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The Honorable Joe Simitian, Chair
Senate Environmental Quality Committee
State Capitol, Room 2080
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Simitian,

**SUPPORT - SENATE BILL 964 (AMENDED MARCH 8, 2012)
ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT: STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL
BOARD AND CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARDS**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports** Senate Bill 964 (SB 964 - Wright). If enacted, the proposed legislation would require State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) and California Regional Water Quality Control Boards (CRWQCBs) to comply with the Administrative Procedure Act when issuing general permits or waivers or the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES).

Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (Assembly Bill 939 (AB 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 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.

The Task Force has been a supporter of transparency and diligence in rulemaking processes for regulatory agencies. This Bill would affect the amendment process of General Waste Discharge Requirements and Storm Water General Permits, a type of NPDES. Enactment of SB 964 would result in a more rigorous and transparent process by the SWRCB and CRWQCBs when adopting/revising applicable regulations, a process that is already applicable to other State regulatory agencies.

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For these reasons, the Task Force **supports** SB 964. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at MikeMohajer@yahoo.com or (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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