

## **Form Letter 1 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Jolie  
Last Name: Ginsburg  
Email Address: jolie@incadventures.com  
Affiliation:

Subject: Biofuel Oasis funding  
Comment:

To Whom It May Concern:

It is really important to me and to the people of California that CARB fund the BioFuel Oasis biodiesel fueling station in Berkeley.

I notice that a number of ethanol stations are being funded, which I think is great, but I think it would be better to have a variety of fuels available. There are a large and growing number of passenger vehicles as well as fleets and transit vehicles that have diesel engines. These vehicles need a place to get alternative fuels as well.

I have watched the BioFuel Oasis grow over the past 3 years and is the only place to buy biodiesel at a public pump in the Bay Area. They have a successful record of supplying biodiesel and the new location will make biodiesel much more accessible, not only to the Bay Area, but to travelers on the busy I-80 corridor.

BioFuel Oasis is a small, locally-owned and women-owned business with the money staying in the state and local community. A major benefit of their philosophy is to strive to get biodiesel made as locally as possible from recycled vegetable oil. For the past year, all the biodiesel sold has been made in California from recycled vegetable oil. The use of biodiesel translates into lower carbon dioxide/greenhouse gas emissions and lower particulates, which means cleaner air and less global warming.

As a business owner, I have a fleet of 8 vehicles that run on B99 (99% Biodiesel), we use between 500-1500 gallons of fuel per month, just over 13,000 gallons in 2006, which is displacing petroleum diesel usage and resulting in the cleaner emissions described above.

Making Biodiesel accessible daily and for extended hours, much like a normal fueling station would increase the number of users and make it so that many current users do not have to use petroleum diesel when they run low on fuel. This solution is better for people's health, the environment, and the community.

I look forward to seeing what your decision on the grant will be.

Jolie Ginsburg  
Incredible Adventures Co-Owner  
Local San Francisco Tour Operator

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**Form Letter 2 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: eric

Last Name: fenster

Email Address: efenster@sbcglobal.net

Affiliation:

Subject: biofuel oasis funding

Comment:

Hello,

Please allocate some funding to the Biofuel Oasis in Berkeley. Our business runs its entire fleet of vehicles on fuel from their station and many other local businesses and individuals use their station on a regular basis.

THE funding will allow them to open to a larger station in a more prominent part of town so more people can use biodiesel and learn about this great alternative fuel.

Thank you!

Eric

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**Form Letter 3 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Ariana  
Last Name: Spiegler  
Email Address: aspiegler@yahoo.com  
Affiliation:

Subject: BioFuel Station in Berkeley  
Comment:

I support the current BioFuel Oasis station in Berkeley and I very much would like to see them build a new Berkeley station open to the public with more convenient hours.

I use Biodiesel because of the lower carbon dioxide emissions and the absence of noxious fumes while driving.

I support the Biofuel Oasis because it is a local organization, keeping my fuel dollars in local circulation. Even the wholesale biodiesel purchased by BioFuel Oasis is produced in California.

Please support the BioFuel Oasis' expansion plans by awarding them a grant for fueling infrastructure.

Sincerely,

Ariana Spiegler

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**Form Letter 4 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Ben  
Last Name: Feldman  
Email Address: ben@ecologycenter.org  
Affiliation:

Subject: Fund the BioFuel Oasis  
Comment:

The BioFuel Oasis in Berkeley should be funded as part of the \$25 million for Alternative Fuel Incentives.

- \* BioFuel Oasis has a successful record of supplying biodiesel for over 3 years and is the only place to buy biodiesel at a public pump in the Bay Area.

- \* The new location will make biodiesel much more accessible, not only to the Bay Area, but to travelers on the busy I-80 corridor.

- \* BioFuel Oasis is a small, locally-owned and women-owned business with the money staying in the state and local community.

- \* We strive to get biodiesel made as locally as possible from recycled vegetable oil. For the past year, all the biodiesel we've sold has been made in California from recycled vegetable oil.

- \* The use of biodiesel translates into lower carbon dioxide/greenhouse gas emissions and lower particulates, which means cleaner air and less global warming.

- \* If you have a fleet of vehicles, please describe the number of vehicles and approximate gallons per month or year of biodiesel that you use, which is displacing petroleum diesel usage and resulting in the cleaner emissions described above.

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**Form Letter 5 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Daniel  
Last Name: Sherwood  
Email Address: dsherwood@powerlight.com  
Affiliation: Biodiesel Activist and Consumer

Subject: Support Biofuel Oasis in Berkeley  
Comment:

The Biofuel Oasis was an early pioneer in biofuels both in the bay area and throughout the country.

It is an all women owned business that has been serving thousands of customers for many years and enabling them to make the choice to run cleaner burning biodiesel in their vehicles.

These women literally invested their life savings to start this fueling station at great personal risk because the market for biodiesel at the time had not been established.

The Biofuel Oasis has outgrown the current space it occupies: there are often long lines of cars waiting to fill up at the station which causes traffic problems on the local streets.

The Biofuel Oasis needs a very reasonable amount of money to enable them to move to a new location on a major throughfare in Berkeley with existing infrastructure that will allow them to be open during extended hours.

I'm writting to urge to to please ensure that the Biofuel Oasis gets the money they need and deserve as part of the \$25 million alternative fuels incentive.

Best Regards,

Daniel Sherwood

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**Form Letter 6 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Ben

Last Name: Chandler

Email Address: bchandler@gmail.com

Affiliation:

Subject: Berkeley Biofuel Oasis

Comment:

I am writing to ask you to grant Berkeley Biofuel Oasis the funds they have requested. They are the only convenient place for me to get biodiesel and if they are able to get their new location, they will be even more accessible to people. I believe that it is very important for us to reduce our reliance on foreign oil. Not is biofuel lower in carbon emissions, but the Biofuel Oasis also uses locally recycled vegetable oil, which from an ecological standpoint is far superior than using ethanol which is derived from corn, creating a monoculture in the midwest, that then has to be shipped to California. I believe that the women at Berkeley Biofuel Oasis are providing a very important service to all those living in the Bay area and beyond and I implore you to find the funds to keep them going.

Thank you very much for your time,  
Ben Chandler

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**Form Letter 7 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Dan

Last Name: Simoes

Email Address: dan.simoes@gmail.com

Affiliation:

Subject: Biofuel Oasis

Comment:

I would like to write to express my support for your funding the BioFuel Oasis biodiesel fueling station in Berkeley. There is nowhere convenient in the San Francisco area to get biodiesel, and the proposed pump/station they are working on would be a huge win for all involved. Thanks.

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**Form Letter 8 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Daniel  
Last Name: Claussen  
Email Address: daniel.claussen@gmail.com  
Affiliation:

Subject: biofuel oasis  
Comment:

To whom it may concern:

It is very important to me and for the good of california that CARB fund the BioFuel Oasis biodiesel fueling station grant in Berkeley.

California is leading the nation for alternative fuels, but without reputable and accessible outlets to purchase these fuels, demand cannot be generated. Biofuel Oasis is the only business at which to purchase biodiesel at a public pump IN THE BAY AREA.

The new location will be more accessible.

The use of biodiesel results in lower CO2 and other GG emissions.

Biofuel Oasis uses recycled vegetable oils - lowering energy and resources required to make fuel, thereby also greatly reducing amounts of GG emissions in CA.

I use approximately 30 gallons of biodiesel per month.

Thank you for you support.

Dan Claussen  
424 Cavour St.  
Oakland Ca 94618

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**Form Letter 9 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Daniel  
Last Name: Muller  
Email Address: dmullerd@yahoo.com  
Affiliation:

Subject: Funding BioFuel Oasis is important for California and the Bay Area  
Comment:

Please fund the grant for the BioFuel Oasis.

They are an important resource for Californians in the bay area. They are the only public biodiesel station in bay area. They are successful and reliable but need additional resources to grow and better serve the community.

Additionally, the fact that that they are small, locally owned by women is of additional value to California.

Finally, the fact that they primarily used recycled vegetable oil provides a an important example in recycling and developing alternative to petroleum fuels.

Sincerely,

Daniel Muller  
Oakland CA 94607

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**Form Letter 10 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: David

Last Name: Ritz

Email Address: daveritz@pacbell.net

Affiliation:

Subject: Grant money for BioFuel Oasis, Berkeley

Comment:

I live in Sacramento, CA and there is no public access to biodiesel in this area. I will travel to Berkeley, CA when possible, or schedule a stop at BioFuel Oasis when possible, to obtain biodiesel.

BioFuel Oasis is a business well worth investment. It is a small, locally-owned and women-owned business using local resources for biodiesel production. They also provide the inspiration that conservation, recycling and alternative fuel production on local scale is possible and then bring it into the community. Their success may inspire others to produce biodiesel in the Sacramento area.

I want to do my part and use biodiesel because it translates into lower carbon dioxide/greenhouse gas emissions and lower particulates, which means cleaner air and less global warming.

I please give your sincerest consideration for approving grant money to Bio Fuel Oasis.

David Ritz, Sacramento, CA

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**Form Letter 11 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Alan

Last Name: Garretson

Email Address: alangarr@yahoo.com

Affiliation:

Subject: Biofuel Oasis, Berkeley

Comment:

I'm writing in support for Biofuel Oasis in Berkeley:

Biodiesel fuel is a really great product for Berkeley. There are many diesel vehicles, primarily the Mercedes 240's and 300's, as well as Volkswagen models throughout the City - and people are looking for a way to make them environmentally viable. People here know about biodiesel and want to use it.

Biofuel Oasis's proposed, new fuel station is much more central and convenient to Berkeley residents than the existing station. The existing station is at the edge of town, very difficult to get to, as Berkeley has near-gridlock crosstown traffic at various times during the day. The new location, Ashby at Sacramento, is centrally located.

Actual vehicle access is convenient at the new station vs. very difficult and tedious at the existing station. The existing station is located in a light industrial tilt-up building, with one-at-a-time vehicle access. A customer has to drive in and back out. At the new station, cars can drive through, increasing accessibility and function.

The new location will be more accessible to regional users, not just Berkeley users, given the easily accessible location and drive-through functionality of the new site.

I think Biofuel Oasis needs just a little help to create an effective new fuel station that will really make a difference. I hope this grant can do that.

Very truly yours,

Alan Garretson

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**Form Letter 12 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Jason

Last Name: Pontius

Email Address: jason@whitewhale.net

Affiliation:

Subject: Support for alternative fuels

Comment:

Hi,

I run my car on biodiesel, because I care about the environment and I don't want to be dependent on foreign oil. I am completely dependent on BioFuel Oasis to keep me stocked. As the only supplier in the area, they're invaluable for me personally, and I know many individuals in the community who feel the same way.

I urge you to support funding for alternative fuels in California, and for the BioFuel Oasis in particular.

Jason Pontius

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**Form Letter 13 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: david  
Last Name: schlussel  
Email Address: david@org.org  
Affiliation:

Subject: grants for biofuel oasis  
Comment:

I'm writing to request your support in granting funding for the BioFuel Oasis.

My understanding is that they're the only BioDiesel outlet on the Grant list, and I want to encourage you to diversify a bit and put just one BioDiesel outlet in with all the Ethanol.

Biodiesel, as this woman-owned co-operative makes it, is a completely renewable resource. The currently operate with 100% recycled vegetable oil, all locally sourced and manufactured in California.

Please help us take care of the environment!

-David

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**Form Letter 14 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Katherine

Last Name: Elder

Email Address: katelder@pacbell.net

Affiliation:

Subject: Please help Biofuel Oasis

Comment:

I have become independent of traditional gas by becoming dependent on Biofuel Oasis. Many of my friends are planning to buy new cars so they too can switch to biofuel because of the presence of Biofuel Oasis in the community. The reliance on \*recycled\* oil at Biofuel Oasis is so important.

Please support Biofuel Oasis in Berkeley.

Thank you,  
Katherine Elder

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**Form Letter 15 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: jim

Last Name: zoromski

Email Address: jzoromski@yahoo.com

Affiliation:

Subject: Berkeley Biofuel Oasis

Comment:

Please consider helping in any way possible! The BioFuel Oasis is a small, locally owned business which has a successful record of supplying biodiesel for over 3 years and is the only place to buy biodiesel at a public pump in the Bay Area. I've been a member for over 2 years and would really enjoy being able to get fuel on my schedule, as opposed to their currently rather limited business hours. The new location will make biodiesel much more accessible, not only to the Bay Area, but to travelers on the busy I-80 corridor. Biofuels are the answer to many of today's energy problems. The B99 sold @ the biofuel oasis is made from locally produced and recycled vegetable oils - all from CA. Please do what you can to ensure a smooth move for the Biofuel oasis in berkeley. Many thanks, Oakland resident, jim zoromski.

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**Form Letter 16 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Shannon

Last Name: Murray

Email Address: chanendoah@aol.com

Affiliation:

Subject: Biofuels Oasis Fueling Station grant

Comment:

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing in support of funding the Biofuels Oasis grant request. There is a huge demand for a more convenient fueling station in the SF Bay Area. Currently, the hours are very limited and having greater access will encourage more people to support the biofuels industry. The Biofuels Oasis is an outstanding model of a locally owned green business with a successful track record of supplying residents with quality biodiesel made mostly from recycled waste vegetable oil, which supports what local residents want. It was this particular business, that encouraged me to sell my gasoline vehicle and obtain a diesel vehicle. I applaud their efforts and their commitment to the environment and our community. As a California resident, who wholeheartedly supports alternate fuels and lowering my carbon footprint, I employ you to grant their request for funding. It is a business like this that will set a precedence for other businesses to be established here in the Bay Area, California and within the United States.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Shannon M. Murray

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**Form Letter 17 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Jeff  
Last Name: Phillips  
Email Address: jphillips@philharmonia.org  
Affiliation:

Subject: BioFuel Oasis biodiesel fueling station in Berkeley  
Comment:

Greetings,

It is very important that you fund BioFuel Oasis' proposed fueling station in Berkeley. They have been operating for over 3 years now on a shoestring budget in what amounts to a storage locker on 4th Street, and making it possible for them to take over an actual "gas station" will give them visibility and allow faster fueling for their ever-growing customer base.

A few important facts:

\* BioFuel Oasis has a successful record of supplying biodiesel for over 3 years and is the only place to buy biodiesel at a public pump in the Bay Area.

\* The new location will make biodiesel much more accessible, not only to the Bay Area, but to travelers on the busy I-80 corridor.

\* BioFuel Oasis is a small, locally-owned and women-owned business with the money staying in the state and local community.

\* They strive to get biodiesel made as locally as possible from recycled vegetable oil. For the past year, all the biodiesel they've sold has been made in California from recycled vegetable oil.

\* The use of biodiesel translates into lower carbon dioxide/greenhouse gas emissions and lower particulates, which means cleaner air and less global warming.

Many thanks for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Phillips  
1123 Glen Drive  
San Leandro, CA 94577

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**Form Letter 18 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Gita  
Last Name: Pabla  
Email Address: gitapabla@gmail.com  
Affiliation:

Subject: Fund the BioFuel Oasis in Berkeley  
Comment:

Hello!

I wanted to express the reasons why BioFuel Oasis deserves funding:

1) Global Warming: I have not owned a car in 15 years while living in NYC, not needed. Living here in the Bay Area a car is needed. My passion for the slowing down global warming in any small way lead me to choose getting a diesel car and using biodiesel only. Biodiesel has lower carbon dioxide/greenhouse gas emissions and lower particulates, which means cleaner air and less global warming.

2) Sustainability: BioFuel Oasis is a small, locally-owned and women-owned business with the money staying in the state and local community.  
The biodiesel is made as locally as possible from recycled vegetable oil.

3) Gas Prices: The popularity of biodiesel is on the rise and is of the utmost importance that you support alternative fuel options for the public.  
<http://www.ajc.com/business/content/business/stories/2007/05/21/0521bizgas.htm>  
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4) Accesibility: The new location will make biodiesel easily accessed, not only to the Bay Area, but to travelers on the busy I-80 corridor. I commute from Monclair in the Oakland hills to Richmond, so the location is perfect for me to stop over and get my biodiesel.

