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Director of Public Works

BOARD MOTION OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2003, SYNOPSIS 5 STATUS REPORT ON REMOVAL OF ELSMERE CANYON LANDFILL FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COUNTYWIDE SITING ELEMENT

On September 30, 2003, your Board instructed Public Works to take necessary steps to remove Elsmere Canyon from the Los Angeles County Countywide Siting Element's (Siting Element) list of future landfill sites and to report back every 60 days. Based on our August 23, 2010, Status Report to your Board, the reporting frequency was changed from every 60 days to semi-annually. This report covers the period from February 1, 2012, through July 31, 2012.

Since our last report on February 2, 2012, the Preliminary Draft Siting Element was approved by the Facility and Plan Review Subcommittee of the Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) on July 19, 2012, and was also presented to the Task Force on the same date for review and approval. We anticipate the Task Force to approve the Preliminary Draft Siting Element by the end of 2012.

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 the County pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB 939, as amended). Consistent with these responsibilities, and to ensure a coordinated, 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, 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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The Siting Element is a long-term solid waste planning and policy document that describes how the County, and the cities within the County, plan to manage the disposal of their solid waste for a 15-year planning period as required by AB 939. AB 939 also requires the Siting Element to establish goals, policies, and guidelines for the proper planning and siting of landfills, inert waste landfills, transformation (waste-to-energy) facilities, and alternatives to landfill technologies such as conversion technologies on a Countywide basis.

To support the Preliminary Draft Siting Element, Public Works will be submitting a recommendation to your Board by early 2013 to retain a consultant to provide the following support services: prepare environmental documents, assist with conducting public outreach, print and mail the Preliminary Draft Siting Element and environmental documents, and provide technical services.

We will submit the next status report in February 2013. If you have any questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Pat Proano of Environmental Programs Division at (626) 458-3500, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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