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Mary Nichols
Chair, California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento CA 95814

Re: Waste Reduction Funding in Cap-and-Trade Auction Proceeds Investment Plan

Dear Ms. Nichols:

CRRRA appreciates the opportunity to provide input on the Cap-and-Trade Auction Proceeds Investment Plan (Plan), and is encouraged that [AB 1532](#) explicitly identifies reducing greenhouse gas emissions through increased in-state diversion of municipal solid waste for funding under the Plan. **We strongly support investing a portion of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund in (a) recycling market development, and (b) organics processing.**

- **Expand CA recycling markets and infrastructure (missing from the concept paper)**
 - Expand the existing Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ) program
 - Increase performance based-investment incentives for recycling processing and recycled-content manufacturing, building on the model of California's successful Plastic Market Development Program
 - These actions would spur economic development, create jobs, and reduce direct and lifecycle GHG emissions

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- **Expand CA processing of yard trimmings, food scraps, and other organic materials**
 - Reduce landfill methane emissions by providing incentives for increasing composting and digestion
 - Applying compost to California soils improves carbon storage, reduces use of chemical fertilizers and their associated emissions, and decreases energy-intensive water use

CRRA appreciates the opportunity to provide input to the important decisions in developing the Cap-and-Trade Auction Proceeds Investment Plan.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.



Tracie Onstad Bills
CRRA President

CRRA, founded in 1974, is California's statewide recycling association. It is the oldest and one of the largest non-profit recycling organizations in the United States. CRRA is dedicated to achieving environmental sustainability in and beyond California through Zero Waste strategies including product stewardship, waste prevention, reuse, recycling and composting. CRRA advances local, regional and state wide waste reduction efforts which result in critical environmental and climate protection outcomes. CRRA's members represent all aspects of California's reduce-reuse-recycle-compost economy. Our members work for cities, counties and municipal districts, as well as hauling companies, material processors, non-profit organizations, state agencies, and allied professionals.