Many thanks for listening!  
Gita Pabla

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**Form Letter 19 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Jon  
Last Name: Galinson  
Email Address: jon@galinson.com  
Affiliation:

Subject: BioFuel Oasis biodiesel fueling station in Berkeley  
Comment:

To Whom it May Concern:

Please support the BioFuel Oasis fueling station in Berkeley. The all women owned coop is a trail-blazer in the field of biodiesel and they provide a much needed service by providing locally produced clean burning fuel. I know that my family and I depend upon them to run our 2005 Jetta stationwagen.

Regards,  
Jon Galinson

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**Form Letter 20 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Craig

Last Name: Vigor

Email Address: craigvigor@yahoo.com

Affiliation:

Subject: PLEASE conside funding the Biofuel Oasis!

Comment:

BioFuel Oasis has a successful record of supplying biodiesel for over 3 years and is the only place to buy biodiesel at a public pump in the Bay Area.

This innovative new approach to renewable energy and reduced fossil fuel dependance needs a fair shake.

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**Form Letter 21 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Clifton

Last Name: Keely

Email Address: clifk1943@aol.com

Affiliation: Self

Subject: Bio Fuels

Comment:

I understand the hot button with alcohol fuels, but in the long term, diesel will offer a better solution to BTU/Lb and at least an equal in the pollution area to the alcohol fuels. Europe is moving to diesel, and given the coal and bio-derived oils that can be made into a "diesel" fuel I feel you should be offering support to that sector in equal levels. In as much as a leader in that area has been in business for some time I think you should offer some support to the Bio Fuel Osis group in Berkely as they try to make the biodiesel product easier to use.

ADM Corp does not need your support as much as the biodiesel industry. After all, ADM got California rice straw excluded in the federal support bills for alcohol fuel production.

Thank you for your consideration

Clif Keely  
Redwood City

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## **Form Letter 22 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - .**

First Name: Matthew  
Last Name: Cole  
Email Address: klwmmrc@earthlink.net  
Affiliation: customer

Subject: Biofuel Oasis (Berkeley) funding  
Comment:

Dear Sir or Madam,

I write to you to respectfully request that you allocate funding to Berkeley's Biofuel Oasis for their infrastructure needs at their new site.

I have been purchasing biodiesel from them for two years, and the new site will make it much easier. Its location is convenient for me, but it's also highly visible and accesible to commuters heading to interstate 80 and beyond. Its presence will be a huge PR boon to proponents of alternative fuel.

I don't have any place to store biofuel in bulk, much less produce it at home: Biofuel Oasis is my only local option for fuel. As valuable as they are currently to me, the new filling station, with increased hours of operation and more convenient placement, will only make them more so.

The environmental benefits of locally sourced biofuel are doubtless well known to you, as are the benefits of supporting a locally-owned business with strong community ties. Allocating funds to Biofuel Oasis will be a positive step for alternative fuel technologies and for South Berkeley.

Thanks for your consideration.

Matt Cole

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**Form Letter 23 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Andrea  
Last Name: Tiller  
Email Address: ajtiller@aol.com  
Affiliation:

Subject: Grant for Berkeley's Biofuel Oasis  
Comment:

Dear CARB:

It is important to me and to the people of California that CARB funds the BioFuel Oasis biodiesel fueling station in Berkeley.

I have two biodiesel cars and have been fueling from the Oasis for two years now.

BioFuel Oasis has a successful record of supplying biodiesel for over 3 years and is the only place to buy biodiesel at a public pump in the Bay Area.

The new location will make biodiesel much more accessible, not only to the Bay Area, but to travelers on the busy I-80 corridor.

BioFuel Oasis is a small, locally-owned and women-owned business with the money staying in the state and local community.

Biofuel Oasis strives to get biodiesel made as locally as possible from recycled vegetable oil. For the past year, all the biodiesel we've sold has been made in California from recycled vegetable oil.

The use of biodiesel translates into lower carbon dioxide/greenhouse gas emissions and lower particulates, which means cleaner air and less global warming.

Between my two diesel cars I drive about 20,000 miles a year, utilizing 1,000 gallons of biodiesel.

Please approve this tremendously important grant for Biofuel Oasis. Convenience and efficiency is the key to getting more Californians using alternative and renewable energy. It is important to me, and to our environment.

sincerely,

Andrea Tiller

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**Form Letter 24 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Joshua  
Last Name: Levine  
Email Address: realtorjosh@gmail.com  
Affiliation: Realtor

Subject: Biofuel Oasis in Berkeley  
Comment:

It is important to me and to the people of California that you fund the BioFuel Oasis biodiesel fueling station in Berkeley.

They have been a reliable place to buy Biodiesel for the last several years, and their growth and expansion will greatly benefit our area!

Thank you,

Josh Levine,  
Red Oak Realty  
Berkeley

Biodiesel since 2000

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**Form Letter 25 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Amy  
Last Name: Sinsheimer  
Email Address: amysinsh@hotmail.com  
Affiliation:

Subject: Please fund the Biofuel Oasis grant application  
Comment:

To whom it may concern:

I am writing in support of your funding the application submitted by the Biofuel Oasis for the grant of \$25 million in Alternative Fuel Incentives.

The Biofuel Oasis is a small locally-owned and women-owned business. They are one of the only suppliers of B99 in the SF Bay Area. They are the only public retail pump in the Bay Area. They have been supplying biodiesel for over 3 years.

Funding their application would put money towards opening at a new fueling location which would make biodiesel much more accessible to locals and travelers on I-80.

We strive to get biodiesel made as locally as possible from recycled vegetable oil. For the past year, all the biodiesel we've sold has been made in California from recycled vegetable oil.

The use of biodiesel translates into lower carbon dioxide/greenhouse gas emissions and lower particulates, which means cleaner air and less global warming.

Please prioritize funding for the Biofuel Oasis.

Sincerely,

Amy Sinsheimer

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## **Form Letter 26 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - .**

First Name: Renate

Last Name: Elhardt

Email Address: renafe\_elhardt@comcast.net

Affiliation:

Subject: in support of Biofuel Oasis in Berkeley grant funding

Comment:

PLEASE ensure the continued operation of BioFuel Oasis in Berkeley by funding this VERY needed business.

BioFuel provides the ONLY public biofuel filling option in the area, and the ONLY fully reliable source in fact. Their proposed new location which this funding would facilitate would allow commuters such as myself to fuel as part of a commute rather than a separate trip. Petroleum free commuting is essential to meeting emission control goals.

BioFuel Oasis is a small, locally-owned and women-owned business with the money staying in the state and local community. They strive to get biodiesel made as locally as possible from recycled vegetable oil. They report that for the past year, all the biodiesel sold has been made in California from recycled vegetable oil. Further efforts in the direction of a sustainable business ethic.

Thank you.

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**Form Letter 27 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Scott

Last Name: Stoller

Email Address: s.stoller@pwa-ltd.com

Affiliation:

Subject: Support Letter for Biofuel Oasis in Berkeley

Comment:

Hi,

I heard that the Biofuel Oasis in Berkeley is being considered for a grant to increase their public presence and biodiesel availability.

I have been a loyal customer of theirs for over three years, and specifically purchased a diesel car so that I could run it on bio-diesel. The CARB is well aware of the benefits of running a car on biodiesel compared to dino-diesel.

Granting Biofuel Oasis money to make infrastructure improvements on their new distribution site will have multiple benefits. The new filling station location will be much more visible and easier to access, attracting more diesel owners to make the switch. Biofuel Oasis is located adjacent to the busy I-80 corridor and will get a lot of business of people traveling through.

Thank you for your time.

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**Form Letter 28 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Lori

Last Name: Koch

Email Address: lkoch@oakleywater.com

Affiliation:

Subject: funding for BioFuel Oasis in Berkeley.

Comment:

This biofuel station is important to me as the only location I can fuel my vehicle in the Bay Area. It is important to me and to the people of California. Please consider funding the infrastructure for their new site. It will make them more accessible and help guarantee the success of biofuel in California.

BioFuel Oasis has a successful record of supplying biodiesel for over 3 years and is the only place to buy biodiesel at a public pump in the Bay Area. The new location will make biodiesel much more accessible, not only to the Bay Area, but to travelers on the busy I-80 corridor.

BioFuel Oasis is a small, locally-owned and women-owned business with the money staying in the state and local community. We strive to get biodiesel made as locally as possible from recycled vegetable oil. For the past year, all the biodiesel we've sold has been made in California from recycled vegetable oil.

The use of biodiesel translates into lower carbon dioxide/greenhouse gas emissions and lower particulates, which means cleaner air and less global warming. If you have a fleet of vehicles, please describe the number of vehicles and approximate gallons per month or year of biodiesel that you use, which is displacing petroleum diesel usage and resulting in the cleaner emissions described above.

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**Form Letter 29 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Eric  
Last Name: Standring  
Email Address: ericstand@yahoo.com  
Affiliation:

Subject: In Support  
Comment:

To whom it may concern,

It is important to me and to the people of California that you fund the BioFuel Oasis biodiesel fueling station in Berkeley. I need the cleanness and it's the only place local to my house.

Thanks,  
-Eric

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**Form Letter 30 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Alexander  
Last Name: Hardy  
Email Address: abh14@duke.edu  
Affiliation:

Subject: Fund the BioFuel Oasis biodiesel fueling station in Berkeley  
Comment:

Dear California Air Resources Board,

It is extremely important to me and the people of California that you fund the BioFuel Oasis biodiesel fueling station in Berkeley. The BioFuel Oasis has a great record of supplying biodiesel for over three years. In addition it is the only place to publicly purchase biodiesel in the Bay Area. Their new location will help make biodiesel far more accessible to the Bay Area as well as travelers who frequent I-80. The BioFuel Oasis is locally-owned and thus revenue from sales will stay in the state and local community. All biodiesel they have sold in the past year has been made in California. Biodiesel helps lower carbon dioxide and other green house gas emissions, which will lead to cleaner air and a decrease in the effects of climate change.

Sincerely,  
Alex Hardy  
BioFuel Oasis Strong Supporter

Attachment:

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Date and Time Comment Was Submitted: 2007-05-22 13:34:10

**Form Letter 31 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Gabriel

Last Name: Jensen

Email Address: jiginteractive@yahoo.com

Affiliation:

Subject: BioFuel Oasis new station funding

Comment:

Please consider funding the BioFuel Oasis' move to a larger and better location. Being in Berkeley, they have a solid customer-base that will ensure their success and maximize their environmental benefit.

Regards,

-Gabriel Jensen

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Date and Time Comment Was Submitted: 2007-05-22 13:34:46

**Form Letter 32 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: zachary

Last Name: stanley

Email Address: zac.stanley@gmail.com

Affiliation:

Subject: Funding For BioFuel Oasis - Berkeley, CA

Comment:

It is important to me and to the people of California that you fund the BioFuel Oasis biodiesel fueling station in Berkeley.

BioFuel Oasis has a successful record of supplying biodiesel for over 3 years and is the only place to buy biodiesel at a public pump in the Bay Area.

The new location will make biodiesel much more accessible, not only to the Bay Area, but to travelers on the busy I-80 corridor.

BioFuel Oasis is a small, locally-owned and women-owned business with the money staying in the state and local community.

We strive to get biodiesel made as locally as possible from recycled vegetable oil. For the past year, all the biodiesel we've sold has been made in California from recycled vegetable oil.

The use of biodiesel translates into lower carbon dioxide/greenhouse gas emissions and lower particulates, which means cleaner air and less global warming.

If you have a fleet of vehicles, please describe the number of vehicles and approximate gallons per month or year of biodiesel that you use, which is displacing petroleum diesel usage and resulting in the cleaner emissions described above.

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## **Form Letter 33 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: David

Last Name: Spencer

Email Address: corvid33@yahoo.com

Affiliation:

Subject: funding Biofuel Oasis station in Berkeley

Comment:

I am writing to express the importance to me and to the people of California that you fund the BioFuel Oasis biodiesel fueling station in Berkeley.

I have been using B99 or B100 biodiesel in my vehicle for the past 2 years or 30K miles, and have been very happy with the resultant vehicle performance and reduction in atmospheric pollution this has afforded-- in spite of the inconvenience of higher cost and poorer availability that biodiesel users currently suffer in our state, conditions that will persist until adequate infrastructure is developed.

The only public pump in the entire SF bay area for the past 3 years has been the BioFuel Oasis in Berkeley, and I've gone out of my way to fuel up there during their limited hours. Their new location will make biodiesel much more accessible, not only to the Bay Area, but to travelers on the busy I-80 corridor. BioFuel Oasis is a small, locally-owned and women-owned business with the money staying in the state and local community. They strive to get biodiesel made as locally as possible from recycled vegetable oil.

For the past year, all the biodiesel they've sold has been made in California from recycled vegetable oil, eliminating the extra pollution created by transporting fuel via petroleum diesel burning trucks, trains and ships.

As you should know, the use of biodiesel translates into lower carbon dioxide/greenhouse gas emissions and lower particulates, which means cleaner air and less global warming. The only category of pollution not dramatically reduced via the use of biodiesel are nitrogen oxides, and they could easily be removed from emissions by a catalytic converter, whose catalyst is not destroyed by either low-sulfur diesel or biodiesel. I would happily and immediately install one on my vehicle were one available. Like any alternative fuel, biodiesel is not perfect, but it does present an elegant solution for the millions of diesel trucks, busses, trains, ships, passenger vehicles, generators, etc. that currently run on petroleum diesel-- and could be running on biodiesel with very minimal modification and expense, right now.

It has been frustrating for me to find this nearly perfect alternative fuel for my and many others' application, and watch for the past few years how it has been neglected and marginalized in the alternative fuel discussions. I understand how it isn't in the immediate interest of the petroleum industry or the auto manufacturers to switch to an immediately available alternative

fuel such as biodiesel (they'd make more profit by having us continue polluting the atmosphere with petroleum emissions while other alternatives are researched and developed). And I understand the CARB's negative feelings about particulate emissions from petroleum diesel combustion-- I share those feelings as well. But what I fail to understand is how an immediate and simple solution such as using biodiesel has been obstructed not only by the corporations that profit from petroleum use, not only by the industry-leaning federal government bureaucracies, but also by groups such as the CARB whose mission is to protect our air quality.

Please, do the right thing here, and fund the Biofuel Oasis station in Berkeley. Biodiesel should be promoted at least as much as ethanol, as the best immediately available alternative fuels. More availability for biodiesel means better health for Californians, and a more sustainable transportation system and economy for our state. We should be talking about HOW MANY biodiesel stations are around, not that there's at least ONE in the bay area. Like we should be talking about how many and what type of biodiesel designated passenger diesels are sold in California, not waiting around for the CARB to lift its ban on ANY diesel passenger vehicles being sold new in the state. So, please, do the right thing here for the people-- rather than continuing to follow the line of the petroleum industry obstructionists.

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**Form Letter 34 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Ron  
Last Name: Bullock  
Email Address: ronbullock@gmail.com  
Affiliation: Carbon-Neutral Autos (start up business)

Subject: Biofuel Oasis - Please FUND!!!  
Comment:

I am starting a business and the opening of the new Biofuel Oasis on Ashby and Sacramento in Berkeley is crucial to its success.

Biodiesel is better than ethanol, hands down. If you look at the research, you'll see why. The US Navy, University of North Carolina and the US Department of Energy have all recently done studies that have shown no increase of NoX emissions with biodiesel. So now there is no reason not to support biodiesel. The use of biodiesel translates into lower carbon dioxide/greenhouse gas emissions and lower particulates, which means cleaner air and less global warming!!! Having access to this new station means giving more people access to the option of choosing to pollute less and save the planet. Plus it's good for business, California business!

Please fund the Biofuel Oasis!

