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Re: Support Governor’s Proposal to Maintain $345 Million from FY 21-22 and FY 22-23 for SB 1383 Implementation Grants and the Organic Waste Infrastructure Program
On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we write in support of Governor Newsom’s January budget proposal to protect the $345 million from FY 21-22 and FY 22-23 for SB 1383 Implementation Grants and the Organic Waste Infrastructure Program. This funding is critical to support local governments to comply with SB 1383 and to spur much-needed organic waste recycling infrastructure development.

Organic waste recycling is a key component of California’s Short-Lived Climate Pollutant (SLCP) Reduction Strategy and the state’s overall climate plan. Under SB 1383 (Lara, 2016), the state must achieve a 75 percent reduction in the amount of organic waste disposed of in landfills by 2025. Implementing these regulations is a massive undertaking which requires significant recycling infrastructure to effectively transform how organic waste is managed. CalRecycle estimates that implementation will cost local governments $20 billion to implement over ten years.

If implemented with the proper resources, SB 1383 will not only reduce methane emissions, improve air quality, and cut greenhouse gas emission by 4 million tons annually, but is also projected to generate $17 billion in economic benefits and create 4,500 temporary and 11,700 permanent jobs.

The $345 million allocation will go a long way to help local governments further develop and implement the organic waste collection and recycling programs that are vital to achieving the SB 1383 organic waste diversion goals. The first compliance obligations for local governments began in early 2022 and many local governments are still working to develop a comprehensive suite of local collection, enforcement, and funding programs.

Local assistance funding must be combined with state investment in infrastructure development. Historically, state-level investment in CalRecycle’s organic waste recycling program has been severely underfunded and oversubscribed, despite the program being one of the top ten most cost-effective California Climate Investment programs for reducing GHG emissions ($52 per MTCO2e). CalRecycle estimated that 50 to 100 new and upgraded organic waste recycling facilities will be needed to manage and recycle the organic waste expected to be collected under the SB 1383 regulations. This funding will also offer economic relief to families across the state by offsetting the dramatic increase in rates for waste collection and processing services that would otherwise be needed to fund SB 1383 infrastructure. Without this funding, local governments and ratepayers will bear the brunt of these costs in the midst of an economic recovery and the state risks losing several projects already in the development pipeline.

We support the Administration’s proposal to maintain the $345 million from FY 21-22 and FY 22-23 for SB 1383 Implementation Grants and the Organic Waste Infrastructure Program. We
respectfully request the Legislature not reduce funds for these programs, which will be critical to the success of SB 1383.

Sincerely,

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