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Subject: Climate Action Plan

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Dear Mr. Yankovich:

Bay Area Air Quality Management District (District) staff submitted a comment letter (dated February 15, 2011) on Solano County's (County's) Draft Climate Action Plan (Plan). In the letter, the District recommended several changes to the Plan in order for the Plan to be considered a "Qualified Greenhouse Gas Reduction Strategy" in accordance with the District's 2010 CEQA Guidelines. Subsequently, County staff has modified the Plan following the District's recommendations.

In its earlier letter, the District recommended specific measures that the County consider including in the Plan in order to safeguard against the Plan's heavy reliance on voluntary measures to achieve the greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction target. The County responded by adding text to the Plan stating that, should monitoring efforts find that the Plan is falling short of its goals, the County will amend the Plan to change certain voluntary measures to mandatory measures in order to meet the Plan's goals. The District supports the inclusion of this additional text, and emphasizes the importance of monitoring the implementation of the GHG mitigation measures in the Plan. Ongoing monitoring is critical in order to demonstrate that the Plan is achieving its goals, thereby maintaining its status as a Qualified GHG Reduction Strategy over time.

With this modification, the District believes that this Plan meets the minimum standard elements of a Qualified GHG Reduction Strategy as defined by the District's CEQA Guidelines.

The District appreciates the responsiveness with which County staff have addressed the recommendations made in the District's February comment letter. The County has clearly made a significant commitment to climate protection, through the draft Climate Action Plan and the many climate-friendly policies and programs it has implemented to date. The District looks forward to working with Solano County as it moves forward with implementing the Climate Action Plan and other climate protection strategies.

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Abby Young, Principal Environmental Planner, at (415) 749-4754.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jean Roggenkamp". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail that loops back under the name.

Jean Roggenkamp
Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer

cc: BAAQMD Director Jim Spering