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Re: Comments on Recycling and Waste in Draft Scoping Plan
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The goal listed in the draft scoping plan pertaining to waste/recycling is right on target: “Increase waste diversion, composting, and commercial recycling, and move toward zero-waste.” (p.34) However, the only recommended early action measure is to control methane emissions from landfills, which does nothing to advance the stated goal. Given the global warming benefits of recycling and composting, as defined by EPA and others, it is important that the Proposed Scoping Plan include mandatory – not just voluntary – measures and specific targets to keep organic and recyclable materials out of landfills by increasing waste diversion, recycling and composting efforts in California.