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QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT ON SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SYSTEM AND AB 939 COMPLIANCE—SB 1066 TIME EXTENSION

This report provides a status of implementation of the Solid Waste Collection System Recommendations and the AB 939 Compliance—SB 1066 Time Extension. It covers the period from June 1, 2004, through September 1, 2004.

- On August 26, 2004, Public Works forwarded proposed County Code revisions to your Board for consideration. The revisions are necessary to authorize franchising of solid waste collection services in the County unincorporated areas.
- County Counsel continues to review the draft model franchise agreement which will be utilized in establishing future franchises. Once the model agreement is finalized, Public Works, in consultation with the Board offices, will be conducting a series of community meetings; and based on community input, the franchise agreements will be finalized and submitted to your Board for consideration.
- A Request for Proposals was issued for a Construction and Demolition Debris Education Program that would be implemented following adoption of the Ordinance. This Program will educate stakeholders on the requirements of the Ordinance and assist them in complying. This contract is anticipated to be submitted to your Board for consideration along with or shortly after the adoption of the Ordinance.
- As per requirements of the Puente Hills Landfill Conditional Use Permit (CUP), the first phase of the Waste Origin Verification Program under this Ordinance officially started at the Puente Hills Landfill on April 29, 2004. The first phase

monitors collection and disposal of waste from County unincorporated areas at the Puente Hills Landfill by direct haul loads only. The second phase will extend the requirements to transfer/process loads and will be implemented in coordination with the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County in October 2004. Additionally, Public Works and the Sanitation Districts are close to finalizing an amended Waste Plan Conformance Agreement required by CUP No. 02-027-(4). The Agreement would provide for controlling waste entering and leaving the Puente Hills Landfill, enforcing programs to maximize utilization of the available fill capacity at the Puente Hills Landfill, and implementing waste diversion and recycling programs on and offsite.

- At the request of Browning-Ferris Industries, Inc., the Department of Regional Planning, in conjunction with Parks and Recreation, Health Services, Public Works, and County Counsel, is drafting modifications to the current CUP for the Landfill to allow the joint operation of the County and City of Los Angeles' portions of the Landfill. Public Works is working with Regional Planning to incorporate waste origin verification requirements into the new or modified CUP. The Regional Planning Commission will be conducting the first public hearing to consider the project on December 1, 2004.
- Athens Services, owner/operator of the Athens Materials Recovery Facility, is seeking approval from the Regional Planning Commission to increase the Facility's operating capacity. Public Works is working with Regional Planning to incorporate waste origin verification requirements as part of the project's conditions of approval. It is anticipated that the Commission will render a decision on the project later this year.

We will submit the next status report in December 2004. If you have any questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Shari Afshari, Assistant Deputy Director, at (626) 458-3500.

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