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Mr. Jerry M. Givens, Public Works Director
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RE: City of Inglewood's Time Extension Status Update: Results of Preliminary Review

Dear Mr. Givens:

Thank you for your time in meeting with Primitivo Nunez and myself on March 11, 2004 to discuss the City's progress with implementing the Plan of Correction included in the City's SB 1066 Time extension. At our meeting you outlined the significant amount of work and effort that the City is making to negotiate new and expanded diversion programs within the City to achieve California's diversion requirements. Despite this effort, as we discussed at the meeting, there are delays in implemented significant program expansions that the City committed to implementing in its Board approved time extension. The purpose of this letter is to formally notify the City that Board staff 's review of the City's progress indicates that additional delays in implementation of plans outlined in the Time Extension Plan of Correction will result in the need for the Board to consider, at a public hearing, issuance of a Compliance Order for not implementing the programs needed by the City to achieve California's diversion requirements.

Board staff reviewed the City's Time Extension update submitted February 4, 2004 and information provided by the City at the meeting on March 11, 2004 and has determined that significant program implementation as described in the Time Extension Plan of Correction has not been fully implemented, including:

- Residential Curbside Recycling
- Residential Curbside Green Waste Diversion
- Expansion of Commercial Diversion
- Approval and Implementation of a Construction and Demolition Policy or Ordinance
- Use of Transformation Facilities
- Education (Print)

The City's Plan of Correction indicates that these programs would be fully implemented in the year 2003. While staff recognizes the work conducted by the City to negotiate with a service provider for these programs, it cannot ignore that additional delays will result in the continuation of program implementation deficiencies in 2004. Waste that could be diverted through planned programs will be disposed.

At its July 2003, Board meeting, the Board accepted the recommendation that if a jurisdiction is found not to be implementing their Time Extension, or significant portions, then Board staff would recommend that the Board end the extension and commence the Biennial Review, which could lead to issuance of a Compliance Order. Based on the information supplied in your status report that reflects these programs are not being implemented, our current evaluation of your diversion rate and program implementation progress is that additional delays in implementation will not reflect a good faith effort on the part of the City to fulfill their plan.

Board staff commend the City for its work in negotiating new services and developing a Solid Waste Management Report and Plan of Action for the City Council to consider at its April 2004 meeting, but further delays in program implementation will necessitate that Board staff end the City's Time Extension early and proceed with a Biennial Review of the City's program implementation progress that would consider the issuance of a Compliance Order.

Please note that this letter serves not only to address our concerns with the City's program gaps, but to also initiate the 60-day conferring process for a Compliance Order.

If you have any questions about this letter and my site review/program verification results, please contact me at (562) 981-9095.

Respectfully,

Steve Uselton

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