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Due to the CARB portal being down, I would like to enter comments regarding the Ag Burn extension phase out meeting going on right now.

My name is Hannah Gill I am co-owner of AFM, a Whole Orchard Recycling service provider based out of Exeter, CA. Our customers range from small growers (5-30 acres) to large growers (anything over 30+ acres). 95% of our customers have taken advantage of the SJVAPCD's Alt. to Open Agriculture Burning Incentive Program, receiving up to \$600 per acre reimbursement to masticate/soil-incorporate instead of burn their orchard/vineyards. These programs & others like it need to continue and grow as Whole Orchard Recycling is sometimes only a realistic option for growers *if* they are able to receive some type of reimbursement, otherwise W.O.R. is too expensive to most unfortunately. The cheaper option of burning is not always the growers first choice, but due to being the cheaper option it is their only choice. On behalf of our company and our clientele that have used these programs, they work, they help, and we give praise to what the SJVAPCD has been doing for the Central Valley growers.



Hannah Gill  
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