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Ms. Tracy J. Egoscue, Executive Officer
California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Los Angeles Region
320 West 4th Street, Suite 200
Los Angeles, California 90013

SUBJECT: **REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF THE CLOSURE DATE FOR LOPEZ
CANYON LANDFILL FROM DECEMBER 2010 TO DECEMBER 2012**

Dear Ms. Egoscue:

The City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation (BOS) has prepared this letter in response to the September 2, 2008 California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Board) letter titled Partial Approval of Amendment to Final Closure Plan – Lopez Sanitary Landfill, Lakeview Terrace, CA (File No. 69-068, Order No. R4-2004-0176, CI 5636). In the above referenced letter the Regional Board partially approved the Amendment to the Final Closure Plan (FCP) based on BOS proposed completion date of December 31, 2010 for the final closure of the Landfill. Since September BOS has encountered several new challenges and hereby respectfully requests the proposed closure completion date be extended from December 2010 to December 31, 2012 due to the following extenuating circumstances:

1. Lopez Canyon: Lopez Canyon landfill sustained major damage as a result of the wild fire that hit San Fernando Valley between October 11 and 13, 2008. The entire operation building, thirteen (13) pieces of equipment and the storage areas housing the entire inventory of tools and supplies needed for the landfill closure were burnt in the fire. In addition, we sustained substantial damage to the gas collection system and the utilities distribution systems. We are currently working on the recovery process which includes securing funding, purchasing equipments and supplies etc. We anticipate the recovery process to take from 6 months to one year.
2. Cesar Chavez Recreational Complex: The City has received grant funds from the State to help construct the Cesar Chavez Recreational Complex (CCRC) at Sheldon Arleta landfill. This is a Prop O (partially) funded project with significant water quality



improvement derivatives. BOS operations staff had previously committed to completing Phase II of the construction of CCRC following the completion of the Toyon Canyon Landfill Closure Project scheduled for December 31, 2008. If the 2012 extension is not granted the Toyon crew will need to be reassigned to Lopez Canyon Landfill to aid in the closure activities. Thereby significantly delaying the construction of Cesar Chavez Park and risking the loss of the state and Prop O grant funds. The Bureau assessed the possibility of hiring a contractor to perform the work at the CCRC; however, the one year bidding and selection process will likely result in the loss of grant funds and considering the economic fiscal situation the project may not proceed. Please note that the grading work at Sheldon is based on an approved engineered alternative monolithic cover that would provide for a better performing final cover over the landfill thereby allowing for greater protection of water resources as opposed to halting the project and leaving the grading work incomplete. BOS staff must perform the grading work required at the site since we have full knowledge of the site conditions and its environmental controls. By BOS staff performing the grading work, it will ensure the projects ability to receive grant funds and deliver on its water quality benefits of allowing ground water recharge at the nearby basins.

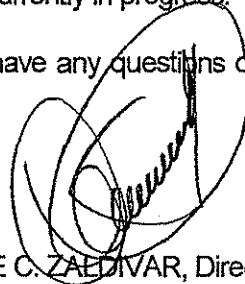
We hope you agree that BOS is demonstrating progress in upholding their commitment completing closure work assignments at our sites.

- a. To date BOS has completed 90% of the closure work at Toyon Canyon Landfill and is on track to finish ahead of schedule
- b. Lopez Canyon Areas A, B and AB+ top deck are complete. BOS staff has been successful in securing monocover sources to complete the closure of Disposal Area C and the AB+ slopes that have caused delays in the past.

To reiterate, BOS respectfully requests the Regional Board approve the request for an extension of the proposed Lopez Canyon Landfill closure completion date from December 31, 2010 to December 31, 2012. Given the circumstances, constraints, and implications of withdrawing previously committed resources will have on other closure projects and recreational park projects currently in progress.

Please contact me directly at (213) 485-2210 if you should have any questions or would like to meet to further discuss our request.

Sincerely,



ENRIQUE C. ZALDIVAR, Director
Bureau of Sanitation

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