Thank you,  
-Ron Bullock

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**Form Letter 35 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: jesse

Last Name: quay

Email Address: jdquay@hotmail.com

Affiliation:

Subject: Let the Biofuel Oasis Grow!!!

Comment:

I urge you to support the hardworking folks at the biofuel oasis.  
As a gov. organization, please help pave the way for a greener  
tomorrow.

Best,

Jesse Quay

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Date and Time Comment Was Submitted: 2007-05-22 13:53:59

**Form Letter 36 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Gary  
Last Name: Schick  
Email Address: gary@toughschick.com  
Affiliation: Consumer

Subject: BioFuel Oasis  
Comment:

Please allow the BioFuel Oasis of Berkeley receive thier grant money. They are a great asset to those of us who use biodiesel. Without them it would be very difficult.

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Date and Time Comment Was Submitted: 2007-05-22 13:56:44



**Form Letter 37 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Kristen

Last Name: Quay

Email Address: kristen510@gmail.com

Affiliation:

Subject: Please Fund the BioFuel Oasis

Comment:

Dear CARB,

I write to ask you to fund the Biofuel Oasis biodiesel fueling station in Berkeley. As a Founding Member of this station, I feel especially strongly that it grow and continue to fuel the kind of change the California needs to reduce its use of fossil fuels and improve air quality.

The Biofuel Oasis is an extremely important station to biodiesel users of the Bay Area. It is the only place to buy biodiesel at a public pump in the Bay Area, and in the four years that I have been a member, I have watched it grow, and grow better, with hundreds of new members who rely on it for their fueling needs. BioFuel Oasis is a local, women-owned business. When I buy from them, I know I am supporting the local economy and making California a better place for everyone who lives here. Simply put, this station is making a huge difference to the people and air quality of California.

It is extremely important that the new station be launched as planned this summer. The planned new station will be in a more convenient location, will make biodiesel more visible to the thousands of people per day who pass by on the busy Ashby corridor, will help revitalize an underutilized area of Berkeley, and will expand the times of day that we can fuel up, reducing congestion at the crowded station and making the fuel we rely on more accessible.

The people who depend on the Biofuel Oasis for their fuel need you to approve a grant to help fund the new station in Berkeley. Please do not leave this important station out of your funding cycle. The Oasis is already the hub of the biofuel movement in the Bay Area. The Oasis and the people it serves are worthy of a larger, more accessible station to support and grow this movement. This is an opportunity we cannot afford to lose.

Thank you,

Kristen Quay

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**Form Letter 38 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Yun

Last Name: Lee

Email Address: yunlee08@gmail.com

Affiliation:

Subject: Biofuel Oasis

Comment:

As an existing customer of Biofuel Oasis, I'd like to see this great co-op at the new, readiy accessible location. This business has served a great need in the bay area, and I'd like to see it's capacity expanded. Thank you!

Yun

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**Form Letter 39 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Dianne

Last Name: Fristrom

Email Address: fristrom@sbcglobal.net

Affiliation:

Subject: Please Fund Berkeley Oasis Biodiesel Collective

Comment:

After a great deal of research to find the lowest carbon producing form of transport, my husband and I settled on a Diesel Jetta and we fuel it with 99% biodiesel from the Berkeley Oasis. THIS IS THE ONLY PLACE ANYWHERE NEAR THAT WE CAN GET THIS EXCELLENT ENVIRONEMNTALLY FRIENDLY FUEL.

Berkeley Oasis is an outstanding business run by a small group of women dedicated to doing the right thing. They DESERVE the grant to help make biodiesel more accessible to their customers and to accomodate the growing market.

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**Form Letter 40 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Seth  
Last Name: Melchert  
Email Address: dmelchert@earthlink.net  
Affiliation:

Subject: Biofuel Oasis Grant Funding  
Comment:

I am a general contractor in Oakland. I operate two diesel vehicles in my company. I use biodiesel from Biofuel Oasis for my diesel truck and car.

Biofuel Oasis is an extraordinary business in our community. They attract customers from a wide geographic range who are dedicated enough to wait in long lines at odd hours just to buy the fuel. Something of a community has grown up around this company, and it is serving to magnify awareness of the benefits of biodiesel and to get more and more people to stop burning petro diesel.

If Biofuel Oasis can get their new location up and running it will make them much more available to the public, will make their products far more visible, and it will make my own purchasing so much easier.

I enthusiastically recommend that CARB provide full funding for their business.

Thank you

Seth Melchert  
Oakland CA

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**Form Letter 41 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Margarete  
Last Name: Lyons  
Email Address: margarete@simplicitycall.com  
Affiliation:

Subject: BioFuel Oasis biodiesel fueling station in Berkeley  
Comment:

Hello

After much research, we purchased a diesel car in January 2007 specifically so we could run it on Bio-diesel. Although Berkeley is a good ways from our home and business, we find ourselves in Berkeley often enough to make purchasing our fuel there worthwhile. BioFuel Oasis has a successful record of supplying biodiesel for over 3 years and is the only place to buy biodiesel at a public pump in the Bay Area.

The new location will make biodiesel much more accessible, not only to the Bay Area, but to travelers on the busy I-80 corridor and the layout of the station would make fueling up a breeze compared to the difficult access to the pump now in use at the old location.

BioFuel Oasis is a small, locally-owned and women-owned business with the money staying in the state and local community. I think it is important to support local business to keep competition and variety in the marketplace. Bio Fuel Oasis strives to get biodiesel made as locally as possible from recycled vegetable oil. For the past year, all the biodiesel they've sold has been made in California from recycled vegetable oil.

The use of biodiesel translates into lower carbon dioxide/greenhouse gas emissions and lower particulates, which means cleaner air and less global warming. The better access and ease of use at the new location can't help but encourage existing clients to continue purchasing their fuel there. The greater visibility on the new busier street will also assist in introducing passers-by to the concept of switching to bio fuel.

Please support Bio Fuel Oasis as fully as possible.  
Sincerely,  
Margarete Lyons

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Date and Time Comment Was Submitted: 2007-05-22 14:12:08

## **Form Letter 42 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Michael  
Last Name: Bender  
Email Address: membender@hotmail.com  
Affiliation:

Subject: Please include Biofuel Oasis in top 10 grant list  
Comment:

To whom it may concern,

It is my understanding that you are making grants to various applicants for installing "biofuel" stations throughout the state.

Well, please do your homework to learn that not all biofuels are created equal. Specifically, learn \*how much better\* bioDIESEL is than ethanol on so many levels (it is my personal opinion that ALL reinforcement and movement on ethanol should be delayed until its source, energy requirements and carbon footprint can be "brought into line" and be definitively shown to be beneficial, but that's a bit off-topic). What I DO want to encourage is that at least as much reinforcement is give to biodiesel, and to let you know that the Biofuel Oasis in Berkeley is probably one of the best stations in the state, if not the country. Just a few notes about them:

1. BioFuel Oasis has a successful record of supplying biodiesel for over 3 years and is the only place to buy biodiesel at a public pump in the Bay Area.

2. The new location will make biodiesel much more accessible, not only to the Bay Area, but to travelers on the busy I-80 corridor.

3. BioFuel Oasis is a small, locally-owned and women-owned business with the money staying in the state and local community.

They strive to get biodiesel made as locally as possible from recycled vegetable oil.

4. For the past year, all the biodiesel they have sold has been made in California from recycled vegetable oil.

5. The use of biodiesel translates into lower carbon dioxide/greenhouse gas emissions and lower particulates, which means cleaner air and less global warming. All research data shows that the benefits of biodiesel FAR SURPASS -- using almost any metric --- those from ethanol.

Right now, "the Oasis" could very much use grant money to move their station to a much more central, accessible, and user-friendly location.

Please give my points and their business and grant application "due diligence" before committing too much in one direction. We need "biodiversity" in our fuel choices as much as we do in our

ecosystems!!

Thank you,

Michael Bender  
Proud and happy member  
of the Biofuel Oasis "fleet"

Attachment:

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**Form Letter 43 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Yehuda  
Last Name: Landsman  
Email Address: ylandsman@yahoo.com  
Affiliation:

Subject: Berkeley Biofuel Oasis  
Comment:

It has come to my attention that the ten sites you are currently considering funding are all ethanol sites. Easy accessibility to bio-diesel in the Bay Area is non-existent. Berkeley Biofuel Oasis's plan to create a pump site that will be available 7 days a week from 7am to midnight will substantially improve this situation.

Biodiesel has the advantage of not requiring the development of new vehicles. Indeed many vehicles in Berkeley are already utilizing biodiesel, and easier accessibility to fuel would in all probability increase this. In contrast, there are relatively few vehicles equipped to handle ethanol.

I hope you will carefully consider the advantages of funding this extremely meritorious project.

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**Form Letter 44 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Adam

Last Name: Stiles

Email Address: adamdstiles@gmail.com

Affiliation:

Subject: Fund the Biofuel Oasis in Berkeley!

Comment:

This project is incredibly important to growing number of biodiesel consumers in Berkeley and surrounding areas. The new location will make biodiesel much more accessible, not only to the Bay Area, but to travelers on the busy I-80 corridor.

The Oasis deserves your full support!

Adam Stiles

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Date and Time Comment Was Submitted: 2007-05-22 14:18:06

**Form Letter 45 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Sarah

Last Name: Diaz

Email Address: sarahediaz@yahoo.com

Affiliation: Sun Light & Power Co.

Subject: Fund the BioFuel Oasis biodiesel fueling station in Berkeley

Comment:

Dear Sir or Madam,

I have worked for Sun Light & Power Company since 2004. All except one of our trucks are run on biodiesel per our company values. Biofuel Oasis is an important cornerstone in the biofuel community here in Berkeley. Their fuel is superior to other competitors for several key reasons: 1) they obtain their vegetable oil locally and recycled as much as possible, reducing their carbon impact on the environment 2) their business is a cooperative, minority (women) owned local business, and 3) it is the only place in the bay area where the public can come to the pump to purchase biodiesel. BioFuel Oasis was a recipient of the first annual Champions of Sustainability Award by Sustainable Berkeley in 2006, and they are prominent grassroots example of being part of the solution to detrimental global climate change.

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## **Form Letter 46 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - .**

First Name: Richard  
Last Name: Upjohn  
Email Address: rickupjohn@lthawk.com  
Affiliation:

Subject: BioFuel Oasis  
Comment:

My wife and I live in Marin County and travel regularly to Berkeley to refuel our diesel at the BioFuel Oasis. We are committed to minimising out carbon footprint and the use of B-100 is a start. Diesels make the most sense to reduce carbon emmissions. The Europeans are way ahead of us on this issue and their overall milage has been improved with the new, non sulfur, high tech diesel engines. Please grant the BioFuel Oasis money to continue their pioneering efforts to help the air quality in the Bay Area. Thank you

Sincerely

Richard Upjohn  
Jodee Upjohn

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Date and Time Comment Was Submitted: 2007-05-22 14:23:55

**Form Letter 47 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Nicholas

Last Name: Taylor

Email Address: nicholastaylor@sbcglobal.net

Affiliation:

Subject: BioFuel Oasis in Berkeley

Comment:

I am writing to express my support for BioFuel Oasis, our locally owned, woman owned cooperative community supporting Bio Diesel station. I searched the country for months to purchase a diesel car expressly so that I could run it on the Bio Diesel produced by the good women at Bio Fuel Oasis. With your help and funding, their new station will serve many more Bio Burners like myself. Please support them and the alternative fuels movement by approving their grant application.

Thank you

Attachment:

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**Form Letter 48 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Maurice

Last Name: Turrieta

Email Address: moreese11@hotmail.com

Affiliation:

Subject: BioFuel Oasis Berkeley

Comment:

I have been using the services available at BioFuel Oasis of Berkeley for over one year. Having the funds to open a centrally located fueling station will provide the opportunity for this woman-owned business to thrive. Bio-Diesel is a wonderful alternative fuel that is carbon-negative and requires no changes to be made to existing diesel vehicles. Please help this business establish itself as a community centered, environmentally sane source of bio-diesel.

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Date and Time Comment Was Submitted: 2007-05-22 14:42:11

## **Form Letter 49 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - .**

First Name: Hong  
Last Name: Tsui  
Email Address: hongtsui@hotmail.com  
Affiliation:

Subject: Funding for BioFuel Oasis in Berkeley  
Comment:

Hi,

I am writing to tell you how important BioFuel Oasis is for this community and for my family's personal effort to reduce green house gas emission. Two years ago we sold our family SUV and purchased an old diesel wagon running bio diesel as an effort to do something for the environment. It was not a easy choice. We gave up a car with all the modern gadgets and now drive a car that is more than twenty years old.

Without BioFuel Oasis, I am not sure where and how we can get bio diesel in the Bay Area. Even with BioFuel Oasis, we still have to work around our busy family lives to fuel up our diesel wagon, because BioFuel Oasis currently only open with limited hours.

With your funding, BioFuel Oasis can move and upgrade to serve this community better with longer business hours and better pumping equipment.

I understand you have many other proposals to consider, and I also understand the importance of ethanol. Please consider all the bio diesel drivers currently are making their own effort for the environment. I would consider driving an ethanol car, but where can I buy one now? I see alot of upcoming models promotions, but what about now? Isn't it just as important to support the current solution while researching/developing new tech?

I strongly urge your support to all bio diesel fueling stations such as BioFuel Oasis in Berkely.

Thanks.

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**Form Letter 50 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Alexander  
Last Name: perrotti  
Email Address: alexperrotti@rocketmail.com  
Affiliation:

Subject: Grant to biofuel filling stations  
Comment:

Dear CARB,  
I urge you to allocate funding for the Biofuel Oasis Biodiesel station in Berkeley. They are a great company that many of us in the Bay area count on for Biodiesel. I am disturbed to hear that most of the grant money is slated for ethanol stations. Ethanol as a fuel alternative is ridiculous considering how much energy goes into it's production and that corn is still the feedstock being used for its production in this country.  
In any case the Biofuel oasis is in a position to serve a lot more Californians if they can open the new station that will be near the I80 and I580 freeways.  
Thanks, Alex

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Date and Time Comment Was Submitted: 2007-05-22 15:25:36



## **Form Letter 51 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - .**

First Name: Jamie

Last Name: Allen

Email Address: slickhime@msn.com

Affiliation:

Subject: Biofuel Oasis Funding

Comment:

It is very important that Biofuel Oasis of Berkeley California recieve this funding. As a proponent of alternative energy, I run my diesel vehicles on biodiesel. Biofuel Oasis is the only public fueling station around. They need this funding to upgrade to a more user friendly station. Their current station is hard to find and their hours are not always convenient. The extra funding would change all of this and make the station more accessible to others.

Thank You,  
Jamie Allen

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Date and Time Comment Was Submitted: 2007-05-22 15:26:42

**Form Letter 52 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Patrick  
Last Name: Kennedy  
Email Address: mixelpix@mac.com  
Affiliation:

Subject: Please Fund Biofuels Oasis  
Comment:

Hi,

My name is Patrick Kennedy and I am writing on behalf of Biofuels Oasis and their application for funding. While I fully support alternative fueling options for all types of vehicles (gas, diesel, hybrids, etc.) there is currently a shortage of options for biodiesel fueling in the Bay Area. Biofuel Oasis is a great local business. With their new location near the busy I-80 they will be able to service customers from in and around the Bay Area.

