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Mr. Richard Corey Executive Officer California Air Resources Board 1001 I Street Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Mr. Corey:

Comments on the Public Workshop Series to Commence Development of the 2022 Scoping Plan Update

The Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts (Sanitation Districts) appreciate this opportunity to comment on the Public Workshop Series to Commence Development of the 2022 Scoping Plan Update.

The Sanitation Districts consist of 24 independent special districts providing essential wastewater and solid waste services to about 5.6 million people in Los Angeles County and, in the process, convert waste into resources such as reclaimed water, recycled materials and renewable energy. In compliance with SB 1383, we have already implemented a recycling program that diverts food waste from landfills and converts this waste into renewable biofuel. The resulting biofuel will become fuel for clean renewable natural gas vehicles. These programs, as implemented by the waste sector, will reduce the need for fossil fuel and will immediately reduce diesel, greenhouse gas and NOx emissions.

The Sanitation Districts are a member of the California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA) and are committed to protecting public health and the environment. As outlined in the CASA comment letter, we are concerned about the Scoping Plan Update's potential exclusion of near-zero renewable natural gas vehicles. While we support efforts to electrify the mobile sector, it is imperative that California implement actions that will immediately reduce emissions to achieve our climate goals, cut diesel emissions and facilitate attainment of federal ozone standards by 2023.

We would like to voice our strong support of the comments submitted by CASA on July 9, 2021. Thank you for considering our comments. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this transmittal, please contact me at (562) 908-4288 ext. 2412 or <u>drothbart@lacsd.org</u>.

Very truly yours,

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