



Riverside County
Waste Management Department

Hans W. Kernkamp, General Manager-Chief Engineer

**SUBMITTAL TO THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

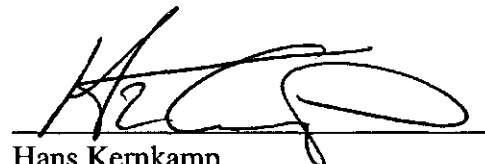
FROM: Waste Management Department

SUBMITTAL DATE:

May 19, 2005

SUBJECT: Assembly Bill 1090: Conversion Technologies and Diversion Credit

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Riverside County Solid Waste Management Advisory Council/Local Task Force (LTF): 1) Authorize the First Vice-Chairman to sign the attached letter of support on behalf of the LTF for Assembly Bill 1090, which promotes the development of conversion technologies and conversion technology facilities and allows these technologies to contribute toward the AB 939, mandated 50% diversion goal; and 2) Direct the Waste Management Department to forward the letter to appropriate representatives in Sacramento, including the California Integrated Waste Management Board and State legislature.



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MINUTES OF THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

On the motion of Chuck Tobin, seconded by Bob Magee, and duly carried, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: S. Housman; R. Moran; B. Magee; E. Campos; C. Tobin; P. Ryan; B. Spoonhour; D. Wetter; E. Echevarria; M. Kesler; M. Arciniega; J. Skerbelis

Noes: T. Wold

Absent: L. Anderson; B.Scott; L. Alberg; F. Riddle; B. Wilcox; K. Barrows; B. Nakamura; T. Pulliam; C.Showalter



Frances Trevino
Secretary

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BACKGROUND:

At the April 21, 2005 meeting of the LTF, the LTF was asked to consider proposed legislative bills promoting development of conversion technology facilities and the provision for diversion credit and to recommend that a letter or letters of support from the Riverside County Waste Management Department and this LTF, as signed by the Vice-Chairperson, be first forwarded to the Riverside County Board of Supervisors for concurrence and action before being forwarded to the State Legislature. While there was not a quorum of the members to take a formal action, a vote of the Committee as a whole was called for, and the following motion was approved:

The Riverside County Solid Waste Management Advisory Council has expressed their intent to support conversion technology, and historically has supported conversion technology.

One of the more significant bills considered by the LTF at its April meeting was Assembly Bill (AB) 1090. AB 1090 (introduced by Assembly Member Matthews) would amend, add, or repeal Sections 40051, 40105.5, 40116.5, 40117, 40172.5, 40201, and 41781.3 of the Public Resources Code, relating to solid waste, in order to: 1) revise the waste management practices that the CIWMB and local agencies are required to promote; 2) repeal the definition of the term "gasification" and define the terms "conversion technology," "beneficial use," and "recovery"; 3) revise the definition of the term "transformation" to exclude pyrolysis, distillation, or biological conversion other than composting from that definition and would specify that transformation does not include conversion technology; and 4) allow recovery through conversion technology, under specified conditions, to contribute toward the AB 939-mandated 50% diversion goal.

Subsequent to the LTF meeting, the Waste Management Department solicited the support of the Board of Supervisors for AB 1090, and, on May 10, 2005, the Board authorized the Chairman of the Board to sign a letter of support on behalf of all the Board and directed the Waste Management Department and the Board's Sacramento representatives to further the Board's position on this matter. The LTF is being asked to similarly consider support of AB 1090 and to authorize the First Vice-Chairman to sign the attached letter of support on behalf of the LTF.



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The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support of Assembly Bill 1090: Conversion Technologies and Diversion Credit

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

On behalf of the Riverside County Solid Waste Management Advisory Council and Local Task Force, I would like to express our support for Assembly Bill 1090 (Matthews), which would update the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 by increasing conversion technologies in the waste management hierarchy. This would facilitate the development of conversion technology facilities for management of solid waste residuals which are currently filling the landfills.

Currently, State law (AB 939) requires cities and counties in California to reduce the amount of waste disposed in landfills and incinerators, and each County to assure adequate disposal capacity for the residual solid waste over a rolling 15-year planning period. AB 939 provides for stiff financial penalties for communities that do not meet the present 50% reduction standards. The local communities need assistance in meeting these goals.

On March 15, 2005, the California Integrated Waste Management Board approved a comprehensive report which found that conversion technologies "can result in substantial environmental benefits for California," including reduction in landfill disposal, production of renewable energy, reduced dependence on fossil fuels, and reduction of green-house gases. All this can be accomplished while complementing and protecting California's recycling infrastructure and complying with strict environmental safeguards.

AB 1090 would provide Riverside County and jurisdictions that utilize conversion technology facilities with critical diversion credit towards meeting the State's present and future waste diversion mandate and reduce California's need for more landfills.

Our Council has historically supported conversion technologies, and supports this effort to eliminate existing legislative obstacles that equate conversion technologies with incineration and land disposal rather than diversion. We want to build a society that generates less waste. We must support new technologies and industries that use what has been trash. We support AB 1090 as a critical step in building that cleaner society.

Sincerely,

Simon Housman, First Vice-Chairman
Riverside County Solid Waste Management
Advisory Council/Local Task Force

cc: Assembly Member Barbara Matthews
Assembly Member Loni Hancock, Chair, Natural Resources Committee
Rosario Marin, Chair, California Integrated Waste Management Board

CANNEL # 34577

By: MEF

Date: 5/25/05