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On June 18, 2013 California Environmental Protection Agency, Californian Air Resource Board and CalRecycle held a public workshop to review plans to reduce Green House Gases in California and asked for Priority Recommendations.

The San Diego County Citizens Advisory Committee a AB 939 landfill task force requests that following recommendation be implemented immediately.

Recommendation 11. Regulatory/Statutory b. Consider regulatory or statutory actions requiring phasing organics out of landfills and moving toward inert only landfilling practices as a Short term/ongoing through 2020

The staff report points out that reducing materials disposed of in landfill toward the State 75% goal and reducing greenhouse gas emissions, can be achieved by eliminating landfill as an option for the disposal of compostable organic material.

According to staff, landfill is the second largest anthropogenic source of methane and composting a significant portion of this material will result reductions of future methane emissions. As over 200 landfills in California must meet ARB landfill measures and cheap landfill is competitive to composting, phasing out compostable organics from landfill will allow the composting industry a level playing field. The results will be GHG reductions, water conservation, and landfill reductions. The plan should include the recommendations made by staff working on funding , regulations and markets.

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