In addition to the reduction of emissions from fueling diesel compression ignition engines with biodiesel, supporting Biofuels Oasis is also a great way to support our local economy. I don't know how many diesel engines there are on the roads here in California, however, in the coming years there will be more and more diesel engines available in passenger cars for sale within the U.S. in the very near future. Biofuels Oasis has a great track record of customer service and appreciation. Now would be a great time to aid in the growth of their local business.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely,

-Patrick Kennedy

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Date and Time Comment Was Submitted: 2007-05-22 15:41:15

**Form Letter 53 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Richard

Last Name: Reimer

Email Address: rjreimer@stanford.edu

Affiliation:

Subject: funding for biofuels station

Comment:

I am writing to encourage you to fund the grant for \$100K for the fueling infrastructure for the new site for Biofuels Oasis in Berkeley, California. I have been a customer of Biofuels Oasis for the past two years and consider their program an excellent opportunity to increase the use of biofuels in California. Biodiesel can be used in conventional diesel engines with essentially no modifications, thus it is an immediate option available to anyone with a diesel engine vehicle. Diversifying the sources of biofuels makes a great deal of sense and biodiesel is an ideal complement to ethanol.

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**Form Letter 54 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Jane

Last Name: Angeles

Email Address: jane.angeles@lmi.net

Affiliation: Oakland Schools

Subject: please support Biofuel Oasis in Berkeley

Comment:

This message is in support of the Biofuel Oasis in Berkeley. If you are allotting monies to such enterprises, this is a good one. We have been running bio in our old mercedes for a few years now and have had only excellent experiences with this woman-owned business. They bring in veggie oil from local sources, they are embedded in the Berkeley community more and more each day, they are the ONLY source of bio at a public pump in the Bay Area. PLEASE support them with this funding. They have the opportunity to move into a great location - the I80 corridor at Ashby Ave. With your help, this will give them the boost they really need. thanks,  
Jane Angeles and family

Attachment:

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Date and Time Comment Was Submitted: 2007-05-22 16:23:49

**Form Letter 55 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Adam

Last Name: Parker

Email Address: nationalparker@gmail.com

Affiliation:

Subject: Biofuel Oasis

Comment:

Biofuel Oasis is the only place in the East Bay to purchase Biodiesel. It is currently distributing out of a warehouse far from any main streets and out of the way of most travelers. East Bay Residents first have to find out about biodiesel on their own, look up distributors in their area, find the biodiesel location and make it there at one of the times they are able to be open. The proposed plan which will be made possible by this grant will allow the station to move to a more central, more accessible, more visible location and keep more regular hours. The forward-thinking Berkeley area has a great potential for alternative fuel use if only it were made more accessible. I'm certain that if the Biofuel Oasis had a location that could be seen by passers by awareness and use of Biofuel alternatives would greatly make a rapid increase in the East Bay Area.

Please allow the Biofuel alternative to be a feasible, and accessible one in the East Bay. Support the Biofuel Oasis in securing this new location.

Sincerely,  
Adam Parker

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**Form Letter 56 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Runn  
Last Name: Vermel  
Email Address: runni@vermel.org  
Affiliation:

Subject: Bio Fuel Oasis Gas station on Ashby  
Comment:

Hi There,

as a customer of BioFuel Oasis and a environment advocate, i wish you would consider granting BioFuel Oasis the funds required to build their gas station on Ashby st.

i know that BioFuel Oasis has been serving customers for over 3 years and the only place to buy bioDiesel in the bay area. unfortunately, they have limited hours, something the new gas station will dramatically change. this can apply to both bay area residents, as well as travelers on the 80 freeway.

you don't hear much these days about small, local owned and woman owned these days, helping local and state economies. BioFuel Oasis is one of those companies.

although i find ethanol to be a promising part of the energy revolution we must undergo in the next few years to make sure we aren't dependant on foreign oil, Biodiesel is the fastest growing alternative fuel in the world these days. unfortunately, not so much in the states, simply because ethanol seems to get most of the hype. it is a cleaner burning, renewable source of energy, and this is your chance to help this fledgling industry, the economy and the environment at the same time.

Yours,  
Runn Vermel

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**Form Letter 57 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Mike

Last Name: Ting

Email Address: mting09@gmail.com

Affiliation:

Subject: Please approve the grant for the Biofuel Oasis fueling station in Berkeley

Comment:

It is important to me and to the people of California that ARB fund the BioFuel Oasis biodiesel fueling station in Berkeley.

- BioFuel Oasis has a successful record of supplying biodiesel for over 3 years and is the only place to buy biodiesel at a public pump in the Bay Area.
- The new location will make biodiesel much more accessible, not only to the Bay Area, but to travelers on the busy I-80 corridor.
- BioFuel Oasis is a small, locally-owned and women-owned business with the money staying in the state and local community.

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**Form Letter 58 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Melissa  
Last Name: Hardy  
Email Address: hardymelissa@yahoo.com  
Affiliation:

Subject: BioFuel Oasis deserves funds  
Comment:

Hello members of the Board,

I am one of the owners of the BioFuel Oasis. This 100K could make world of difference. Our project is strongly backed by professors at UC Berkeley's Energy and Resource Group and the Mayor of Berkeley, Tom Bates.

After 2 years of looking we have secured a new location in Berkeley - an old gas station at 1441 Ashby @ Sacramento and will be moving there in the fall. This funding will allow our new location to be more accessible and convenient with hours from 7 a.m to midnight.

BioFuel Oasis has a successful record of supplying biodiesel for over 3 years and is the only place to buy biodiesel at a public pump in the Bay Area. The new location will make biodiesel much more accessible, not only to the Bay Area, but to travelers on the busy I-80 corridor. We are a small, locally-owned and women-owned business with the money staying in the state and local community. We strive to get biodiesel made as locally as possible from recycled vegetable oil. For the past year, all the biodiesel we've sold has been made in California from recycled vegetable oil. The use of biodiesel translates into lower carbon dioxide/greenhouse gas emissions and lower particulates, which means cleaner air and less global warming.

Please note the outpouring of support on our behalf.  
Best,  
Melissa Hardy  
Worker/Owner  
BioFuel Oasis

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Date and Time Comment Was Submitted: 2007-05-22 16:54:26



**Form Letter 59 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Claudia  
Last Name: Eyzaguirre  
Email Address: claudiaeyz@yahoo.com  
Affiliation: Berkeley Biodiesel Cooperative

Subject: Please fund the Biofuel Oasis  
Comment:

Dear CARB members,

This is a request to fund the Biofuel Oasis for expansion of their biodiesel retail station. The Biofuel Oasis is a wonderful example of a small business that serves the Bay Area with the only clean, renewable, sustainable biodiesel fuel. The Biofuel Oasis has a successful track record for delivering on promises to provide an alternative to petroleum based fuel. More the owners of the Biofuel Oasis have established their station to promote improved air quality and curb global warming. Granting their funding requests means that the East Bay and San Francisco will have improved access to 99% recycled biodiesel around the clock.

Sincerely,

Claudia Eyzaguirre

On behalf of the Berkeley Biodiesel Cooperative representing hundreds of members in Berkeley and Oakland.

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**Form Letter 60 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Charles

Last Name: Hardy

Email Address: hardyusa@comcast.net

Affiliation: Independent

Subject: Funding for Biofuel stations

Comment:

You should fund the BioFuel Oasis biodiesel fueling station in Berkeley.

BioFuel Oasis has a successful record of supplying biodiesel for over 3 years and is the only place to buy biodiesel at a public pump in the San Francisco Bay Area. CARB funding would enable the Oasis to establish its new location which will make biodiesel much more accessible, not only to the Bay Area, but to travelers on the busy I-80 corridor.

BioFuel Oasis is a small, locally-owned and women-owned business with the money staying in the state and local community. We strive to get biodiesel made as locally as possible. All the biodiesel sold by the Oasis has been made in California from recycled vegetable oil.

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Date and Time Comment Was Submitted: 2007-05-22 17:06:40

**Form Letter 61 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Dan

Last Name: Regan

Email Address: cephalopod@mac.com

Affiliation:

Subject: Please allocate some grant money to the Biofuel Oasis in Berkeley

Comment:

We need to make making Biodiesel (B99-B100) more accessible a priority, and this is a fuel with a much better energy return than ethanol (I understand that the currently allocated grant money is all going to ethanol filling stations).

Therefore I urge you to support the Biofuel Oasis in Berkeley by sending some grant money their way to support their expansion to a "real" filling station location.

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Date and Time Comment Was Submitted: 2007-05-22 17:08:19

**Form Letter 62 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Freeman

Last Name: Ng

Email Address: Freeman@OrthancSoftware.com

Affiliation:

Subject: funding for BioFuel Oasis biodiesel station

Comment:

Hi. I'm writing in support of funding for fueling infrastructure at BioFuel Oasis's new site on 1441 Ashby in Berkeley. As they are the only source of commercial biodiesel in the Bay Area (not to mention one of the few sources of B99 in California) and given their current very limited facility, this would greatly increase the accessibility and visibility of biodiesel in the Bay Area.

I currently own two biodiesel cars, and know many others who are interested in this option. You can also gauge the level of public interest by noting how many car sellers on Craig's List tout their cars as good candidates for biodiesel conversion. That they would think this an important selling point suggests that there are a lot of buyers in the area considering it.

The great thing about biodiesel is that it does not depend on federal mandates about the national gasoline supply, or on engineering by the big automakers. Rather, any private citizen can decide to have the simple modifications done on their existing diesel automobile, and any small entrepreneur -- like the locally owned BioFuel Oasis -- can set up shop to process the fuel. (In this case, from locally obtained, recycled vegetable oil.)

Helping to enable BioFuel Oasis's move to a facility where they will be able to maintain normal business hours and accommodate more traffic can only accelerate the public awareness, acceptance, and embrace of alternative fuels in general and this one especially excellent choice in particular.

Thank you.

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**Form Letter 63 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Jitinder  
Last Name: Sethi  
Email Address: sethij@yahoo.com  
Affiliation:

Subject: BioFuel Oasis  
Comment:

Hi ,

I have been a BioFuel Oasis customer for the past 18 months. They are the closest Biodiesel place where I can buy Biodiesel at the pump to where I live (in Fremont). has a successful record of supplying biodiesel for over 3 years and is the only place to buy biodiesel at a public pump in the Bay Area.

The new location will make buying biodiesel much more accessible, not only to the Bay Area, but to travelers on the busy I-80 corridor. This is especially important for me, since their new location is closer to where I live, thus saving our nations valuable Biodiesel fuel.

I've been using Biodiesel in my car for the past 18 months, and have never looked back. I owe that to Biodiesel Oasis.

Thanks ,

J. S. Sethi

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**Form Letter 64 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Sean  
Last Name: Scullion  
Email Address: seanscullion@yahoo.com  
Affiliation:

Subject: BioFuels in San Francisco and Berkeley  
Comment:

Hello,

I write this comment to request that you do whatever is necessary to move forward with allocation of funding for biodiesel in Berkeley and an Francisco.

The carbon footprint of biodiesel is smaller than any other fuel used in automobiles (see Harvard and Shell study). The use of biodiesel translates into lower carbon dioxide/greenhouse gas emissions and lower particulates, which means cleaner air and less global warming. In addition, biodiesel can be made locally, keeping dollars in the community, state, and country ---reducing not adding to the trade deficit.

Unfortunately biodiesel is difficult to find. Between San Francisco and Martinez, there is only one biodiesel retailer, BioFules Oasis in Berkeley.

BioFuel Oasis has been supplying my biodiesel for over a year. It is the only place to buy biodiesel at a public pump in the Bay Area. They are trying to expand to a new location that will make biodiesel much more accessible, not only to the Bay Area, but to travelers on the busy I-80 corridor. There will be 24/7 pumps unlike the current situation that allows business hours of 4-8pm weekdays and 9-5pm on weekends. BioFuel Oasis is a small, locally-owned and women-owned business with the money staying in the state and local community.

In San Francisco there is a biodiesel co-op with limited hours.

I strongly urge you to seed the Bay Area with funding for biodiesel as soon as possible. Availability of biodiesel in southern Marin County, Berkeley, San Francisco, the peninsula and San Jose will make the economy stronger, the air cleaner, and the trade deficit smaller!

THank you,

Sean Scullion

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**Form Letter 65 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Terry  
Last Name: Berlier  
Email Address: terryaberlier@hotmail.com  
Affiliation: Stanford University

Subject: Support Funding for BioFuel Oasis!  
Comment:

Supporting the BioFuel Oasis in this grant means that they will be able to expand not only their hours, but also their facilities, which will help them to reach more customers. They are currently the only place to buy biodiesel at a public pump in the Bay Area. They are a locally owned and operated business; so all profits made are staying in the State of California. They also work hard to make sure that all the recycled vegetable oil used to make biodiesel comes from within California and they have been successful in doing that for the last year. Local businesses help California grow.

My personal reasons for switching to using biodiesel is that I do not want to be dependant on foreign oil, not to mention that using biodiesel results in lower carbon dioxide/greenhouse gas emissions and lower particulates. This all translates to cleaner air and less global warming.

The BioFuel Oasis is a gem among many profit driven corporations. They simply offer biodiesel at a reasonable price because they believe in it and want to make it publicly available. If they were not in business, I would not have been able to make the switch to a more environmentally sound lifestyle. Supporting the BioFuel Oasis is promotes sound business, both environmentally and politically. I hope you thoroughly reconsider your allocation of funds. The BioFuel Oasis is not only a business it is an environmentally conscious lifestyle.

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**Form Letter 66 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Charles  
Last Name: Ehrlich  
Email Address: ckehrlich@yahoo.com  
Affiliation: ENRG LLC

Subject: Biofueling infrastructure grants  
Comment:

Dear CARB Representative,

I commend the board's actions to promote biofuel availability through the AB1811 grant program. It has come to my attention that the eleventh (out of 10) applicants for the dispensing infrastructure program element is Biofuel Oasis in Berkeley, CA. I strongly recommend that you expand your offering to include them in your grant program award to whatever extent possible. I have been obtaining biodiesel from Biofuel Oasis for a number of years. I have a total of 90,000 miles on my vehicle (VW Golf TDI) on B100 and various blends without incident.

I'm sure that one consideration on your mind is the supposed increase NOx emissions that are present in biodiesel exhaust relative to the diesel baseline fuel. Please consider, however, that even electrically-powered vehicles which obtain their fuel from local power plants, have higher NOx emissions than gasoline-powered vehicles with NOx-adsorbing catalytic converters. In the next few years diesel-powered vehicles will come on the market with advanced catalytic converters and particulate traps. We need to be forward-thinking and develop the biodiesel infrastructure NOW to be ready for these new, cleaner-than-gasoline vehicles. Biodiesel-powered vehicles already have lower VOC and Carbon Monoxide emissions than gasoline vehicles, and have 90% lower particulate emissions than baseline diesel-powered vehicles. Biodiesel is considered 85 percent renewable fuel, whereas E85 ethanol from corn is arguably a mere 15% renewable content.

Furthermore, the number of vehicles that can operate of E85 (so-called flex-fuel vehicles) is quite limited, whereas the number of diesel-powered vehicles, including trucks, is vast. Money spend on biodiesel infrastructure is a better allocation of tax dollars for this and many other reasons.

The folks at Biodiesel Oasis are top-notch. I again request that you reconsider your list of candidates and include Biodiesel Oasis amongst the awardees.

Sincerely,  
-Chas  
Charles Ehrlich  
www.enrgllc.com

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**Form Letter 67 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Steven  
Last Name: Falk  
Email Address: shfalk@gmail.com  
Affiliation: biofuel user

Subject: Helping the new BioFuel station on Sacramento & Ashby in Berkeley, CA  
Comment:

I think BioFuel Oasis has a successful record of supplying biodiesel for over 3 years and is the only place to buy biodiesel at a public pump in the Bay Area. It is a great community of folks & customers making a cleaner world for us all. The new location will make biodiesel much more accessible, not only to the Bay Area, but to travelers on the busy I-80 corridor.

BioFuel Oasis is a small, locally-owned and women-owned business with the money staying in the state and local community. We strive to get biodiesel made as locally as possible from recycled vegetable oil. For the past year, all the biodiesel we've sold has been made in California from recycled vegetable oil. And my friends who drive behind me enjoy the refreshing scent... so much better than gas fumes.... The use of biodiesel translates into lower carbon dioxide/greenhouse gas emissions and lower particulates, which means cleaner air and less global warming.

