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Mr. Mark Leary
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Dear Mr. Leary:

TRANSMITTAL OF THE 2005 ANNUAL REPORT ON THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COUNTYWIDE INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN, SUMMARY PLAN, AND SITING ELEMENT ASSESSMENTS

Pursuant to Section 41821 of the Public Resources Code, enclosed is the 2005 Annual Report for the Countywide Summary Plan and Siting Element of the Los Angeles County Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan for your review and approval. Electronic copies of the Annual Report can be viewed or obtained at www.solidwastedrs.org.

In Part I, the County determined that the Summary Plan needs to be revised to better assist jurisdictions in Los Angeles County and to reflect changes in the countywide solid waste management system and related programs. Part I further discusses regional issues relating to solid waste management, including a discussion on regional solid waste processing capacity, markets for recovered materials, and opportunities for changing the existing State Disposal Reporting System.

In Part II, the County indicated that it is currently revising the Countywide Siting Element and will complete the revision process in late 2009. Part II further incorporates a description of the County's current strategy for maintaining adequate disposal capacity, an update on the remaining permitted in-County disposal capacity, a 15-year countywide disposal need projection, an updated disposal capacity need analysis under five scenarios, and two alternate scenarios. The two alternate scenarios demonstrate the significant benefit of increased diversion on reducing the County's disposal needs. A gradual increase in the diversion rate to 60 percent by 2020 would result in over 9,000 tons per day reduction in the disposal need, with a proportional reduction in the export amounts.

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The disposal capacity need analysis demonstrates that the County would meet the disposal capacity requirements of Assembly Bill 939 by successfully permitting and developing all in-County landfill expansions, utilizing available or planned out-of-County disposal capacity, developing necessary infrastructure to facilitate exportation of waste to out-of-County landfills, and developing conversion technology facilities. The analysis also shows that an increase in the current Countywide diversion rate from 50 percent to 60 percent would further assure that the County's disposal capacity needs would be met through 2020 (the State mandated 15-year planning period).

If you have any questions regarding the Annual Report, please contact Mr. Carlos Ruiz at (626) 458-3502.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Each Member of the California Integrated Waste Management Board
Each Member of the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission
Each Member of the Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force
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Each City Recycling Coordinator in the County of Los Angeles
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