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The Honorable Ben Hueso, Chair
Senate Committee on Energy, Utilities and Communications
State Capitol, Room 4035
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Hueso:

SUPPORT – ASSEMBLY BILL 843 (AGUIAR-CURRY) AS AMENDED ON MAY 24, 2021 – CALIFORNIA RENEWABLES PORTFOLIO STANDARD PROGRAM: RENEWABLE FEED-IN TARIFF: BIOENERGY MARKET ADJUSTING TARIFF PROGRAM: COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATORS

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports** Assembly Bill 843 (AB 843), as amended on May 24, 2021.

The proposed legislation, if enacted, would provide that the renewable feed-in tariff would apply to a qualifying electric generation facility that is developed to sell electricity to the electrical corporation or, for a bioenergy electric generation facility, to an electrical corporation or a community choice aggregator (CCA) within the electrical corporation's service territory. This bill would authorize a CCA to submit eligible bioenergy projects for cost recovery pursuant to the BioMAT program if open capacity exists within the 250-megawatt BioMAT program limit. The bill would additionally require that every kilowatt-hour of electricity purchased from a bioenergy electric generation facility count toward both the CCA's renewables portfolio standard procurement requirements and the bioenergy project procurement requirements of the electrical corporation whose service territory encompasses the CCA, and that the physical generating capacity of a bioenergy electric generation facility count toward the CCA's resource adequacy requirements.

The Task Force supports AB 843 as it would allow CCAs, which now serve more than 25 percent of all California's electricity customers, to participate in the BioMAT program and would remove the service territory restriction on project locations creating additional market demand for bioenergy. Bioenergy is a beneficial product of organic waste diverted from landfills and landfill gas, helping us to achieve both the state's short-lived climate pollutant emission reduction and waste diversion goals.

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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), 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 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, 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.

Based on the foregoing, the Task Force **Supports** AB 843. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer, a member of the Task Force, at MikeMohajer@yahoo.com or at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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