Please help them with whatever funds are available

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**Form Letter 68 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Scott

Last Name: Sporte

Email Address: ssporte@yahoo.com

Affiliation:

Subject: BioFuel Oasis biodiesel filling station in Berkeley

Comment:

I want to write in strong support of the BioFuel Oasis' application for CARB grant support. I have used their services for nearly 3 years in two diesel vehicles, and I've been pleased to know that my use of biodiesel contributes to lower particulates than traditional diesel and is made mostly of recycled vegetable oil. In addition, this small cooperative business is supporting the local Berkeley community and is clearly catching on. Every time I go to fill up at their single pump, the line for fuel seems to be longer and longer. Having a full time, multi-pump operation in a more convenient Berkeley location will make the benefits of biodiesel more readily available to Bay Area residents. I enjoy fuel economy of 36-40 miles per gallon driving a city cycle in my VW Passat, and see nearly 50 mpg in highway driving, while reducing dependence on petroleum. I hope you will be able to lend your support to the BioDiesel Oasis' request for CARB funding. Thank you.

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**Form Letter 69 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: John  
Last Name: Galloway  
Email Address: jhgalloway@yahoo.com  
Affiliation: Sustainability Consulting

Subject: Urgent request to approve Biofuel Oasis grant for Berkeley fueling station  
Comment:

Dear ARB staff and commissioners,

I have been a loyal customer of BioFuel Oasis in Berkeley for about three years, and was excited to learn of their grant application to ARB for development of fueling infrastructure. BioFuel Oasis has outgrown their current space, due to the rapid increase in retail biodiesel demand. Therefore, as California proceeds toward its alternative fuel mandates and especially carbon emission reduction measures under AB 32, it is essential to fund and develop local infrastructure for delivering these clean vehicle fuel and energy solutions.

In considering your grant-making in the coming weeks, please consider the benefits that BioFuel Oasis provides in the community of Berkeley and the surrounding Bay Area:

- \* BioFuel Oasis has a successful record of supplying biodiesel for over 3 years and is the only place to buy biodiesel at a public pump in the Bay Area. While cooperative distribution is increasing, public pumps are essential to the widespread adoption of biodiesel as a legitimate motor fuel.

- \* The new location will make biodiesel much more accessible, not only to the Bay Area, but to travelers on the busy I-80 corridor. Our community is adamant to have easy and widespread access to alternative fuels.

- \* BioFuel Oasis is a small, locally-owned and women-owned business with the money staying in the state and local community. This adds to the diversity of our local economy, and also provides benefits to the State.

- \* BioFuel Oasis strives to acquire biodiesel made as locally as possible from recycled vegetable oil. This further promotes sustainability and reduces carbon emissions.

- \* The use of biodiesel translates into lower carbon dioxide/greenhouse gas emissions and lower particulates, which means cleaner air and less global warming.

I appreciate your consideration of BioFuel Oasis' grant application, and urge you to fund it in this cycle of grant awards. The growth of clean energy and global warming solutions in our community depends upon it.

Sincerely,  
John Galloway  
Berkeley, California

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**Form Letter 70 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: John  
Last Name: Kohler  
Email Address: jkohler2@sbcglobal.net  
Affiliation: Citizen

Subject: Berkeley Biofuel Oasis grant application.  
Comment:

I have driven my 1999 VW Jetta diesel car for nearly 3 years, and purchased my fuel exclusively from the Biofuel Oasis in Berkeley at some distance from my home in Daly City.

This cooperative provides a high quality product which meets or exceeds ASTM standards, and has never, in my experience, been in short supply. I am very happy with the product and highly competent service that they provide which contributes to improved air quality in the whole Bay Area.

Now, they are hoping to expand to a larger 4 pump location on a main thoroughfare in Berkeley, and have applied for a grant from you. I strongly urge you to approve that grant and allow them to continue and expand this much needed community service.

Sincerely,

John F. Kohler  
217 Fairlawn Avenue  
Daly City, CA 94015

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**Form Letter 71 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: joanne

Last Name: Davis

Email Address: jhdavis246@yahoo.com

Affiliation:

Subject: Please fund grant for Oasis Biofuel

Comment:

Hello,

Oasis provides a wonderful timely service not otherwise available in the bay area. More importantly, the new station will provide service to many more off the I-80. Biodiesel is a recycled produce, also reducing green house gasses. No additional resource for creating the fuel, such as using fertile land, will be needed. Also this is a woman owned business who funnel the profits back into the community. I STRONGLY URGE YOU TO FUND OASIS.

Thanks you so much!

Joanne Davis

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**Form Letter 72 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Nick

Last Name: Lines

Email Address: nlines9186@aol.com

Affiliation:

Subject: Please fund the grant for BioFuel Oasis in Berkeley.

Comment:

I hope you will fund the grant to open the bio Diesel fueling station in Berkeley. Using Bio Diesel made from recycled vegetable oil in my two diesel powered cars reduces green house gas and saves burning Petroleum. There is a real need to have a convient place to buy Bio Diesel in the East Bay.

Thank-you,

Nick Lines

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**Form Letter 73 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Glenn

Last Name: Howe

Email Address: glennjamin19@yahoo.com

Affiliation:

Subject: Please allocate funds to BioFuel Oasis

Comment:

I am a Bay Area resident, and the BioFuel Oasis is my only source for biodiesel and has been for 2 years. I own 2 diesel vehicles:

1981 300D Mercedes benz

1978 VW rabbit

I consume approximately 80 gallons of biodiesel per month--all fuel from the oasis.

I firmly believe that Biodeisel is an absolutely crucial fuel source for the intermediary period between petroleum dependence and petroleum independence. Ethanol fuels are also important--however, ethanol fuels are made from valuable raw materials. Bio-diesel is made from waste vegetable oil, a waste product, and is therefore more efficiently reducing the amount of carbon being released into the atmosphere by using a material that would otherwise be thrown away, rather than relying on production of new raw materials.

If the 10 fueling stations that you have decided to fund are all ethanol, then you are making the mistake of eliminating diversity.

It is crucial to support a diversity of intermediary technologies during this time of transition to best meet the needs of a diverse population.

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## **Form Letter 74 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Kenny

Last Name: Walker

Email Address: kenwalker@ucdavis.edu

Affiliation:

Subject: Funds for Biofuel Oasis

Comment:

Dear California Air Resources Board,

I'm writing to you today to ask that you fund the Biofuel Oasis station in Berkeley, CA. I have been getting biofuel from this station for 3 years and to my knowledge it is the only place in the bay area (and anywhere close to the Sacramento Valley) to purchase biodiesel. As I understand it, these funds will be used to create a new, much-needed facility for Biofuel Oasis and the new location will make biodiesel much more accessible, not only to the Bay Area, but to travelers on the busy I-80 corridor.

BioFuel Oasis is a exemplar grass roots business that deserves governmental support. Small, locally-owned and women-owned businesses are rare and their pioneering efforts should be rewarded. Biofuel Oasis consistently strives to make biodiesel as locally as possible from recycled vegetable oil. For the past year, all the biodiesel they've sold has been made in California from recycled vegetable oil.

I realize you're considering a number of ethanol stations for your funding as well. While it's true that the majority of gas vehicles will be able to use ethanol and not biodiesel, the use of biodiesel in a per gallon comparison with ethanol, translates into lower carbon dioxide/greenhouse gas emissions and lower particulates, which means cleaner air and less global warming. Many studies done here at UC Davis and at the University of Minnesota have shown that biodiesel is a much better alternative fuel for decreasing green-house gas emissions. Ethanol burns nearly twice as fast as biofuel and with little reduction in green house gasses compared to biofuel. Diesel engines are much more efficient when cosuming fuel. Though there are not many diesel cars available now, it's hard to imagine cars getting the soon to be required 35mpg without a change to clean, efficient diesel technology. I encourage you to look at the research yourself from the Naional Biodiesel Board at: [www.biodiesel.org](http://www.biodiesel.org)

If not for these reasons, at least make your funding representative of the consumer base and fund at least one biodiesel station out of 10 stations.

I work for UC Davis and I've talked with a number of fleet staff who consider using biodiesel if they could somehow get a hold of it. Biofuel Oasis has that potential and I would look forward to using biofuel in our company diesel trucks. As of now I only run biofuel in my personal truck and car. But

having tried ethanol, I am convinced that biofuel is the cleanest, cheapest, most efficient way to fuel my vehicles.

Thank You for your consideration to this matter.

Regards,  
Kenny Walker

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**Form Letter 75 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Ariel  
Last Name: Luckey  
Email Address: luckeylyric@yahoo.com  
Affiliation:

Subject: Support the Biofuel Oasis in Berkeley!!!  
Comment:

Dear CARB,

I am a citizen and California taxpayer and I have lived in Oakland all my life. I have been using biodiesel for the last 3 years as a way to lessen my negative environmental impact and support local business. Biofuel Oasis is the only place in the East Bay to get biodiesel fuel. They have been an exemplary business that I depend on every week to fill up my tank. The news that they would be opening a new location with increased hours sent ripples of excitement through my community. I urge you to prioritize the support for this locally owned cooperatively run and high successful business. They sell fuel to a thriving, growing community of drivers committed to creating alternatives to oil based gas and are perfect candidates for your program. Thank you.

Ariel Luckey

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**Form Letter 76 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Yolanda

Last Name: Calderon

Email Address: yoli888@yahoo.com

Affiliation:

Subject: Biofuel Oasis funding

Comment:

Please be sure to fund the new location for Biofuel Oasis. I have been buying my biodiesel from them since January -- and it is getting more and more crowded as more people turn to biodiesel as an excellent alternative to petroleum.

Thank you for your consideration!!

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**Form Letter 77 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Amy

Last Name: Anderson

Email Address: aceite4@gmail.com

Affiliation:

Subject: It is important that CARB funds Biofuel Oasis

Comment:

To whom it may concern:

Because the Biofuel Oasis is the only alternative fueling station in the Bay Area, they are overwhelmed with business-- too much business for the small, one-pump location that they currently have. There is often a line of ten vehicles waiting to fill up with biodiesel at any particular time. It is important that they receive the funding to allow them to move to a larger, more accessible and convenient location in order to provide alternative fuel to their ever-growing customer base. Currently I believe that many people choose to fuel up with regular diesel to avoid the long lines at the Biofuel Oasis' single pump. Because diesel vehicles contribute the most to air pollution, I urge you to grant these women the funding they need to serve the diesel vehicle owners of the Bay Area.

Thank you for your consideration,

Amy Anderson

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**Form Letter 78 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Carl  
Last Name: Lenox  
Email Address: carl.lenox@gmail.com  
Affiliation:

Subject: Unencumbered grant funds  
Comment:

Hello,

I am writing to strongly recommend two applicants who did not receive funding under the initial grant process.

First is Biofuel Oasis. Biofuel Oasis has been instrumental in the incredible growth of biofuel use in the East Bay. They have been very successful in growing their business over the last several years and have now run out of space. Their requested funding (100K) is to allow them to expand their operation and significantly increase their capacity to serve their customer base.

I cannot emphasize enough how crucial it is for 99.9% biodiesel, made from recycled feedstock, to be available at the pump in the Bay Area. There is incredible demand for this and if the distribution situation improved, many more people would be willing to use biodiesel.

My second recommendation is to award funds to Yokayo Biofuels. Unlike the other awardees on the list, Yokayo is a going concern with a track record of producing quality fuel in the real world. Other awardees may claim to be able to bring capacity online, however, I am concerned about their actual ability to deliver. Yokayo can accomplish meaningful scaleup with limited funding. In fact, they are planning to scale operations regardless of CARB funding. However, CARB funding will allow Yokayo to significantly accelerate investment in upgraded equipment and expanded, new capacity. Ultimately this will allow them to provide more fuel in the North Bay and in the Bay Area.

Thanks for your consideration,

-- Carl Lenox

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## **Form Letter 79 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - .**

First Name: Scott  
Last Name: Parker  
Email Address: spca@pacbell.net  
Affiliation: Customer

Subject: Importance Of Biofuels Oasis in Berkeley  
Comment:

I am writing to urge you you to fund Biofuels Oasis move to a new facility in Berkeley. As a business owner and resident of Berkeley, I can say that we desperately need a Biofuel pump station. The property they have chosen is perfect. Centrally located and on a good corner. They are a great group that really cares about providing alternative fuels and reducing pollution. They are dedicated and your money will be extremely well spent. I have purchased over 1000 gallons from them in the last year for my diesel trucks and loader for my landscape business, even though it is very inconvenient at the moment. Just the thought of them at that location that is so visible would send a great message to everyone that alternative fuels are an option. Please fund them. Thanks Scott Parker, owner Scott Parker Landscapes Inc.

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**Form Letter 80 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Ann

Last Name: Brunetta

Email Address: annbrunetta@yahoo.com

Affiliation:

Subject: biofuel oasis in berkeley

Comment:

To Whom it May Concern,

I'm writing to ask you to help fund the move/expansion of the BioFuel Oasis in Berkeley. I have been buying biodiesel from them for over 3 years, and their expansion and plans for a pump station would be very welcome. I believe biodiesel is one of the few options available to the general consumer that can greatly impact global warming and reduce our dependence on foreign oil and fossil fuels in general. Please do what you can to help this work out. Thank you for your consideration,  
Ann Brunetta

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**Form Letter 81 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: shelley  
Last Name: hayden  
Email Address: shelleyjulienne@yahoo.com  
Affiliation:

Subject: Biofuel Oasis - Berkeley - Funding Grant  
Comment:

To Whom it May Concern,

I want to urge you to consider Biofuel Oasis as part of your funding allocation. They are an amazing business that has made biodiesel possible for our community. This woman owned business was started by people who just wanted to make a difference. They each continue to sacrifice to help make the biodiesel community possible in the Berkeley area. We finally have a large enough community for them to take the leap to a real station (up until now the loyal customers have to wait sometimes 30 minutes to fuel up with the one pump inside a garage). This community will grow leaps and bounds once this new station is open with extended hours. I have people ask me all the time how to go biodiesel. This is a booming movement that is not going back in time - but big oil wants nothing to do with it. Without this group of dedicated women - we wouldn't all be able to make the huge difference we do by driving on recycled vegetable oil. This is the kind of business that can make a huge difference. This is a community that gets a lot of coverage for our bold moves and California needs to support the amazing work these women have done to make this happen so far.

Everyone in our community is buzzing with excitement about this project. Please help us realize our dream of having a real biodiesel station. Recycling used cooking oil right here in California for the people of California...this is the kind of business we all need to see succeed.

Thank You,  
Shelley Hayden  
Berkeley, CA

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**Form Letter 82 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Kelly  
Last Name: Childress  
Email Address: revkel@mac.com  
Affiliation:

Subject: Please fund Berkeley's Biofuel Oasis  
Comment:

I decided that I needed to do something personally to make a difference in global warming - so I sold my Toyota Rav4 and bought a used VW Beetle Diesel. What made this transition possible was the existence of Biofuel Oasis - the only place I can get biodiesel in the bay area. Because of them I can not only buy biodiesel and fuel my car, I find education for myself and my friends on the website, and I can support a local, women-owned business. I feel that I'm making a real contribution toward peace and environmental healing. I chose biodiesel because it means lower carbon dioxide emissions and lower particulates- I feel satisfied knowing that am making a difference.

Please grant funds to this important business to help them move to a new location and create the infrastructure that will allow the expansion of fueling hours.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Rev. Kelly Childress

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**Form Letter 83 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Jason

Last Name: Agar

Email Address: jay\_dagar@yahoo.com

Affiliation:

Subject: Approval for BioFuels Oasis

Comment:

I am writing you at CARB to support funding for the BioFuels Oasis in Berkeley, CA. I believe that having a readily available source of Bio Diesel is a very important for meeting clean air standards and combating global climate change. Because of it's low toxicity, low flash point and in car clean burning combustion bio diesel is a superior fuel. The new location for the Oasis is close the interstate 80 and would be an important source of fuel for people passing through and in the bay area. The BioFuels Oasis offers fuel made from recycled vegetable oil at ASTM standards and has been an excellent resource for the bay area community of biodiesel users. Being an all women workers collective they have demonstrated the kind of innovative thinking and leadership that has been a model for other creative and collaborative fueling projects aimed at addressing pressing relevant global issues nationally.

