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California Department of Food and Agriculture and California Air Resources Board
California Dairy and Livestock Greenhouse Gas Reduction

Subject: Comment letter for CDFA and CARB, California Dairy and Livestock GHG Reduction

To Whom It May Concern,

Agricultural Waste Solutions, Inc. (“AWS”), headquartered in Westlake Village, California, wishes to express our gratitude to CDFA, CARB, partner agencies, and a diverse group of stakeholders and experts for allowing for the opportunity to comment on the California Dairy and Livestock Greenhouse Gas Reduction from the May 22, 2017 workshop and for inviting comments from stakeholders and the public. AWS works with California dairy farms to produce low carbon transportation fuels and carbon negative co-products that reduce GHG emissions and improve water quality while creating new profit centers from manure and other ag resources.

Please see below our comments from the May 22, 2017 CA Dairy and Livestock GHG Reduction documents:

1. AWS fully supports the common mission statements that apply to all three subgroups. The synergistic goals that tie the groups together allow for a focused end goal which will hopefully create the framework for solutions the coalition can agree upon.
2. AWS feels that the state should not choose or focus on specific technologies. Through having a Digester working group and a Non-digester working group, the state inherently segments the markets and chooses a solution which does not necessarily allow for open technology competition. Digesters are not the end all solution for organic waste liabilities. There should be a focus on the fact that all technologies relative to California dairy and livestock greenhouse gas reductions should be reviewed, and those chosen should have the best fit that allows for the most effective results: proven greenhouse gas mitigation and reductions, a negative carbon intensity, clean water solutions, and healthy soils contributions.
3. Investigation into the key questions asked in the mission statement should be open to those willing to participate and contribute. There is a vast knowledge pool in the interested parties for the CA Dairy and Livestock GHG Reduction, and the collective knowledge contribution can be very valuable.

Sincerely,

Stephen McCorkle, CEO
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