



To Waterboard Directors,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the issue of water discharges from composting facilities.

I want to express my deep concern and opposition to the blanket negative declaration being proposed for dischargers. I live next to a ranch in south east Sacramento county that has a permit to land spread treated sewage sludge and this activity is considered composting in the permit language. Recent science has found constituents of emerging concerns are a new issue and necessary applications of testing and evaluations must be made before the permitting action be applied. Silva ranch was not appropriately analysed when giving this particular operation a negative declaration. A declaration given by way of a complete deference to the right to farm on a cattle ranch. This ranch sits in the watershed of the Laguna, Hadesville, and Browns creeks system and is a major source of groundwater recharge for our area aquifer. All the current activity on the Silva ranch is detrimental to water courses on the ranch and downstream. The Silva ranch has made recent trends toward a CAFO which further degrades the water and air quality in the region. I am opposed to a negative declaration for the above mentioned reasons and believe that giving such an overriding declaration is detrimental to the land and waters and public safety. All operations should be assessed on individual basis and not considered all the same.

Sincerely,
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