Bio diesel is a far more sustainable fuel choice compared to ethanol-it takes less energy to produce, especially when made from recycled oil- and fuels engines that get much better fuel economy than standard gasoline type engines.

I would very much like to see the Biodiesel Oasis group receive funding from CARB. I understand that all of the proposed funded projects involve ethanol. Personally, I see this as a huge mistake. Given new clean burning diesel engine technologies including diesel hybrid passenger cars, I think the our state should make available the opportunities for people to make use of these new innovations as they come available.

Thank you for your time,

Jason Agar  
2055 42nd Ave.  
San Francisco, CA 94116

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**Form Letter 84 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Roger

Last Name: Williams

Email Address: solarog@yahoo.com

Affiliation: Biodiesel User/concerned citizen

Subject: Funding for Biofuel Oasis

Comment:

Hello - I would like to add my support to the Biofuel Oasis in their quest to obtain funding from the California Air Resources Board. As you may know, the Biofuel Oasis is a locally owned and operated biodiesel fueling station, selling ASTM certified biodiesel for the past three years. I have been a very happy customer, using biodiesel in a 2001 Volkswagon TDI since the station opened. I have averaged over 40 miles per gallon on vegetable oil for the life of the car. The Biofuel Oasis is certainly a model for other entrepreneurs to follow in creating a successful, non-petroleum based fueling station!

The use of biodiesel translates into lower carbon dioxide/greenhouse gas emissions and lower particulates, which means cleaner air and less global warming. Over the past year, the biodiesel available at the Biofuel Oasis was made in California from recycled vegetable oil. This also helps reduce pollutants and greenhouse gasses, since the fuel is not shipped across the country.

The Biofuel Oasis is in the process of moving to a new location. The Grant money available would be very helpful in this process. The new location would be incredibly more visible to the public, while very easy to find from Interstate 80. This increased visibility would only benefit the entire biofuel industry, with thousands more fuel-buying people seeing the future here in California.

Please seriously consider the Biofuel Oasis when making your final decisions and funding allocations.

Thank you - Roger Williams

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**Form Letter 85 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Kane  
Last Name: Baccigalupi  
Email Address: kaneellen@yahoo.com  
Affiliation:

Subject: Grant For BioFuel Oasis  
Comment:

I am writing to urge the Resource Board to spend just a little bit more of the allocated \$25 million in grant money for this very important project.

While ethanol is a worthy place to spend money, supporting biodiesel is also an essential part of cleaning up California transportation emissions. The Biofuel Oasis is the only supplier of biodiesel in the Bay Area. Their new proposed location would make biodiesel accessible to shipping corridors along I-80. The new hours would also make their product more available to customers in the area already committed to biodiesel.

In addition to being a small local business that is owned by women, Biofuel Oasis is committed to supplying the most sustainable biodiesel, namely fuel that is produced locally and from recycled plant oils.

Please grant Biofuel Oasis the \$100k they need to continue their fine work.

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**Form Letter 86 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Katie

Last Name: Berryhill

Email Address: kjbnet1@computerforensics.com

Affiliation:

Subject: BioFuel Oasis

Comment:

Please add BioFuel Oasis to your recipients of funding. They provide the only place to buy biodiesel at a public pump in the Bay Area. Their new location would give access to people driving on I-80. It's a small, deserving company, and the money would stay in the local community. All of their biodiesel in the last year has been made in the state from recycled vegetable oil. We use biodiesel exclusively in our vehicle.

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**Form Letter 87 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Andrew

Last Name: Spear

Email Address: [aspear@headroyce.org](mailto:aspear@headroyce.org)

Affiliation:

Subject: Support for Biofuel Oasis Funding

Comment:

A quick note of support for the grant application of the Biofuel Oasis. The oasis is the major access point for biodiesel purchase for the east bay community -- and membership in the Oasis has grown almost exponentially since they began service over three years ago.

The funding will support a move to a new location which will help serve their consistently growing clientele even better.

The Oasis is also, in this time of evaluation of biofuels and their energy cost/benefit ratios, committed to selling only biodiesel made from recycled vegetable oil. As you likely know, biofuel made from recycled oil is the most environmentally responsible and energy positive fuel; the Oasis' continued support of fuels made in this manner is one of their most impressive (and energy and planet-conscious) features.

I hope you'll fund their operations and continued work. They provide a significant service to a large (and ever-growing number) of biodiesel drivers. In times like these, folks dedicated to helping spread energy-responsible fuels deserve as much support as possible.

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**Form Letter 88 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Jennifer

Last Name: Radtke

Email Address: jenniferradtke@yahoo.com

Affiliation:

Subject: \$25mil grant allocation for BioFuel Oasis

Comment:

Only \$24.7 million has been awarded out of \$25 million allocated. Please consider giving BioFuel Oasis the \$100K they need to put in a major biodiesel station on the I-80 corridor in Berkeley. This station would be the first of its kind in the country - selling only biodiesel made from recycled vegetable oil, powered by solar panels, and digging up pavement to grow California native plants that decrease carbon dioxide in the atmosphere even more. Not only does BioFuel Oasis serve retail customers, but also many fleet from UC-Berkeley recycling trucks to private fleets like Clif Bar.

BioFuel Oasis has been a pioneer in bringing biodiesel to the Bay Area at a retail pump, opening in December 2003. They will continue to expand and grow in their new location and beyond in the years to come building on their experience with biodiesel handling and equipment. This grant money is greatly needed to make that happen.

Biodiesel is an important fuel to fund, as it is the one alternative fuel that needs no modifications to a vehicle. Old and new diesel vehicles can use it. There are many diesel vehicles, especially trucks, on the road today and with biodiesel and new emission-control technologies coming out, it is a viable way to clean up our diesel emissions.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Jennifer Radtke  
1179 64th St  
Oakland, CA 94608

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**Form Letter 89 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Paul  
Last Name: Cumpian  
Email Address: drumpath@yahoo.com  
Affiliation:

Subject: Permit for Berkeley BioFuel Oasis- Yes!  
Comment:

To Whom it may concern,

Please consider giving a permit to Berkeley's BioFuel Oasis. I want to convert my truck and the new location will make biodiesel much more accessible, not only to the Bay Area, but to travelers on the busy I-80 corridor. BioFuel Oasis is a small, locally-owned and women-owned business with the money staying in the state and local community.

Also, The use of biodiesel translates into lower carbon dioxide/greenhouse gas emissions and lower particulates, which means cleaner air and less global warming. I usually ride a bike, but I also want this alternative in Berkeley when I need to use the truck. Please help Berkeley by approving BioFuel Oasis.

Thank you,

Paul Cumpian, Berkeley Resident 94703

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**Form Letter 90 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Yosaif  
Last Name: Solove  
Email Address: yosaif@earthlink.net  
Affiliation:

Subject: BioFuel Oasis  
Comment:

BioFuel Oasis has a successful record of supplying biodiesel for over 3 years and is the only place to buy biodiesel at a public pump in the Bay Area.  
The new location will make biodiesel much more accessible, not only to the Bay Area, but to travelers on the busy I-80 corridor. BioFuel Oasis is a small, locally-owned and women-owned business with the money staying in the state and local community. We strive to get biodiesel made as locally as possible from recycled vegetable oil. For the past year, all the biodiesel we've sold has been made in California from recycled vegetable oil.  
The use of biodiesel translates into lower carbon dioxide/greenhouse gas emissions and lower particulates, which means cleaner air and less global warming.  
If you have a fleet of vehicles, please describe the number of vehicles and approximate gallons per month or year of biodiesel that you use, which is displacing petroleum diesel usage and resulting in the cleaner emissions described above.

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**Form Letter 91 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Mary  
Last Name: Luckey  
Email Address: luckey@sfsu.edu  
Affiliation:

Subject: Funding for Biofuel Oasis in Berkeley, CA  
Comment:

Hello,

It is very important that Biofuel Oasis receive the needed funds they have requested from the California Air Resources Board to support their relocation to a old gas station in Berkeley. It is imperative that Biofuel Oasis stay open: it is the only source of biodiesel for the public in the Bay Area. My son and his family rely on Biofuel Oasis for their fuel, as do many other residents of the region. By supportiing Biofuel Oasis you will support a local company as well as local production of fuel from recycled vegetable oil. Please do the right thing and fund the Biofuel Oasis fueling station.

Thank you,  
Mary Luckey

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**Form Letter 92 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Hannah

Last Name: Love

Email Address: hlove@pacbell.net

Affiliation:

Subject: Funding for Berkeley BioFuel Oasis

Comment:

I write on behalf of locally-owned small business cooperative, The BioFuel Oasis, as I am strongly in favor of their recent plans to expand into a new location that will increase visibility and accessibility for what is already a successful and infinitely valuable resource for our local fuel economy. Please do not let an opportunity pass where doing something to better the environment, increasing global warming education, and creating new sustainable economies can painlessly create a model for how to better serve the people of California. This is a very important action item, one that needs your attention now.  
Thank you.

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**Form Letter 93 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Robert

Last Name: Sharpe

Email Address: robert.sharpe@comcast.net

Affiliation:

Subject: Alternative Fuel Station Funding - BioFuel Oasis

Comment:

I understand that BioFuel Oasis has applied for funding from CARB to support their proposed new biodiesel fueling facility and I would like to express my support for their grant application.

I have purchased biodiesel from their current facility for around two years now and they have consistently impressed me as a well run, locally funded small business that is committed to supplying high quality biodiesel using recycled vegetable oil. Biodiesel from recycled oil is an excellent way of reducing lower carbon dioxide gas emissions and also lowering the level of particulates and as such it I feel that it deserves far stronger promotion and support.

The major challenge that the Bay Area faces is that it is far too hard for the potential purchases of biodiesel to find a source of supply. Whenever possible I personally speak to drivers of diesel vehicles about switching to biodiesel and the most frequent reason offered to me for not using it is simply that they cannot find a convenient fueling location.

The proposal from BioFuel Oasis would create a much more convenient fueling location within relatively easy reach of the I-80 and open for most of the day. I urge you to support their application for funding.

Robert Sharpe

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**Form Letter 94 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Paul  
Last Name: Kivel  
Email Address: pkivel@mindspring.com  
Affiliation:

Subject: Biofuel Oasis biodiesel fueling station in Berkeley  
Comment:

Dear People,

It is important that you fund the BioFuel Oasis biodiesel fueling station in Berkeley for the following reasons:

1. BioFuel Oasis has a successful record of supplying biodiesel for over 3 years and is the only place to buy biodiesel at a public pump in the Bay Area.
  2. The new location will make biodiesel much more accessible, not only to the Bay Area, but to travelers on the busy I-80 corridor.
  3. BioFuel Oasis is a small, locally-owned and women-owned business with the money staying in the state and local community.
  4. They strive to get biodiesel made as locally as possible from recycled vegetable oil. For the past year, all the biodiesel they've sold has been made in California from recycled vegetable oil.
  5. The use of biodiesel translates into lower carbon dioxide/greenhouse gas emissions and lower particulates, which means cleaner air and less global warming.
- Thank you for your consideration.

Yours, paul kivel

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## **Form Letter 95 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - .**

First Name: Christ

Last Name: Pearson

Email Address: poppaoso@gmail.com

Affiliation:

Subject: biofuel oasis

Comment:

It is crucial to the community for there to be sustainable alternative fuel sources. We are at a critical crossroads for humanity and unless we begin the process of unlearning our petroleum addiction we are all destined to leave our children with more problems than our parents left for us!  
give thanks for life

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**Form Letter 96 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Tara

Last Name: Hernandez

Email Address: tequilarista@gmail.com

Affiliation:

Subject: Please support BioFuel Oasis

Comment:

I am a customer of BioFuel Oasis, having bought a used Volkswagon TDI to use for commuting purposes. I believe passionately in the use of alternative fuels for transportation needs, particularly fuels made from the by-product of other industries as it's fabulous form of recycling. Also, for those of us who can't afford a new hybrid, we still can contribute to cleaner overall emissions by using a cheaper old diesel.

As it stands now, BioFuel Oasis is the only place I can get biodiesel, and the restrictions regarding its hours of operation due to its current location can make it very challenging to refuel. Having it in a properly zoned location will not only make it easier for me, but easier for other potential customers who have perhaps hesitated to take advantage of this great fuel source due to of lack of availability.

Given the relatively small amount of money needed to help Biofuel Oasis transition to a proper facility, I sincerely hope room can be made in this budget for its needs.

Thanks.

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## **Form Letter 97 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Jon

Last Name: Bauer

Email Address: jondebauer@hotmail.com

Affiliation:

Subject: Support for Biofuel Oasis in Berkeley

Comment:

Members of the CARB Board of Directors,

My name is Jon Bauer, and I am one of the founders of the Berkeley Biodiesel Collective. I started this project as an offshoot of a group of U.C. Berkeley students and employees who in the year 2000 began secretly making biodiesel in a homemade processor at U.C. Berkeley to test in our vehicle. As word of our new public efforts spread, we quickly morphed into a very active, all volunteer based organization that at various times worked on biodiesel production, a bulk-purchasing coop, and classes, presentations, and demonstrations. Seven years later, we still do free, monthly, public presentations that introduce people (to date, thousands of people) to biodiesel and the local resources that support it. Our goal was simple: raise awareness about global warming, alternative energy, local production and distribution networks, and a green economy. I think we have succeeded. We count as some of our accomplishments: the vast network of biodiesel users in the East Bay and throughout the San Francisco Bay Area; inspiring the Ecology Center in Berkeley to switch its entire fleet of recycling trucks to B100 (longest running B100 fleet in the world) which in turn inspired the City of Berkeley to switch to B20 and then B100 (for a while the second largest B100 fleet in the world); and inspiring other community-based coops around the country to pool resources and make biodiesel accessible, including the San Francisco Biofuels Coop. All this without writing a single grant. People power.

But the one thing that really stands out from our work is the legacy of the Biofuel Oasis. I remember when both Jennifer Radtke and Sarahope Smith first joined up with us. I remember when Jennifer came to her first meeting in an old trailer in West Berkeley and telling her how our collective operated and why. I remember first hearing that Sarahope had showed up on one of our Saturday workdays at our fledgling production site, got right to work, and at the end of the day wrote us her first membership check.

And I remember when they announced that they wanted to start a fueling station, something that as a group we had stayed away from for various reasons. We were ecstatic. We knew these two could do it. We carried on with our bulk purchasing coop for a little while, until it became apparent that their hard work and dedication was turning into a stable, committed and pioneering enterprise.

Now several years and the addition of I think five owner-employees later, they - and the local B100 community that supports them - are ready for a prominent and much larger location. I urge you to provide whatever support they need. They are a real California alternative energy success story. And by 'they' I don't just mean the women of the Biofuel Oasis, I mean the dedicated volunteers who have helped them out over the years. And I also mean, so importantly, the thousands of diesel car owners and converts who have been paying sometimes a dollar more per gallon to leave less of a pollution legacy to the next generation, to demonstrate to their families, neighbors, co-workers that we can break the oil addiction. It is for them that this station should receive your support.

Thank you for your consideration, and I hope we can all thank you at the new Biofuel Oasis dedication ceremony.

Sincerely,  
Jon Bauer  
1629 63d St.  
Berkeley, CA 94703

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**Form Letter 98 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Ky

Last Name: Carnell-Russell

Email Address: kysters@care2.com

Affiliation: small business owner

Subject: Bio Fuel Oasis needs funding!

