



RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT ZONES

July 23, 2009

Ken Decio
California Integrated Waste Management Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95812

**Re: Support Land Application
of Coffee Grounds**

Dear Mr. Decio:

The California Association of Recycling Market Development Zones (CARMDZ) is a coalition of local government professionals who work with entrepreneurs and established firms to create, sustain, and diversify markets for recycled materials collected in our communities.

On behalf of our association, I am writing in full support of Ventura RMDZ Administrator David Goldstein's efforts to revise CIWMB regulations to allow land application of post-industrial coffee grounds, and to provide full diversion credit for such management of these materials. David has been researching and documenting the case for this change in CIWMB policy for over two years. Based on the results of this work, it now seems clear that it is in the vital interest of the people of California, the cause of recycling market development, and consistent with sound agricultural practices to allow for land application of post industrial coffee grounds as soon as possible.

Mr. Goldstein has demonstrated through personal research and independent testing that farmers in his county who are quite willing to use coffee grounds to amend the soil for production of valuable crops, and that doing so poses no harm to the crops or the public health. Moreover, the CIWMB itself has provided, in its own Strategic Directives 6.1 and 8.4, the rationale for re-evaluating and changing existing policy.

Thank you for your consideration of our position on this matter. Please keep me informed of developments of your ongoing discussion and resolution of this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Lautze".

Steve Lautze
CARMDZ President