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May 18, 2011

The Honorable Felipe Fuentes, Chair  
Assembly Appropriations Committee  
State Capitol Room 2114  
Sacramento, CA 94249-0039

Dear Assembly Member Fuentes:

**ASSEMBLY BILL 1303 (AMENDED APRIL 25, 2011)  
ENERGY PROGRAM**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports** Assembly Bill 1303 (AB 1303), which would extend the use of specified moneys deposited in the Public Interest Research, Development, and Demonstration Fund until January 1, 2020, for implementation of renewable energy programs. This bill would require that the funds be used for programs that are designed to diversify in-state renewable energy production and achieve fully competitive and self-sustaining existing in-state renewable electricity generation facilities during the 2012-20 business cycle.

According to the California Energy Commission, only 11.6 percent of all electricity used in California in 2009 came from renewable resources. In order to increase this percentage, the Task Force recommends diversifying our renewable energy resources. One such way is to utilize conversion technologies. Used throughout Europe and Asia to reduce the need for landfills, these state-of-the-art technologies convert post-recycled solid waste into electricity, biofuels, and other green products in an environmentally preferred way. The Task Force has evaluated these technologies for several years and concluded that not only are these technologies a viable way to manage waste and produce energy, these facilities would benefit our local communities by creating jobs and reducing environmental impacts typically associated with traditional solid waste management.

California's Public Interest Research, Development, and Demonstration Fund has been successful in supporting research and development of a host of new and innovative renewable energy projects. Such seed funding is vital to continuing California's leadership role in renewable energy and clean technology projects. We support the continuation of the program to support job creation and environmental protection.

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Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (Assembly Bill 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 the 88 cities in Los Angeles County with a combined population in excess of ten million. Consistent with these responsibilities and to ensure a coordinated, 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, County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, City of Los Angeles, waste management industry, environmental groups, the public, and a number of other governmental agencies.

For these reasons, the Task Force **supports** AB 1303. Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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