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To: EPA Office of Air and Radiation [CPRG@epa.gov]

From: Steve Loupe, Public Work Administrator, San Benito County
San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara-San Benito, CA Metro Area MSA

Subject: Letter of Commitment for the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grants Program:
Implementing Innovative Approaches: Greater Bay Area Food Recovery and Compost Expansion Program
Application

On behalf of San Benito County, I am pleased to provide this letter as an indication of our support for the County of Santa Clara serving as the lead municipality in responding to the Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Implementation Grant.

This letter declares our commitment to collaborate on the project entitled Implementing Innovative Approaches: Greater Bay Area Food Recovery and Compost Expansion Program through the County of Santa Clara as lead applicant.

Recognizing the urgency of addressing GHG pollution contributing to climate change, the County of Santa Clara has identified specific areas for increased collaboration, which will include programs or initiatives in the following areas:

- Compost procurement and application program
- Carbon credit financing system
- Local food recovery and compost infrastructure hubs
- Expanded funding for current and emergent food waste reduction efforts

The County of San Benito helped craft the proposal of this application and will continue to support in the implementation and performance of the project over the course of the next 5 years.

We look forward to working with the County of Santa Clara and all the participating municipalities, agencies and community organizations that will benefit from this program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "SLoupe", is written over a blue circular stamp.

Steve Loupe
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Public Works Administrator