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FRESNO CITY COUNCIL



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WORKSHOP - SB 1383 Updates

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Amanda Martin

From: Michael Brown [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 7:17 PM
To: Clerk
Cc: dennis balakian; David Balakian
Subject: Feb 10, 2022 - Agenda Item 3.-B. ID 22-237 WORKSHOP - SB 1383 Update Letter to the City Council
Attachments: Dennis Balakian Letter to Fresno City Council Item 3B Feb 10, 2022.pdf

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Dear Sir or Madame,

Attached, please find a letter from Dennis Balakian, President of West Coast Waste Corporation supporting staff's recommendations for this item.

Please distribute to the Council Members and read it into the record.

Thanks

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Michael D. Brown, P.E.

Ph: [REDACTED]

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I am Dennis Balakian, President of West Coast Waste, the City's Green Waste Processing Contractor and proud partner of the City of Fresno for over 20 years. We appreciate this opportunity to discuss our project with City and Staff regarding SB 1383 and express our commitment to working together to ensure, that as a service provider, we are offering the best possible solution for SB 1383 compliance over the long-term.

SB 1383 prescribes only two approved methods for organic waste management: composting and anaerobic digestion. We realize that composting is only practical for a very limited amount of Fresno's organic wastes and is not sustainable in the long-term as the market becomes more saturated with compost. As such we have focused on Anaerobic Digestion (AD).

We have developed a state-of-the-art AD system at our processing site in Fresno. We have selected the most efficient, cost effective and environmentally sustainable technology through a professionally managed global competition. This is second-generation technology building upon successfully operating systems turning greenwaste and organics into renewable fuels in Monterey, San Jose and South San Francisco.

CEQA for the project was approved and a Conditional Use Permit issued by the City. Our system produces renewable compressed natural gas ("RCNG") which could be available for use in City Fleet vehicles, as needed. Anaerobic Digestion is the best technology available for processing greenwaste, foodwaste and organics, and it does so in a sustainable, environmentally beneficial way which is the purpose of SB 1383.

The project has broad public and private support including grants from the California Energy Commission, and we have incorporated Federal and State Tax Credit funding programs to further improve the system's economics for the benefit of the community.

Our system is designed to handle greenwaste and organics, diverts material from landfills, reduces GHG's and produces a carbon negative renewable energy. We view AD as the best long-term solution to a very serious and long-term problem.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this project with you today. As a long-time farming family and your reliable greenwaste contractor for over 20 years, we are here to ensure your success in complying with these new State requirements.

Sincerely,


Dennis Balakian

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