



*A Nonprofit Housing and Community Development Organization*

September 12, 2018

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

Re: Support for the Aliso Canyon Mitigation Program as part of the Settlement Agreement

Dear Chair Nichols:

Self Help Enterprises is writing to express its strong support for the Methane Mitigation Program which is part of the Aliso Canyon Settlement Agreement. The Settlement Agreement is between The Southern California Gas Company and the California Air Resources Board, Los Angeles City Attorney's Office, County of Los Angeles, and the California Office of the Attorney General.

Self-Help Enterprises is a nationally recognized community development organization whose mission is to work together with low-income families to build and sustain healthy homes and communities. Since 1965, Self-Help Enterprises' efforts have touched the lives of over 55,000 families. Self-Help Enterprises' service area is comprised of eight counties – Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Stanislaus and Tulare County.

The Mitigation Program is providing important loan funding that will result in the launch of three clusters of dairy digester projects in the San Joaquin Valley. These are all areas where Self Help is active (<https://www.selfhelpenterprises.org/about-us/>). These clusters in turn will provide the road map for future project development.

The projects will capture vented dairy biogas, clean it, inject it into the pipeline and use it for vehicle fuel. These vehicle fuel projects are in place of the electricity generating projects, which emit NOx and add to local air pollution. Further, using the biomethane as a vehicle fuel replaces much dirtier diesel truck and bus emissions.

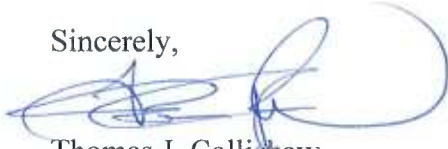
In the process, while reducing potent greenhouse gas emissions and protecting local air quality, the projects are creating other local benefits. These include renewable energy job opportunities (the projects are working with the local community action agency, CSET) and internships, research and scholarship programs (at College of the Sequoias and California State University Bakersfield). We will be the beneficiary from a Community Benefits Agreement with California

Bioenergy based on the development of future clusters, that will follow the lead of these three path-breaking clusters.

The mitigation program is funded with debt. The projects will repay the funds they have received to the State of California with interest. As a result, in addition to the benefits discussed above, this repayment will in turn provide benefits to the residents of the Porter Ranch community.

These projects are simultaneously very local in that they support the Los Angeles communities affected by the Aliso Canyon leak, and global, since they help California achieve its climate objectives. We strongly support the mitigation settlement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Thomas J. Collishaw', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Thomas J. Collishaw  
President/CEO