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May 7, 2013

To All Interested Parties:

The City Council adopted the action(s), as attached, under Council File No. 13-0002-S48, at its meeting held May 3, 2013.

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SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR

COUNCIL FILE NO. 13-0002-S48

COUNCIL DISTRICT _____

COUNCIL APPROVAL DATE MAY 3 2013

RE: THE CITY'S POSITION TO OPPOSE ASSEMBLY BILL 371 (SALAS)

LAST DAY FOR MAYOR TO ACT MAY 16 2013
[10 Day Charter requirement as per Charter Section 231(h)]


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*Transmit objections in writing pursuant to Charter Section 231(h)

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TO THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Your **RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS** Committee

reports as follows:

RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to the City's position to oppose Assembly Bill (AB) 371 (Salas).

Recommendation for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR:

ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION to include in the City's 2013-14 State Legislative Program OPPOSITION to AB 371 (Salas) which would permit Kern County to prohibit the land application of biosolids in its county and thereby force closure of the City's biosolids application program at the Green Acres Farm.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA). The City Administrative Officer has not completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

At its regular meeting of April 19, 2013, the Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee considered a CLA report and Resolution, and Board of Public Works transmittal dated April 3, 2013, relative to the City's position to oppose AB 371 (Salas) which would permit Kern County to prohibit the land application of biosolids in its county and thereby force closure of the City's biosolids application program at the Green Acres Farm. The CLA report, attached to Council File No. 13-0002-S48, provides a summary of the Resolution and additional background information.

After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended that Council adopt the accompanying Resolution. This matter is now forwarded to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE



ADOPTED

MAY 03 2013

LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

TO THE MAYOR FORTHWITH

MEMBER VOTE
WESSON: YES
LABONGE: YES
HUIZAR: ABSENT

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Not Official Until Council Acts

MAYOR WITH FILE

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations, or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must first have been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles produces over 220,000 tons of biosolids annually, and is committed to long-term and environmentally sound management of those biosolids in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations; and

WHEREAS, a large part of the City's biosolids management program consists of land application of treated biosolids at the City-owned Green Acres Farm in Kern County, where over three-fourths of the City's biosolids are used to fertilize crops that are then sold as feed crops to local dairies; and

WHEREAS, the California State Water Resources Control Board enforces general waste discharge requirements regulating the land application of biosolids as a soil amendment or fertilizer, the California Integrated Waste Management Board imposes requirements with respect to solid waste management, and the California Integrated Waste Management Act specifically allows for land-application of biosolids as part of biosolids management programs; and

WHEREAS, the City has consistently met all environmental requirements at the Green Acres Farm, has never been issued any environmental or health impact notice or violation related to operations at the Farm, and has invested over \$15 million in upgrades to its treatment plants and the Farm itself to ensure that its biosolids program is operated in an environmentally responsible manner; and

WHEREAS, contrary to the aims of the Integrated Waste Management Act, State Assemblymember Salas has introduced AB 371, which would permit Kern County to establish additional restrictions on the land application of biosolids in Kern County, or to prohibit land application of biosolids in Kern County altogether; and

WHEREAS, the legislation could result in the shutdown of the City's Green Acres biosolids program and end an environmentally sound and economically feasible program that the City has owned and operated since 2000, and would create an emergency situation for the City and require extraordinary efforts to find acceptable disposal and recycling options for the majority of its biosolids;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2013-14 State Legislative Program OPPOSITION to AB 371 (Salas), which would permit Kern County to prohibit the land application of biosolids in its county and thereby force closure of the City's biosolids application program at the Green Acres Farm.

I CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING
RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
AT ITS MEETING OF MAY 03 2013
BY A MAJORITY OF ALL ITS MEMBERS.



JUNE LAGMAY
CITY CLERK

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