

Hello Howard and all: thank you very much for all of your hard work and preparation to field and responsibly allocate \$30 million in Cap and Trade funds for use in implementing the mandates of both AB 32 and AB 341. Thank you also for providing the opportunity to ask questions and share comments on CalRecycle's plans to distribute these funds at the workshop held on February 6, 2014.

On behalf of the Calif. Assn. of RMDZs, I submit the following "essential" comments on the proposed GHG Reduction Grant and Loan program:

- 1) Please affirm that all grant and loan applications for the non-organic materials will not be limited to "fiber, glass, and resins", but rather that any non-hazardous material type will be considered for such applications, and graded generally based on GHGs reduce per \$, or some similar measure
- 2) Please clarify that "readiness" or "shovel ready status" will be somewhat of an overriding criterion, and not just 10 points out of 100 on any project's overall score
- 3) Please affirm that "value-added processing" of eligible materials will qualify as "manufacturing"; based on similar comments at the workshop, CalRecycle should also state whether an item that is processed with net value added can be sent out of state for manufacturing into a finished product by and end user, or whether all material funded by GHG Fund loans and grants must have processing and manufacturing within California
- 4) Please consider adding job creation or economic impact measures to the "fiscal soundness" scoring criterion for ALL projects, not just projects in disadvantaged areas
- 5) Please clarify whether it will be possible to apply for a combination of grant and loan funds for a particular project (or not)
- 6) Please consider establishing a minimum amount for grant applications, with sensitivity to the specific eligibility of food rescue programs, which may be apt to generate relatively low amounts of funding

I think that covers my essential comments on the proposed system for evaluating grant and loan applications. Thanks again for the opportunity, and for all of your hard work in (at least tentatively) securing these funds to build a sustainable materials management infrastructure in California.

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