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July 3, 2008

Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke, Chair Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. 866 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

Re: CITY OF LANCASTER LETTER OF INTEREST FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF CONVERSION TECHNOLOGIES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Dear Supervisor Burke:

On behalf of the City of Lancaster, I wish to express our interest and support for the development of conversion technologies in Los Angeles County, and the Antelope Valley in particular. As a leader in resource conservation and environmental stewardship, Lancaster advocates local implementation of conversion technologies encompassing a variety of processes that will convert municipal waste into renewable energy, bio-fuels, and will enhance landfill diversion efforts.

The City of Lancaster applauds and supports the County's efforts to evaluate and promote development of conversion technologies that minimize landfill disposal, create "green collar" jobs, and utilize waste material in an environmentally responsible and beneficial manner. We look forward to the continued opportunity to work with the County of Los Angeles to ensure that Lancaster is considered for any future partnerships for the development of a conversion technology facility.

A resolution of the City Council adopting the development of conversion technologies in the City of Lancaster is attached. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Peter Zorba at (661)723-6234 or at pzorba@cityoflancasterca.org.

Mayor

RRP:PZ:vp

Attachment: Resolution No. 08-49

Michael D. Antonovich, Los Angeles County Supervisor, 5th District cc:

Mark Bozigian, City Manager, City of Lancaster

Randy Williams, Public Works Director, City of Lancaster

Peter Zorba, Environmental Engineer, City of Lancaster

Coby Skye, Alternative Technology Advisory Subcommittee, Los Angeles County Department of

Public Works, Environmental Programs Division

RESOLUTION NO. 08-49

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF CONVERSION TECHNOLOGIES IN THE CITY OF LANCASTER

WHEREAS, each year, over 40 million tons of waste are disposed in California; and

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles has evaluated conversion technologies, which are capable of converting post-recycled residual solid waste into marketable products, green fuels, and clean, renewable energy, and identified a number of viable technologies for Southern California; and

WHEREAS, there are significant potential benefits for the City of Lancaster from hosting a conversion technology facility, such as:

- 1. Conversion technologies can result in substantial environmental benefits, including preserving land and resources, reducing dependency on fossil fuels, and reducing air and water pollution, including greenhouse gas emissions.
- 2. Conversion technologies can enhance landfill diversion efforts and can be complementary to the existing recycling infrastructure, thereby reducing the volume of materials disposed at landfills and maintaining long-term landfill capacity.
- 3. Conversion technologies can recover marketable products and generate green fuels and renewable electricity, thereby enhancing the economic viability of the integrated waste management system and locally producing renewable energy and fuel resources to meet local demand.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, THAT:

- Section 1. The Council supports the County of Los Angeles' efforts to evaluate and promote development of conversion technologies that minimize landfill disposal, create "green collar" jobs, and utilize waste material in an environmentally beneficial manner.
- Section 2. City Public Works staff are authorized and directed to work with the County of Los Angeles to ensure that the City of Lancaster is considered for any future partnerships for the development of conversion technology facilities.
- Section 3. The City's legislative advocates are authorized and directed to work, in concert with the County of Los Angeles, to support legislation that establishes a viable permitting process for conversion technologies based on performance standards rather than prescriptive definitions, and provides full diversion credit for these technologies under the California Integrated Waste Management Act.

CITY COUNCIL

l, <u>Shirley Mahoney</u>	, <u>Assistant City Clerk</u>	City of Lancaster,
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08-49, for which the original is or	file in my office.	5
WITNESS MY HAND AND TH	E SEAL OF THE CITY OF LANCA	STER, on this 26th
day of <u>June</u> , <u>2008</u>	<u>3 </u>	
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