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RE: Request for Consideration for the Formation of a Regional Agency by the Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority

Dear Ms. Yee:

The Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority (Authority) is requesting formal recognition as a Regional Agency and requesting CalRecycle's review and approval of the Regional Agency formation. The Authority's Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 2012-38 on October 18, 2012 recommending the Authority member agencies approve amendment No. 3 to the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) amending Section 13 regarding the formation of a Regional Agency and forward to each member agency for approval.

The Authority was formed in 1997 to address the solid waste management issues in the Salinas Valley for the following six member agencies; the cities of Gonzales, Greenfield, King City, Salinas, and Soledad, and Monterey County (eastern portion of the unincorporated area). Since 2000, the Authority has provided enhanced AB 939 services to all its member agencies, partially excluding the County of Monterey, which includes completion of annual compliance reports, management of franchise services, commercial and industrial recycling program development and implementation, and public education campaigns. The County of Monterey's Environmental Health Bureau (EHB) provides AB 939 and franchise management service to those in the unincorporated areas, excluding household hazardous waste collection and public recycling centers operations which the Authority provides to those residents. The purpose of forming a Regional Agency is to consolidate annual AB 939/SB 1016 reporting and compliance evaluation as a Regional Agency rather than as individual cities.

For purposes of establishing the Regional Agency, membership will include the five Authority member cities only. The County of Monterey's EHB has elected to continue reporting as an individual agency and not participate in the Regional Agency formation for reporting purposes at this time.

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Each member agency has adopted a resolution approving amendment No. 3 to the JPA for the formation of the Regional Agency. Enclosed are the following documents for review and approval:

- Authority JPA Agreement
- Amendment No. 3 to the Authority JPA Agreement establishing the Regional Agency
- Copies of the Resolutions amending the JPA Agreement by each member agency
- Copy of the Authority's October 18, 2012 Board Meeting Minutes recording approval of amendment No. 3 for the formation of the Regional Agency

CalRecycle has been an integral part of the development of the language for this amendment to the JPA; Authority staff would like to acknowledge the excellent support from Legal and the Local Assistance and Market Development Branch staff we have received during this process.

The Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority is available to answer any questions or provide any additional information to support CalRecycle's approval. Please contact myself or Mandy Brooks, Recycling Coordinator, at mandyb@svswa.org or (831) 775-3004.

Sincerely,

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General Manager/CAO

Enclosures

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