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November 1, 2005

TO: All City Mayors in Los Angeles County

Dear Mayor:

**ASSEMBLY BILL 1090 – CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY
SET FOR HEARING NOVEMBER 16, 2005**

On April 22, 2005, the Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) forwarded you a letter (copy enclosed) requesting your support for the Waste Board's March 15, 2005, version of the *Conversion Technology Report to the Legislature*. This letter also included information about Assembly Bill 1090 (AB 1090), which seeks to reprioritize the waste management hierarchy to include conversion technologies, redefine these technologies more accurately, and allow jurisdictions that use conversion technology facilities to obtain diversion credit toward meeting their 50 percent diversion goal.

Because of their ability to reduce dependence on landfills and recover waste materials for beneficial use, the outpouring of support for conversion technologies is significant from local governments and other stakeholders throughout California. For instance, letters supporting AB 1090 and/or opposing the gutting of the Waste Board's *Conversion Technology Report to the Legislature*, streamed in from various local government associations; including the California State Association of Counties; League of California Cities; the Counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and Ventura; San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments; County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County; Solid Waste Association of North America and many other jurisdictions and entities. This support was vital in keeping AB 1090 alive in the Assembly Natural Resources Committee and in successfully preventing the gutting of the *Conversion Technology Report to the Legislature*.

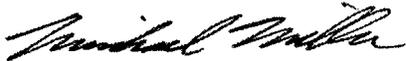
We are now at a critical juncture when continued support may make a significant difference in the future of conversion technologies. Assembly Bill 1090 is set for a hearing by the Assembly Natural Resources Committee, which will be held in Los Angeles City Hall on November 16, 2005, at 1 p.m. We encourage you and/or your city representative to attend this hearing to voice your support for the Bill and/or write a letter endorsing the passage of support for AB 1090 prior to its consideration by the Committee early next year (a sample letter is enclosed for your use).

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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 its 88 cities in Los Angeles County (with one third of California's population and among the most complex solid waste management system in the nation). Consistent with these responsibilities, and to ensure a coordinated and cost-effective solid waste management system to protect the well being of our residents, the Task Force also addresses issues impacting the solid waste management system on a Countywide basis. The Task Force membership includes representatives of the cities, County, public, business and environmental groups, solid waste and recycling industries, and governmental agencies.

We appreciate the support we have received from many cities in Los Angeles County and hope we can count on your support again in November. As soon as the agenda for the November 16, 2005, hearing is released, we will post it on our website, www.lacountyiswmtf.org. We will also post any changes to the date and time of the hearing and any other relevant information. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



Michael Miller, Vice-Chair
Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/
Integrated Waste Management Task Force and
Councilmember, City of West Covina

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cc: Each Member of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
Each Member of the Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force
Each Member of the Alternative Technology Advisory Subcommittee
Each City Recycling Coordinator in Los Angeles County
Each City Manager in Los Angeles County

SAMPLE LETTER

_____, 2005

The Honorable Loni Hancock
Chair, Assembly Natural Resources Committee
State Capitol
Room 4126
Sacramento, CA 94249-0014

Dear Chairwoman Hancock:

ASSEMBLY BILL 1090 - CONVERSION TECHNOLOGIES: DIVERSION

The City of _____ supports Assembly Bill 1090 (AB 1090), relating to Conversion Technologies. Currently, State law (AB 939) requires cities and counties in California to reduce the amount of waste disposed in landfills and incinerators. Assembly Bill 1090 would reprioritize California's waste management hierarchy to include conversion technologies, and properly define these technologies based on sound science and their environmental impacts and benefits in relation to other solid waste management options. With landfill space at a premium, and disposal rates estimated to increase, California jurisdictions must invest in landfill alternatives, such as conversion technologies, that inhibit disposal rates, generate jobs, and utilize abundant biomass and organic waste material in an environmentally beneficial manner.

We understand a hearing for AB 1090 has been set for November 16, 2005, which we will be closely monitoring, and we urge your full support for this important legislative proposal. Should you have any questions, please contact _____.

Sincerely,

Mayor, City of _____

cc: Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger
Senate President Pro-Tem
Speaker of the Assembly
Each Member of the Assembly Natural Resources Committee
Each Member of the Senate Environmental Quality Committee
Each Member of the California Integrated Waste Management Board
Each Member of the Los Angeles County State Legislative Delegation
Each Member of the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors
League of California Cities
Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force