

September 12, 2018

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



Re: Comments on Southern California Gas Company Aliso Canyon Settlement Agreement

Dear Chairwoman Nichols,

4Creeks, Inc. would like to express its strong support for the Aliso Canyon Methane Leak Climate Impacts Mitigation Program which is part of the Aliso Canyon Settlement Agreement between The Southern California Gas Company (“SoCalGas”) and the California Air Resources Board, Los Angeles City Attorney’s Office, County of Los Angeles, and the California Office of the Attorney General. 4 Creeks, Inc. core business model is to help the local communities and industry in the Central Valley, to make the Central Valley a vibrant place to live. Our team of professionals have spent many years working to become experts in dairy digesters, from permitting, design, through construction. These projects will help the Central Valley, our local communities, and our agriculture industry, which our local team and families are reliant upon.

As stated in ARB’s Short-Lived Climate Pollutant Reduction Strategy, methane has nearly 84 times the heat-trapping power of carbon dioxide over a 20-year period. Given the magnitude of the methane leak, we applaud ARB’s efforts to come up with a mitigation program which not only corrects for these emissions, but also returns the funds with interest to benefit the Porter Ranch community.

Dairy digesters are a proven technology that captures methane from livestock manure that would otherwise be emitted into the atmosphere. This renewable source of biogas is then injected into the pipeline for use as a vehicle fuel where it displaces dirtier fossil-fuel derived diesel. The technology has many environmental and social benefits and our company is committed to the projects’ success.

Reducing methane at dairies by installing a covered lagoon biogas capture system is one of the most beneficial and cost-effective ways of reducing methane. We have worked in collaboration with the state, the dairies, other project partners, and the academic community to ensure that the projects deliver clean, renewable fuel. The Mitigation Program is critical for the development of these three clusters which will benefit Californians by reducing GHGs, creating jobs, improving air quality, and helping California meet its emission reduction targets.

The Mitigation Program enables these vital projects. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on these beneficial and exciting projects.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David De Groot", written over a horizontal line.

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