

California Legislature

March 9, 2011

John Laird, California Secretary for Natural Resources
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Dear Secretary Laird,

We write jointly, as Members of the California State Legislature, to thank your agency for its continued support for the Plasco Energy Group's proposed Salinas Valley project technology in your recognition that the technology meets the definition of "gasification" under Public Resources Code 40117. This means that the electricity produced by the waste conversion process is considered a renewable resource under the Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS). In addition, the project will create 40 permanent green-collar jobs with an annual payroll of \$2 million for a facility that serves 100,000 people.

As you may already know, Plasco's technology uses a non-combustion thermal process to convert solid waste to a clean-burning fuel for the purposes of generating electricity. The Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery determined in a letter issued November 23, 2010 that the process meets the definition of "gasification" because it uses air/oxygen only to maintain ambient temperature, produces no air, water or hazardous discharges in excess of standard and, that in the case of the Salinas Valley project, the local waste authority already removes recyclables and green waste prior to delivering waste to the facility, Plasco's process is designed to remove recyclable materials from the waste stream to the maximum extent feasible when necessary. The Department's conclusion was accepted by the California Energy Commission on January 18, 2011 when it pre-certified that the proposed Plasco facility is eligible for California's RPS program.

As members of the California State Legislature, we feel that it is critical that the Administration continue to support this innovative approach to resource management in California. Plasco's technology results in a net reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and produces base load renewable power not does not depend on additional transmission capacity. We strongly support Plasco's technology because it not only meets California's energy and environmental goals but also provides us with a solution to the grave challenge our state currently faces in the waste arena.

As you are already aware, each year California places over 35 million tons of municipal solid waste in its landfills. Our state's landfills are rapidly approaching capacity which necessitates the exportation of waste to remote locations and builds the case for either the



expansion of existing landfills or the construction of new landfills. Due to the well-known environmental and public health concerns associated with all three of these options, we are very pleased to see that Plasco Energy Group has developed a better solution by using the post-recycled municipal solid waste as a feedstock to produce clean electricity.

We look forward to your continued support for Plasco Energy Group's Salinas Valley project technology and applaud this Administration's efforts to meet the RPS goals with new and diverse renewable technologies that reduce greenhouse gasses and create jobs.

Sincerely,



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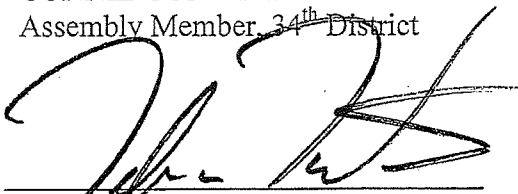
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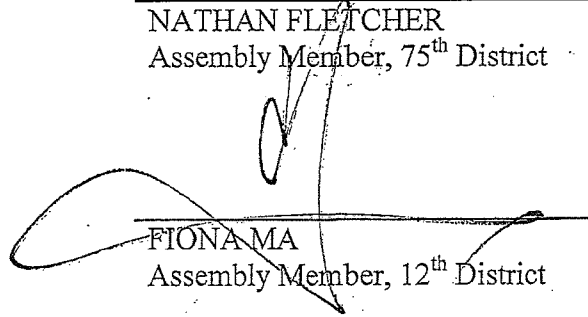
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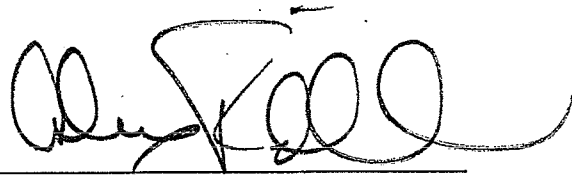
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