Comment:

Hello,

I was dismayed to read that you are not currently funding Berkeley's Biofuel Oasis in the Alternative Fuel Incentives grant process. Biofuel Oasis is the epitome of the type of business that needs to receive funding under this measure. The use of biodiesel is vastly important to lowering our carbon emissions and presents a real alternative to petroleum products. BioFuel Oasis has been consistently providing fuel to the Bay Area for 3 years and is the only place to buy biodiesel at a public pump in the Bay Area. Even more importantly the business is a women owned local company that promotes using recycled vegetable oil to make its biodiesel from.

It is very important that this type of fuel source remain competitive and available as biodiesel becomes more popular to ensure that biodiesel fuels remain sustainable.

I urge you to find the \$100,000 that BioFuel Oasis needs to expand their current location, it is a small amount that will make a huge difference to Bay Area biodiesel users and those who wish to switch to Biodiesel in the future.

Thank you,

Ky Carnell-Russell

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**Form Letter 99 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Cynthia

Last Name: Huertas

Email Address: cynthia.huertas@kp.org

Affiliation:

Subject: Berkely Biodiesel

Comment:

It is really important to me and I believe to the people of California, particularly the Bay Area that the BioFuel Oasis biodiesel fueling station in Berkeley be funded.

BioFuel Oasis has a very good record of supplying biodiesel for over 3 years and is currently the only place to buy biodiesel at a public pump in the Bay Area. Funding will assure a new, more accessible location which is more convenient and closer to the freeway. At the current location, hours are very inconvenient and funding for the new location will change that.

I like that BioFuel Oasis is a small, local women-owned business allowing me to support efforts to keep money in the state and local community. Biodiesel does their best to use local recycled vegetable oil, in fact, all the biodiesel they have sold in the last year, from recycled vegetable oil.

The use of biodiesel translates into lower carbon dioxide/greenhouse gas emissions and lower particulates, which means cleaner air and less global warming.

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**Form Letter 100 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Serge

Last Name: Glushkoff

Email Address: mtakata@earthlink.net

Affiliation: CDFG Environmental Scientist

Subject: Support statement for Biofuel Oasis funding support

Comment:

As a government scientist, I consider the state's leadership in resource protection a critical part of our social fabric, and trust that CARB recognizes the importance of maximal efficiency (i.e. WASTE based fuel, as opposed to virgin material fuels) of vendors such as Biofuel Oasis. It will be very discouraging if ethanol based vendors receive your support and recycled oil based vendors such as Oasis do not.

Thank you,

Serge Glushkoff

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**Form Letter 101 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Peter

Last Name: Compere

Email Address: pbxtalk@pacbell.net

Affiliation:

Subject: Funding for Biodiesel in Berkeley

Comment:

This is to recommend funding of the Biofuel Oasis proposal for a biodiesel fueling station in Berkeley. They are an established player in the biofuel community, delivering high quality biodiesel to the East Bay community for years. The advantage of biodiesel is that it is usable by the majority of diesel vehicles right now, requiring no modifications, and their use of recycled vegetable oil from local sources is the most enviromentally wise path that we have seen yet. Using recycled vegetable oil does not put pressure on agricultural producers to choose between growing for food or for fuel, as we have read about lately concerning the price of corn flour doubling in Mexico, which has been attributed to American corn going to ethanol rather than food.

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**Form Letter 102 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Katherine  
Last Name: Steele  
Email Address: kat@steelemoon.com  
Affiliation: Urban Permaculture Guild

Subject: BioFuel Oasis- Biofuleing Station Recommedations  
Comment:

I am writing in support of CARB funding the BioFuel Oasis.

They have a successful record of supplying biodiesel for over 3 years and is the only place to buy biodiesel at a public pump in the Bay Area.

The new location will make biodiesel much more accessible, not only to the Bay Area, but to travelers on the busy I-80 corridor.

BioFuel Oasis is a small, locally-owned and women-owned business with the money staying in the state and local community.

BioFuel Oasis strives to get biodiesel made as locally as possible from recycled vegetable oil. For the past year, all the biodiesel we've sold has been made in California from recycled vegetable oil.

The use of biodiesel translates into lower carbon dioxide/greenhouse gas emissions and lower particulates, which means cleaner air and less global warming.

Please consider this truly green group and demonstration site of sustainability.

Sincerely,  
Kat Steele  
Founder and Executive Director  
Urban Permaculture Guild  
Oakland, CA  
510 547 7889

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**Form Letter 103 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: susan

Last Name: church

Email Address: schurch545@sbcglobal.net

Affiliation:

Subject: 25mill07

Comment:

I am writing in support of the Biofuel Oasis in Berkeley California who has applied for a grant from the Alternative Fuel Incentive. The Biofuel Oasis is an important part of the effort to change our air quality and oil dependance. Because they consistently offer biodiesel made from RECYCLED vegetable oil that is made in California they provide fuel for our cars that is much less polluting, comes from a more local source and doesn't require more farming of corn which in itself uses lots of petroleum.

Please fund their grant request before those of ethanol stations which are not nearly as enviornmentallz sound in their concept.

Thank You

Susan Church

owner of a VW Jetta run exclusively on bio diesel

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## **Form Letter 104 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Austin  
Last Name: Peterson  
Email Address: greentaxis@yahoo.com  
Affiliation:

Subject: Please support Biofuel Oasis  
Comment:

I have been happily driving my biodiesel mercedes for the last few years, thanks to Biofuel Oasis. BioFuel Oasis has a successful record of supplying biodiesel for over 3 years and is the only place to buy biodiesel at a public pump in the Bay Area. The new location will make biodiesel much more accessible, not only to the Bay Area, but to travelers on the busy I-80 corridor. BioFuel Oasis is a small, locally-owned and women-owned business with the money staying in the state and local community. We strive to get biodiesel made as locally as possible from recycled vegetable oil. For the past year, all the biodiesel we've sold has been made in California from recycled vegetable oil. The use of biodiesel translates into lower carbon dioxide/greenhouse gas emissions and lower particulates, which means cleaner air and less global warming. If you have a fleet of vehicles, please describe the number of vehicles and approximate gallons per month or year of biodiesel that you use, which is displacing petroleum diesel usage and resulting in the cleaner emissions described above.

Please note the fact that corn and soy is much more effective in a diesel engine than it is in a gasoline (ethanol) engine.

Thank You,  
Ausin Peterson

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**Form Letter 105 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Chris

Last Name: Candell

Email Address: beardingline@aol.com

Affiliation:

Subject: Grant for Biofuels Oasis for infrastructure Ashby and Sacramento Berkeley CA

Comment:

These people deserve a grant to move thier operations to a location that will further the sales of alternative fuels in California. They have been selling biodiesel which in my mind is ultimatley a better fuel than ethenol blended fuel. It at least deserves a chance! You know the advatages of biodiesel, more or less carbon nuetral, can be (and the Biofuels Oasis uses recycled oil, something you can't do with alcohol!), low particulates, better fuel economy than a spark ignition engine, and the list goes on. This type of fuel needs to be sold where it is more accessible such as the proposed former gas station. Please award them the grant. The people of the Bay Area will thank you and so will I as I have been buying thier fuel for two of the last three years they have been in business.

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**Form Letter 106 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Angie  
Last Name: Garling  
Email Address: angie@garling.us  
Affiliation:

Subject: ARB grants: Berkeley Biofuel Oasis  
Comment:

Please fund the Berkeley Biofuel Oasis!

BioFuel Oasis has a successful record of supplying biodiesel for over 3 years and is the only place to buy biodiesel at a public pump in the Bay Area. The new location will make biodiesel much more accessible, not only to the Bay Area, but to travelers on the busy I-80 corridor.

BioFuel Oasis is a small, locally-owned and women-owned business with the money staying in the state and local community. They strive to get biodiesel made as locally as possible from recycled vegetable oil. For the past year, all the biodiesel they've sold has been made in California from recycled vegetable oil. The use of biodiesel translates into lower carbon dioxide/greenhouse gas emissions and lower particulates, which means cleaner air and less global warming. I use the Biofuel Oasis for my person vehicle, a VW Jetta, and I fuel up about twice a month, and try to do my part to decrease emissions. Please suport them!

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**Form Letter 107 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Cynthia

Last Name: Shelton

Email Address: vegoil@vegoil.us

Affiliation: National VegOil Board

Subject: Please fund BioFuel Oasis in Berkeley

Comment:

The BioFuel Oasis is an important local level alternative fuel source. They are committed to the growing community of BioFuels users, and provide education and valuable experiential research of BioFuels that benefit all. Please help us access the fuel of our choice by granting the BioFuel Oasis the funds to move to their new location and transition to the next level of professional service delivery.

Thank you,  
Cynthia Shelton, Director  
National VegOil Board

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**Form Letter 108 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: David  
Last Name: Van Leeuwen  
Email Address: davidvl@gmail.com  
Affiliation:

Subject: Biofuel Oasis fueling station  
Comment:

Hello,

I have been using Biofuel Oasis for 9 months now. It is an extremely valuable service that allows local residents and travelers to obtain fuel that decreases global warming and dependence on foreign oil, while supporting a local business that is owned and run by women. I have had an excellent experience with them, they deliver a high quality product and are very professional. The only difficulty is their current small facility, which requires a lot of waiting and shuffling of cars to get the fuel.

Please support them with a grant to be able to expand their facility and opening hours, there is a lot of demand for their product and they provide a valuable service to our community.

Sincerely,

David Van Leeuwen, MD  
Children's Hospital, Oakland

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**Form Letter 109 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - .**

First Name: Stephenie  
Last Name: Hendricks  
Email Address: stephdh@earthlink.net  
Affiliation:

Subject: Fund Biofuel Oasis  
Comment:

Hello,

Please fund Biofuel Oasis in Berkeley. This has been a landmark filling station in the Bay Area. I travel there from Marin County as the pumps here come and go.

The staff there are doing a world of good in educating people about biodiesel and how to function with a biodiese vehicle. The community desperately needs this business. They have been nurturing and growing the comunity of biodiesel vehicle owners and deserve priority funding.

Sincerely,

Stephenie Hendricks 415 258-9151

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**Form Letter 110 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Roger  
Last Name: Williams  
Email Address: roger@sunlightandpower.com  
Affiliation: Biodiesel user

Subject: Funding for Biofuel Oasis  
Comment:

To whom it may concern,

Thank you for offering grant money to fund biofuel projects in the state of California. As you know, biofuels will help reduce pollution and greenhouse gasses, and also our dependence on foreign oil.

I would like to comment specifically on the Biofuel Oasis, in Berkeley, CA. The Oasis has been selling biodiesel for the past three years, in a very confined space. I am a Photovoltaic Project Manager for Sun, Light and Power, Co, also in Berkeley. We have been running our fleet of diesel trucks on biodiesel also for the past three years. We currently have 10 trucks using biodiesel; we use approximately 600 gallons per month. This usage of biodiesel obviously reduces the use of petroleum based diesel, thus reducing carbon dioxide/greenhouse gas emissions and particulates, which means cleaner air and less global warming.

The Oasis' new proposed location is located on a corner very close to the I-80 corridor, making it much more accessible for Bay Area residents and those passing through to fill-up on non-petroleum based fuel. This sight will give biofuels much more visibility to a public who wants more choices when it comes to fueling up. Please consider the Biofuel Oasis and their grant application when deciding on allocation of funds.

Sincerely,  
Roger Williams  
PV Project manager  
Sun, Light, and Power, Co.  
Berkeley, Ca

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Date and Time Comment Was Submitted: 2007-05-23 08:18:04

**Form Letter 111 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Erin

Last Name: Meyers

Email Address: erincollar@yahoo.com

Affiliation:

Subject: Biofuel station in Berkeley

Comment:

I believe it is very important to myself and to the people of California that you fund the BioFuel Oasis biodiesel fueling station in Berkeley.

BioFuel Oasis has a successful record of supplying biodiesel for over 3 years and is the only place to buy biodiesel at a public pump in the Bay Area.

The new location will make biodiesel much more accessible, not only to the Bay Area, but to travelers on the busy I-80 corridor.

BioFuel Oasis is a small, locally-owned and women-owned business with the money staying in the state and local community. They strive to get biodiesel made as locally as possible from recycled vegetable oil. For the past year, all the biodiesel we've sold has been made in California from recycled vegetable oil.

The use of biodiesel translates into lower carbon dioxide/greenhouse gas emissions and lower particulates, which means cleaner air and less global warming.

Please do what is right for the environment and in the best interest of conscious minded Californians and give this project the money they need to serve the community.

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**Form Letter 112 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: John  
Last Name: Joseph  
Email Address: john@dredgetone.com  
Affiliation:

Subject: Grant Funding for BioFuel Oasis Berkeley Fueling Station  
Comment:

Biodiesel is an excellent alternative to petrol-diesel, but it is very difficult to find in the San Francisco Bay Area. BioFuel Oasis is a reliable supplier that has made biodiesel available in Berkeley for over 3 years and is the only place to buy biodiesel at a public pump in the Bay Area. A new fueling location will allow BioFuel Oasis to increase their operating hours and help to make the purchase of biodiesel available to more people in the Bay Area and to those traveling on the I-80 corridor.

BioFuel Oasis is a small, women-owned Berkeley business that puts a top priority on helping the local and state communities. They get the majority of their biodiesel from California suppliers and contribute to local activities which help to keep the California economy strong. In fact, for the past year, all of the biodiesel they have sold has been made in California from recycled vegetable oil.

Because the use of biodiesel produces less carbon dioxide/greenhouse gas emissions and lower particulates, an increase in availability could result in cleaner air and less global warming.

Please approve grant funding to BioFuel Oasis to help them grow their business and make biodiesel available to more Californians. The services provided by BioFuel Oasis are good for the entire San Francisco Bay Area, good for California, and good for the global environment.

Thanks,  
John Joseph  
Biodiesel Consumer

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Date and Time Comment Was Submitted: 2007-05-23 08:58:05

**Form Letter 113 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Jeff  
Last Name: Geier  
Email Address: jeff@aarvaks.com  
Affiliation: consumer of biodiesel

Subject: Biofuel Oasis  
Comment:

Please consider granting funds to help this women-owned small green business to start a much needed, multi-pump biodeisel fueling station. I own and operate a small local HVAC service company and typically we now have to wait an average of 15 minutes to fuel our vehicles at the singular pump. Thank you for your time. Jeff Geier- President- Aarvaks Heating & Air Conditioning Inc

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Date and Time Comment Was Submitted: 2007-05-23 09:11:38

**Form Letter 114 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Oy-Lene

Last Name: Chong

Email Address: chongppr@yahoo.com

Affiliation:

Subject: Support Berkeley's Biofuel Oasis

Comment:

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please approve the grant application for Berkeley's Biofuel Oasis because it has been a RELIABLE source of biodiesel for the past several years, fulfilling a growing demand for alternatives to petroleum fuel. For those of us in the burgeoning ranks of renewal biofuel consumption, reliability of supplier is SO IMPORTANT. In the gestational period of locating non-petroleum fuel alternatives, I have had a card-lock service station summarily close its biodiesel pumps(Third St. in San Francisco). Home delivery of biodiesel was the next option, albeit not great. That is, until Biofuel Oasis came along and has been reliably supplying biodiesel for the past several years. The fact that it now needs to expand and provide 24-hour service speaks to the growing ranks of biodiesel users. While ethanol has its place, we need to diversify our fuel options. I have yet to see many non-fleet ethanol consumers in California. Spread your grant-eggs and bump up biodiesel as an alternative worthy of an award.

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**Form Letter 115 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Jody

Last Name: Hart

Email Address: jnhart@speakeasy.net

Affiliation:

Subject: Please Fund the Biofuel Oasis!

Comment:

Hi!

I've known and worked with the fine people at Berkeley's Biofuel Oasis since they began over three years ago. They fill an important need here in the Bay Area -- supplying California produced biodiesel to the ordinary driver, right from a pump. They're the only place to go for this in our area, and another pumping station, closer to I-80, would make it even easier for diesel drivers to opt-in to this environmentally positive choice. A grant from your agency would make all the difference in making this a reality.

