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California Resource Recovery Association

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Linda Adams
Chair, Board of Directors
Climate Action Reserve
523 W. Sixth Street, Suite 428
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Re: Support for the Adoption of the Organic Waste Composting Protocol

Dear Chair Adams,

CRRA supports Climate Action Reserve's efforts to develop an Organic Waste Composting protocol. We believe this effort will result in increased diversion of organic materials from landfills. We urge you to adopt this protocol.

Food is a significant and highly recoverable component of material currently sent to California landfills, where it contributes to the production of methane, a potent greenhouse gas, much of which is released to the atmosphere. Food waste is a critical feedstock for compost production, and when used as such represents a fundamental, cost effective and multi-faceted solution to greenhouse gas emissions, not just by reducing landfill methane emissions, but more importantly by fixing carbon in our state's crop lands, and by reducing the demand on energy-intensive synthetic fertilizers and irrigation water. ARB, CalRecycle, ETAAC, CAT and others have identified increased composting and compost production and use a key action in reducing California's greenhouse gas emissions.

Several large communities including the City and County of San Francisco and Alameda County have demonstrated that large scale food waste recovery systems can be just as viable as bottle, can and paper recycling is. The Organic Waste Composting Protocol would create economic incentives for food waste diversion critical to the development of a comprehensive state-wide food waste diversion infrastructure that would help restore California's croplands.

CRRA enthusiastically supports the adoption of the Organic Waste Composting Protocol.

Sincerely,

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Julie Muir
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