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Reducing the Waste Stream for Alameda County

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

RE: ETAAC Report

Dear Ms. Nichols,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft ETAAC report. It is an impressive piece of work and we applaud the tremendous effort that went into it as well as the overall effort going into helping California reduce its greenhouse gas emissions.

We are pleased to see that the report recognizes the important role that recycling and composting can play in mitigating California's GHG. We especially lend our support to measures J, K, L, M and N contained in Chapter 4 on Waste Reduction, Recycling and Resource Management. These measures are critical to supporting and expanding the state's existing recycling and composting infrastructure, and are relatively low cost, environmentally sound methods of achieving greenhouse gas reductions.

More specifically, we are highly supportive of the following measures:

- Development of recycling and composting protocols for quantifying and reporting emission reductions.
- Support for commercial recycling
- Removing barriers to composting. We propose adding to L, assistance with the development of additional permitted compost processing capacity.
- Phase out diversion credit for green waste used as alternative daily cover at landfills
- Reducing agricultural emissions through the use of compost

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



Karen Smith, Executive Director

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cc: CARB Board Members
Chuck Shulock, Assistant Executive Officer for Climate Change

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