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Ms. Rosario Marin, Chair California Integrated Waste Management Board Cal-EPA Building 1001 "I" Street Sacramento, CA 95812-4025

Dear Chairwoman Marin:

## ALTERNATE COMPLIANCE SYSTEM CONCEPTS AND SURVEY RESPONSE FORM

On behalf of the Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force), I want to thank the California Integrated Waste Management Board (Waste Board) for its efforts towards improving the State's diversion compliance system.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB 939, as amended), the Task Force is responsible for coordinating the development of all major solid waste planning documents prepared by the County and the 88 cities in the County of Los Angeles. Consistent with these responsibilities and to ensure a coordinated and cost-effective solid waste management system in the County of Los Angeles, the Task Force also addresses issues impacting the solid waste management system on a Countywide basis. The Task Force membership includes representatives of the League of California Cities (Los Angeles County Division), the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, the City of Los Angeles, the waste management industry, environmental groups, the public, and a number of other governmental agencies.

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For a number of years, the Task Force has consistently emphasized the need for the State to judge a jurisdiction's compliance with AB 939 by determining whether they have implemented the programs identified in their Board-approved Source Reduction and Recycling Element (which is updated every year through their Annual Report). By judging the quality of programs implemented, the Waste Board could ensure the greatest amount of waste is diverted since a jurisdiction's resources would be focused on program implementation rather than towards tracking every ton of solid waste. We believe this recommendation would satisfy the goals of a simple and cost-effective compliance system.

We appreciate your consideration of these comments and look forward to assist the Waste Board in this endeavor, which we are confident will result in a greater level of diversion and resource management for the State as a whole and more efficiently use our limited financial resources.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at (909) 592-1147.

Very truly yours,

Michael Miller, Vice-chair

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