Thanks for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Jody Hart

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**Form Letter 116 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Paul

Last Name: Russell

Email Address: paulbikegeek@gmail.com

Affiliation: Chair, Oakland Bike & Ped. Advisory Coun

Subject: Please Fund Grant for Berkeley BioFuel Oasis

Comment:

My wife and I sold our car last year to limit our impact on the air and earth. We then got pregnant and needed a car, so purposely chose BioDiesel so we could continue to limit our impact for the short trips to the grocery, pediatrician, etc.

BioFuel Oasis is the only reliable source of BioDiesel in the East Bay and provide excellent, reliable service to a growing alternative fuel community throughout the bay area. They have a unique opportunity to dramatically improve access to their fuel and need your assistance to make the new station a reality. Please fund this critical alternative fuel source for the East Bay.

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**Form Letter 117 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Gretchen  
Last Name: Zimmermann  
Email Address: gz@evermind.ws  
Affiliation:

Subject: BioFuel Oasis funding  
Comment:

Dear CARB Representative,

I hope you can making funding of the BioFuel Oasis in Berkeley a priority. We badly need more biodiesel capacity in the SF Bay Area. The fuel sold at the Oasis is all produced from waste oil in California, so it is good for both the environment and the state economy.

Sincereley,

Gretchen Zimmermann,  
biodiesel user and BioFuel Oasis member  
Vallejo, CA

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**Form Letter 118 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Jason  
Last Name: Wilkinson  
Email Address: solarjaybird@yahoo.com  
Affiliation:

Subject: Support funding for BioFuel Oasis  
Comment:

To whom it may concern,

I would like to lend my support to the women owned worker-run cooperative BioFuel Oasis in seeking the CARB Alternative Fuel grant.

This business not only provides biodiesel at the only public pump in the Bay Area they also shine as a alternative business model far beyond Berkeley, California. The owners' dedication to alternative fuels is only matched by their dedication to serving the community through education about the benefits of locally sourced biodiesel made from recycled vegetable oil. In addition to purchasing biodiesel for my personal vehicle from BioFuel Oasis for the past three years I have volunteered many hours of my time because as a member I believe it is a community project and not just a business.

The CARB grant will allow the needed relocation and extended hours of operation of the BioFuel Oasis, making biodiesel more readily available to Berkeley residents like myself as well as travelers on the I-80 corridor. Their current location is often overwhelmed with members causing traffic problems and long waits. Extending the hours of operation will provide members like myself with more opportunities to fill up with biodiesel and not have to use dino-diesel.

Please support the BioFuel Oasis with the requested grant.

Sincerely,  
Jason Wilkinson

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**Form Letter 119 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: John  
Last Name: Perry  
Email Address: bensdad415@yahoo.com  
Affiliation:

Subject: Please fund Biofuel Oasis in Berkeley, CA  
Comment:

I have been a loyal customer of Biofuel Oasis for 2 years. As the only the only place to buy biodiesel at a public pump in the Bay Area, the business is crucial for me as a biodiesel driver.

The new location will make biodiesel even more accessible, not only to the Bay Area, but to travelers on the busy I-80 corridor. Finding biodiesel when traveling is currently very difficult and requires careful advance planning. A traveler-accessible pumping station will be a great asset to the Bay Area.

I am also happy to support BioFuel Oasis because I believe in small, locally-owned, and women-owned businesses that keep revenue in the state. In the same vein, I know that the Biodevas strive to get biodiesel made as locally as possible from recycled vegetable oil.

I became a biodiesel driver for green reasons, and I support this business for the same reasons.

Please fund Biofuel Oasis.

Thank you,  
John Perry  
San Francisco resident

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**Form Letter 120 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Rachel  
Last Name: Knudson  
Email Address: rachelmarigold@yahoo.com  
Affiliation:

Subject: I Support BioFuel Oasis Grant Request  
Comment:

Hello,

As a resident of Berkeley and mother of two I would like to lend my support to the BioFuel Oasis grant request. The great work of the women who own and run BioFuel Oasis is why I go well out of my way to buy biodiesel from them. They provide an incredible service to the entire Bay Area as well as out of town travelers.

This grant will really help busy people like me to have easier access to locally produced biodiesel made from recycled vegetable oil. Please grant BioFuel Oasis the requested funds for relocating and extending their hours.

Thanks,  
Rachel Mari Knudson

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**Form Letter 121 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Anthony

Last Name: Conti

Email Address: aconti@speakeasy.net

Affiliation:

Subject: Biofuel Oasis Biodiesel Station Funding

Comment:

I would like to see Biofuel Oasis receive funding to open their proposed biodiesel station. They have served the Bay Area for the past 3 1/2 years as the only public distributor of biodiesel. Funding this project would increase the public's access to fuel produced in California and derived from yellow grease.

The Biofuel Oasis' dedication and competence has already made biodiesel a reality for 100's of people in the Bay Area.

Thankyou

Thanks, Anthony

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**Form Letter 122 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Greg  
Last Name: Barnell  
Email Address: gregbarnell@yahoo.com  
Affiliation:

Subject: CARB grant & BioFuel Oasis, Berkeley  
Comment:

To Whom it Concerns:

I'm writing to add my support for funding Berkeley's BioFuel Oasis. I bought a diesel car one year ago specifically to run on biodiesel because its use means lower carbon dioxide & greenhouse gas emissions and fewer particulates, which means cleaner air and less global warming.

One of the things that made my decision to switch easier was that we have the BioFuel Oasis here in Berkeley. It's the only place to buy biodiesel at a public pump in the Bay Area. I don't think I would have made the step to getting my car if it weren't for them.

While I don't mind making a special trip at strange hours to an odd pumping station, I can imagine for many people who would love to drive on biodiesel this would be a hurdle. The new location will make biodiesel much more accessible, not only to the Bay Area, but to travelers on the busy I-80 corridor.

The BioFuel Oasis is also a small, locally-owned and women-owned business. They strive to get biodiesel made as locally as possible from recycled vegetable oil. (For the past year, all the biodiesel we've sold has been made in California from recycled vegetable oil.) All this means is that not only does the environment come out ahead, but so does our local economy.

Please support the BioFuel Oasis in Berkeley.

Sincerely,  
Greg Barnell  
Oakland, CA

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**Form Letter 123 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: mary  
Last Name: richerson  
Email Address: mary@rockandrain.com  
Affiliation:

Subject: Berkeley BioFuel Oasis  
Comment:

Are you crazy? here you have a proven successful alternative thriving in the bay area and you cannot fund their new initiative: what more do you need to know....  
BioFuel Oasis has a successful record of supplying biodiesel for over 3 years and is the only place to buy biodiesel at a public pump in the Bay Area.  
The new location will make biodiesel much more accessible, not only to the Bay Area, but to travelers on the busy I-80 corridor.

BioFuel Oasis is a small, locally-owned and women-owned business with the money staying in the state and local community.  
We strive to get biodiesel made as locally as possible from recycled vegetable oil. For the past year, all the biodiesel we've sold has been made in California from recycled vegetable oil.  
The use of biodiesel translates into lower carbon dioxide/greenhouse gas emissions and lower particulates, which means cleaner air and less global warming.  
If you have a fleet of vehicles, please describe the number of vehicles and approximate gallons per month or year of biodiesel that you use, which is displacing petroleum diesel usage and resulting in the cleaner emissions described above.

thanks for your time.  
mary richerson

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Date and Time Comment Was Submitted: 2007-05-23 10:23:51

**Form Letter 124 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Michael  
Last Name: McFadden  
Email Address: gardenbuilder1@yahoo.com  
Affiliation:

Subject: Biofuel Oasis  
Comment:

I am a patron of the Biouel Oasis in Berkeley CA. I know that there proposed new location will be a great addition to the local and global community. I support funding this site.

Michael McFadden

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**Form Letter 125 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Robin  
Last Name: Farrow  
Email Address: rfcfarrow@yahoo.co.uk  
Affiliation: IBM Emeritus

Subject: Biofuel Oasis Retail Fuel Infrastructure  
Comment:

The Biofuel Oasis has been providing biodiesel, a clean burning and renewable fuel, for over 3 years in the San Francisco Bay Area. For the last year, all fuel sold was made from yellow grease by californian producers.

They have rapidly outgrown their current location and have found a prime position for the new site. Please support them in their efforts to increase biodiesel awareness, usage and accessibility by funding their proposed new fuel station.

Thankyou  
Robin Farrow, IBM Emeritus

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Date and Time Comment Was Submitted: 2007-05-23 10:36:55

**Form Letter 126 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - .**

First Name: James

Last Name: Green

Email Address: james@jamesandsarah.us

Affiliation:

Subject: Please fund BioFuel Oasis in Berkeley!

Comment:

Please fund the BioFuel Oasis biodiesel fueling station in Berkeley.

California needs more biodiesel fueling stations! Ethanol is not the only solution to our dependencing on oil!

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Date and Time Comment Was Submitted: 2007-05-23 10:43:56

**Form Letter 127 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Rebecca  
Last Name: Sibrack  
Email Address: sibrack@sbcglobal.net  
Affiliation:

Subject: Please fund the BioFuel Oasis  
Comment:

To whom it may concern:

It is of utmost importance to me as well as the people of California that you fund the BioFuel Oasis biodiesel fueling station in Berkeley.

The BioFuel Oasis has a successful record of supplying biodiesel for over 3 years and is the only place to buy biodiesel at a public pump in the Bay Area. The new location will make biodiesel much more accessible, not only to the Bay Area, but to all travelers on the busy I-80 corridor.

I greatly appreciate that the BioFuel Oasis is a small, locally-owned and women-owned business with their money staying in the state and local community. Equally important is that the BioFuel Oasis strives to get biodiesel made as locally as possible from recycled vegetable oil. For the past year, all the biodiesel they've sold has been made in California from recycled vegetable oil.

The use of biodiesel translates into lower carbon dioxide/greenhouse gas emissions and lower particulates, which means cleaner air and less global warming.

For these above reasons, I truly hope you will award funding to the most well-deserved BioFuel Oasis of Berkeley, California.

Sincerely,  
Rebecca Sibrack

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Date and Time Comment Was Submitted: 2007-05-23 10:56:21

**Form Letter 128 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Kelly  
Last Name: Hiester  
Email Address: kch365@yahoo.com  
Affiliation:

Subject: BioFuel Oasis  
Comment:

We need a Biofuel Oasis filling station in Berkeley, CA. BioFuel Oasis has a successful record of supplying biodiesel for over 3 years and is the only place to buy biodiesel at a public pump in the Bay Area. The new location will make biodiesel much more accessible, not only to the Bay Area, but to travelers on the busy I-80 corridor.

BioFuel Oasis is a small, locally-owned and women-owned business with the money staying in the state and local community. We strive to get biodiesel made as locally as possible from recycled vegetable oil. For the past year, all the biodiesel we've sold has been made in California from recycled vegetable oil. The use of biodiesel translates into lower carbon dioxide/greenhouse gas emissions and lower particulates, which means cleaner air and less global warming. If you have a fleet of vehicles, please describe the number of vehicles and approximate gallons per month or year of biodiesel that you use, which is displacing petroleum diesel usage and resulting in the cleaner emissions described above.

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**Form Letter 129 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: shawn

Last Name: phillips

Email Address: shawnphillips@email.com

Affiliation:

Subject: Funds for the BioFuel Oasis biodiesel fueling station in Berkeley

Comment:

It is very important that biodiesel be made more readily available to consumers. As a biodiesel user I find that fueling is the most difficult part of using this viable low emission fuel. This new station would be a huge step if making it easier for consumers to fuel up with biodiesel. It would create a more visible presence and funding would help support an environmentally conscious female owned business. Please allocate funds to the Biofuel Oasis. Little steps can save the world.

Thanks,

Shawn Phillips

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Date and Time Comment Was Submitted: 2007-05-23 11:35:52

**Form Letter 130 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Erika

Last Name: Walther

Email Address: elwalther@yahoo.com

Affiliation:

Subject: Grant funding for BioFuels Oasis

Comment:

I am writing to urge you to allocate grant funds to support the fueling infrastructure for the new BioFuels Oasis location on Sacramento Street in Berkeley.

This committed group of talented women has been providing biodiesel to the community and beyond for three years. I am a customer and can attest to the quality of their operation.

Bidiesel has huge benefits to the people of California. It dramatically reduces greenhouse gas and particulate emissions from tailpipes relative to fossil fuels.

This fuel and this business deserve CARB's support now as they expand their business to serve the increasing numbers of biodiesel users in the East Bay and beyond.

Sincerely,

Erika Walther

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**Form Letter 131 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Patrick

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Affiliation:

Subject: Biofuel Oasis grant application

Comment:

It is important to me and to the people of California that they fund the BioFuel Oasis biodiesel fueling station in Berkeley!

I am a loyal customer there and the BioFuel Oasis has a successful record of supplying biodiesel for over 3 years and is the only place to buy biodiesel at a public pump in the Bay Area! Their new location will make biodiesel much more accessible, not only to the Bay Area, but to travelers on the busy I-80 corridor. The use of biodiesel translates into lower carbon dioxide/greenhouse gas emissions and lower particulates, which means cleaner air and less global warming.

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**Form Letter 132 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: jessie

Last Name: deeter

Email Address: jessiedeeter@sbcglobal.net

Affiliation:

Subject: BioFuel Oasis

Comment:

I'm writing to express my full support of the BioFuel Oasis in Berkeley, CA, and to hope that some of the remainder of the alternative fuel incentives money can be allocated to them. We have been going to the BioFuel Oasis to fuel our Dodge truck for several years now, and would love to see them get some proper support. We feel that biodiesel is an incredibly valid fuel alternative and that in some ways it has been given short shrift in the rush to fund alternative fuels.

Many thanks,

Jessie Deeter

Producer, "Who Killed the Electric Car?"

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**Form Letter 133 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: andrea  
Last Name: vecchione  
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Affiliation:

Subject: Biofuel oasis in berkeley  
Comment:

Please support Biofuel oasis Biodiesel fueling station in  
berkeley!

we are counting on you!

Thanks ,  
andrea vecchione

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**Form Letter 134 for Comment 3 for Alternative Fuel Incentives (25mill07) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Tom  
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Affiliation: City of Berkeley

Subject: Biofuel Oasis  
Comment:

May 23, 2007  
Dr. Robert F. Sawyer  
Chairman, California Air Resources Board  
P.O. Box 2815  
Sacramento, California 95812

Dear Dr. Sawyer:

The City of Berkeley strongly supports the application by Biofuel Oasis for a grant under the Alternative Fuels Incentive Program (AFIP) to assist in the funding of its new fueling station at 1441 Ashby Avenue in Berkeley. Biofuel Oasis has successfully operated a biodiesel fueling station for more than three years at Dwight Way and Fourth Street. This is an industrial district with restricted visibility and somewhat circuitous access. Nevertheless, Biofuel Oasis has built up a large customer base among the growing number of biodiesel users in Berkeley and the East Bay.

We understand that Biofuel Oasis is the top runner up in the AFIP category. I am writing to urge that you consider funding this important project as part of this year's grant program. As you can see in their application, Biofuel Oasis has secured a lease for a former gas station site at 1441 Ashby where it plans to relocate its biodiesel fueling station. This site is on State Highway 13 (Ashby Avenue) where it intersects with Sacramento. It is a prominent and very visible location that should give great publicity to biodiesel as an alternative fuel and allow Biofuel Oasis to expand its customer base. Of course, I am also very enthusiastic about Biofuel Oasis as a successful woman-owned business in a cutting-edge field.

As a former State Assemblyperson, and the husband of a current Assemblyperson, I believe that Biofuel Oasis's new fueling station is the kind of project that the State Legislature wanted to support when it created the Alternative Fuels Incentive Program.

Please give this application all due consideration. It is an exciting and timely project.

Sincerely,

Tom Bates  
Mayor

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