



LAND O'LAKES, INC.



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

RE: Support for the Proposed Aliso Canyon Mitigation Agreement

Dear Chair Nichols,

The California dairy and farming communities strongly support the proposed Aliso Canyon Mitigation Agreement. The settlement agreement reached by the state and local parties addresses both the global and local impacts of the methane leak and air quality implications at the gas storage facility.

The settlement finances loans to multiple dairy digester projects that enable the projects to be constructed and, in turn, achieve the methane mitigation required to offset the full 109,000 metric tons of methane released by the Aliso Canyon storage leak. Equally important, the funding will be repaid, with interest, allowing the funding to be utilized a second time to mitigate impacts on local air quality and public health. More than \$36 million will be available for appropriation by the legislature and regulators to directly benefit the residents of Porter Ranch and other impacted Southern California residents.

The proposed mitigation agreement effectively meets and exceeds all aspects of the Governor's Proclamation establishing the mitigation program objectives and mandatory criteria. The agreement provides multiple benefits including, but not limited to, the following:

- Reduces fugitive methane in state
- Complements existing state efforts to combat global warming and short-lived climate pollutant reductions
- Protects public health, safety and the environment
- Yields real, additional, quantifiable, verifiable and permanent methane emission reductions
- Generates environmental, economic and public health co-benefits through reduction of reliance on fossil fuels by displacing diesel fuel use
- Provides substantial co-benefits to disadvantaged and impacted local communities

The proposed Aliso Canyon Settlement and proposed mitigation clearly and effectively achieves the methane mitigation and local public health and disadvantaged community benefits ARB strives to achieve. The settlement deserves approval.

Sincerely,

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