Finding Procedure. The FOC process was carried over to the 1997 CSE that provides:

- Its Task Force shall review each proposed new or expanded facility to determine if it meets the requirements of Title 14, CCR, Section 18756.
- Task Force review and approval of a Finding of Conformance constitutes the incorporation of a facility into the siting element for the purpose of PRC Section 50000(a) and 50001 (c).
- To ensure proposed facilities are consistent with the goals and policies, and siting criteria identified in the CSE.

# Role & Responsibilities

## CalRecycle's Resolution on Finding of Conformance (FOC) Process – August 2000

- CalRecycle approved the CSE in June 1998
- CalRecycle's approval of the CSE **did not approve or disapprove the FOC process** and made a resolution as stated:

*"WHEREAS, the Countywide Siting Element contains an additional description of procedures for obtaining findings of conformance for the establishment of new and expansion of existing solid waste disposal facilities that is not required by statute or regulation to be included in the Siting Elements and the Board is **neither approving or disapproving the procedures;**"*

# Role & Responsibilities

Title 14, CCR Section 18755.1, 18777, and 18779

- The Task Force shall **develop goals, policies, and procedures to provide guidance to the county to prepare the Siting Element**. Based upon this guidance, the Siting Element shall include a statement on the goals and policies established by the county.
- **The role of the Task Force shall be to assist and advise the county in preparation of the Siting Element and the Summary Plan.**
- **The Task Force shall guide the preparation and review of these documents prior to circulation.**
- **The preliminary draft Siting Element and Summary Plan shall be reviewed by the Task Force.**



Questions