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July 12, 2005

The Honorable Lois Wolk  
The State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 6012  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Wolk:

**ASSEMBLY BILL 574 (AMENDED APRIL 14, 2005)  
RECYCLED CONCRETE**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports, if amended,** Assembly Bill 574 (AB 574) relating to recycled concrete.

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 for the County of Los Angeles and the 88 cities in Los Angeles County. Consistent with these responsibilities and to ensure a coordinated and cost-effective 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, 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.

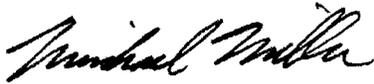
AB 574, if enacted, would authorize the use of recycled concrete only if the end user has been fully informed that the concrete is a recycled product. However, this bill makes a special exemption for Caltrans by prohibiting recycled concrete from being offered, provided, or sold to Caltrans unless specifically “requested and approved” by Caltrans. At a time when local jurisdictions are pressured to implement all feasible waste diversion efforts, including recycling concrete in numerous construction projects because of their positive environmental and economic impact, the State should lead by example and not establish separate standards for local and State agencies. The Task

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Force recommends AB 574 be amended to encourage all public agencies to use recycled concrete provided it meets technical specifications and structural standards, and a cost/benefit analysis demonstrate the beneficial use of recycled concrete.

Therefore, the Task Force **supports** AB 574 **provided it is amended** to delete restrictions specified for Caltrans' use of recycled concrete. Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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