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September 11, 2003

Linda Moulton-Patterson, Chair  
California Integrated Waste Management Board  
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Honorable Chair Moulton-Patterson:

This letter is a follow up request to include the Los Angeles Area Regional Agency (LARA) items on the October CIWMB Board meeting agenda. In response to my previous requests to be calendared in September, I received a conference call from CIWMB staff informing me that the items would not be placed on the agenda. I have received no written response to my previous communications requesting that LARA be considered again in September.

After consultation with the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office, I have prepared and attached copies of clarification letters from a majority of the proposed LARA cities which state that they concur with the proposed membership change at this time, and also clarifying (based on a question from CIWMB counsel) that the effective date of the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) is the date on which action is taken by the CIWMB on LARA formation. The JPA allows modification of the Agreement by written consent of a majority of the members, and although the effective date of the JPA was agreed to by consensus during a LARA charter member meeting, we would like to clear up any confusion regarding this issue.

As stated in my previous communications, LARA meets all statutory requirements to be approved as a Regional Agency. Nothing regarding LARA has changed from the July CIWMB staff report, except that, by amending the membership of the charter members, we have an increased diversion rate. The CIWMB staff report recommended approval of LARA, and again I request that these items be heard on the next possible agenda, in October 2003. Thank you again for your prompt attention.

Sincerely,

Karen Coca  
AB939 Program Manager

CC: • Pat Schaivo, CIWMB Deputy Director  
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September 2, 2003

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**Subject: Clarification of Los Angeles Area Waste Management Authority  
Membership and Effective Date of Joint Powers Agreement**

The City of Rosemead would like to submit this letter to the proposed Los Angeles Area Regional Agency (LARA) to concur with the agenda item being proposed for the next CIWMB regular meeting agenda. The items of clarification are the following:

- 1) The effective date of the Joint Powers Agreement which forms the proposed Regional Agency will be the date of approval by the CIWMB. Until such time, the proposal may be modified by written consent of the members, including the addition or withdrawal of member names for consideration;
- 2) That the number of charter members be 14, with the voluntary withdrawal of the City of Gardena at this time. The City will consider being added to LARA membership when issues regarding the implementation of compliance plans and programs have been resolved;
- 3) That an amended Joint Powers Agreement be submitted to the CIWMB for consideration on the next available agenda, as further delay in consideration will significantly affect the members' ability to prepare timely 2002 Annual Reports as required.

The cities forming the Los Angeles Area Regional Agency request that this matter be heard by the CIWMB as soon as possible. Thank you for your prompt attention.

Sincerely,

Bill Crowe  
City Manager