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TO: Members of the Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management
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FROM: Mark Pestrella, PE
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**LOS ANGELES COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE/
INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE: REFOCUSING THE
TASK FORCE TO MEET TODAY'S CHALLENGES**

As Chair of the Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force, I would like to congratulate Sam Shammas of the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts on his election to the office of Vice-Chair of the Task Force.

I would also like to thank each of you for your continued service and dedication to the work of the Task Force, which is very important to the health, safety, and wellbeing of Los Angeles County residents and their quality of life. This is especially true now that we are facing major challenges, such as addressing climate change, building 21st Century solid waste management and recycling infrastructure, and implementing organic waste recycling programs under incredibly tight schedules.

This is a good opportunity to focus on these challenges as well as on our mission, priorities, goals, and objectives as provided in the attached 2020 Priorities, Goals & Objectives Report. I envision a highly efficient and effective Task Force whose members are committed, engaged, and work together in a spirit of respect and collaboration. To this end, I plan to engage more directly with each of you and the agencies/organizations you represent.

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The Task Force can serve a strong leadership role in promoting regional collaboration and providing resources to help find solutions to the broader issues we all face. I look forward to working with you and encourage all of you to participate with renewed interest and vigor in the work of the Task Force to carry out its important mission.

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Attach.

cc: Los Angeles County Public Works (Keith Lilley)
Each Alternate Member of the Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management
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