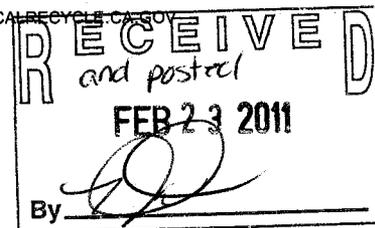




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### NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF DRAFT EIR

#### Opportunity for Public Comment on Draft Program Environmental Impact Report for Statewide Anaerobic Digester Facilities for the Treatment of Municipal Organic Solid Waste (SCH #2010042100)

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle), as the lead agency, has released a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for Statewide Anaerobic Digester (AD) Facilities for the Treatment of Municipal Organic Solid Waste. The public review and comment period for the Draft Program EIR has started and will end on April 4, 2011. During the review period, CalRecycle will hold a public meeting on March 15, 2011 (see meeting information below) to discuss the Draft Program EIR and receive comments. In addition, the public may provide written comments on the Draft Program EIR during the review period.

#### BACKGROUND

The Draft Program EIR provides a programmatic analysis of potential environmental effects that may result from the adoption of an Anaerobic Digestion (AD) Initiative and subsequent development of AD facilities in the State of California, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

CalRecycle plans to adopt an Anaerobic Digestion Initiative (the AD Initiative) in 2011, which will be a set of comprehensive program elements to foster the development of AD facilities that convert organic solid wastes into sources of energy and can produce valuable compost feedstocks, soil amendments, and other products. Implementation of the AD Initiative will assist in meeting the following objectives:

- Support CalRecycle Strategic Directive 6.1: to reduce the amount of organics in the waste stream by 50 percent by 2020.
- Support Assembly Bill 32 (AB 32), the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, greenhouse gas reduction measures related to the use of anaerobic digestion.
- Assist local governments and state agencies (both lead and responsible agencies) by providing program-level analyses that will identify potential environmental effects of AD facilities and discuss mitigation measures or best management practices that can reduce or eliminate the environmental effects.

#### SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

The Draft EIR evaluates and describes, on a statewide, program-level basis, the potential environmental impacts associated with the construction and operation of AD facilities, identifies those impacts that could be significant, and presents mitigation measures, which, if adopted by CalRecycle or other responsible agencies, could avoid or minimize these impacts. There are no significant and unavoidable impacts identified in the Draft Program EIR.





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### DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The Draft Program EIR will be available for public review at the CalEPA Library during the review period:

CalEPA Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
1001 I Street  
P.O. Box 2815  
Sacramento, CA  
95812-2815  
Phone: (916) 322-4027

Electronic copies of the Draft Program EIR can be downloaded in PDF format from the CalRecycle website at:

<http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/SWFacilities/Compostables/AnaerobicDig>

Additional access to copies may also be accomplished by contacting Paul Miller, by phone at (916) 564-4500 or by e-mail (PMiller@esassoc.com); there will be a reasonable fee charged for a hardcopy or CD version.

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### PUBLIC MEETING AND SCHEDULE

The public will have an opportunity to provide comments on the Draft Program EIR during the following CalRecycle Monthly Public Meeting:

**Date:** Tuesday, March 15, 2011

**Time:** 10:00 AM

**Address:** CalEPA building  
1001 I Street  
Byron Sher Auditorium (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)  
Sacramento, CA 95814

