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

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2006 LEGISLATIVE YEAR IN REVIEW

The 2005-2006 California Legislative session has come to a close. Attached is an update regarding all bills the Task Force took a position on in 2006. The 2007-2008 legislative session will commence in December 2006.

If you have any questions, you may contact me at (626) 458-5163, Monday through Thursday from 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE
2006 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE YEAR IN REVIEW**

Bill Number	Task Force Position	Status	Summary
AB 32	Oppose unless Amended	Chaptered 9-27-06	Reduces statewide greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by 2020. The Task Force opposed this bill because there were no provisions to reimburse local governments.
AB 727	Support in Concept	Dead	Would require the Waste Board to identify six solid waste facilities to test biomass conversion technologies.
AB 1688	Support	Chaptered 9-14-06	Authorizes illegal dumping officers to enforce illegal dumping laws.
AB 1966	Oppose Unless Amended	Dead	Includes powerplants producing electricity in the capital investment incentive program. The Task Force opposed this bill because it eliminated conversion technology facilities from qualifying.
AB 1980	Support	Chaptered 9-14-06	Grants City of Los Angeles security guards the power to arrest for activities relating to illegal dumping.
AB 1992	Support	Chaptered 9-22-06	Would replace the term garbage with the broader term "solid waste" for the purposes of defining illegal dumping.
AB 2118	Oppose	Dead	Would include "intent" language to develop a definition for "conversion technology".
AB 2253	Support	Chaptered 9-29-06	Would authorize a court to impound a vehicle for up to six months when used to illegally dump waste.
AB 2271	Support	Dead	Would expand the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Act and impose a fee of \$0.10 on the sales of non-rechargeable batteries.
AB 2296	Support if Amended	Chaptered 9-27-06	Requires the Waste Board to study financial assurance mechanisms for post-closure maintenance of landfills.
AB 2449	Oppose	Chaptered 9-14-06	Requires in-store collection of plastic bags for recycling. The Task Force opposed this bill because it usurps local control.
AB 2845	Support and Amend	Dead	Increase the amount the Department of Conservation is able to expend annually for payment for container recycling and litter cleanup activities.
AB 3001	Support	Dead	Would provide that on and after July 1, 2007 a personal computer would be considered a covered electronic device and subject to a \$6 at time of retail sale.
SB 369	Support	Chaptered 9-18-06	Would extend the sunset date for the RAC grant to June 30, 2010.
SB 1305	Support	Chaptered 7-12-06	Prohibits disposal of home-generated sharps in waste collection containers.
SB 1368	Oppose Unless Amended	Chaptered 9-29-06	Prohibits electric utilities from entering into long-term contracts for electricity purchases unless the source meets greenhouse gas emission standards. The Task Force opposed this bill because it created a double standard for facilities that generate electricity from biomass, biogas, or landfill gas energy.
SB 1778	Oppose	Dead	Would eliminate diversion credit for woody and green material as ADC. The Task Force opposed this bill because it jeopardizes local governments' ability to meet the mandates of AB 939.
SB 1835	Support	Vetoed 9-29-06	Would prohibit solid waste facility project proponents from circumventing, among other things, the land use permit process.