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Testimony on Combined City/County Sunshine Cyn Landfill
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March 25, 2008

My name is Mike Mohajer, and I am a member of the Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force). On behalf of the Task Force, I want to thank the California Integrated Waste Management Board (Waste Board) for the opportunity to comment on its proposed action in re to the application by BFI/Allied for a New Solid Waste Facility Permit for the combined City/County Sunshine Canyon Landfill. The Task Force is opposed to the proposed action by the Waste Board.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB 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 its 88 cities in Los Angeles County with a combined population in excess of 10 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, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, the City of Los Angeles, the waste management industry, environmental groups, the public, and a number of other governmental agencies.

On March 20, 2008, the Task Force unanimously voted to oppose the proposed permit application by the Landfill Owner/Operator and the action of the Waste Board in accepting the permit application complete because of the following:

- I. The proposal is not consistent with the requirements of the land use permits issued by the City and the County of Los Angeles as well as those specified in the Los Angeles County Countywide Siting Element. The requirements stipulated in the land use permits and those included in the Countywide Siting Element are formulated to protect the health and safety of our citizens as well as the environment and must not be ignored by the Waste Board; and**

- II. The proposed action by the Waste Board in re to issuance of the New Solid Waste Facility Permit is in violation of the California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 18756, Subdivisions (a), (b) and (d).**

Additionally, on February 28, 2008, the Task Force also voted to support Assembly Bill 2415 (introduced on Feb 21, 2008) which would require the Waste Board to obtain the approval of each relevant designated and certified local enforcement agency prior to approving a solid waste facility permit for any facility which occupies two or more jurisdictions.

Thank you for the consideration of our comments and the Task Force request that these comments be incorporated into the records for formal response by the Waste Board prior to further consideration and potential issuance of the New Solid Waste Facility Permit for the combined City/County Sunshine Cyn Landfill.

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March 17, 2008

The Honorable Felipe Fuentes
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Dear Assembly Member Fuentes:

**ASSEMBLY BILL 2415 (INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 21, 2008)
LOCAL OVERSIGHT OF MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL SOLID WASTE FACILITY
PERMITS**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports** Assembly Bill 2415 (AB 2415), which would require the California Integrated Waste Management Board (Waste Board) to obtain the approval of each relevant designated and certified local enforcement agency prior to approving a solid waste facility permit for any facility which occupies two or more jurisdictions.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB 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 its 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, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, the City of Los Angeles, the waste management industry, environmental groups, the public, and a number of other governmental agencies.

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In Los Angeles County, confusion regarding the authority of the designated local enforcement agency in the case of a facility located in two jurisdictions, has led to a project proponent applying for a solid waste facility permit directly from the California Integrated Waste Management Board (Waste Board) prior to approval by either of the two certified and designated local enforcement agencies. If approved, this permit would set a bad precedent, superceding local oversight of solid waste facilities and potentially nullifying locally developed conditions for the facility's operation. AB 2415 would address this confusion by requiring the Waste Board to obtain the approval of both of the relevant designated and certified local enforcement agencies prior to issuing or revising a solid waste facility permit when the facility is located in multiple jurisdictions. The Task Force supports efforts that ensure that local governments continue to be able to provide protections to the public's health and safety, and ensure local oversight over environmentally sensitive issues.

Therefore, the Task Force **supports** AB 2415. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,

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