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Funding for renewables and research development, and demonstration purposes should be included in the EPIC investment plan in order to help the state develop clean renewable energy. Despite the energy value in biosolids, there are challenges to the use of conversion technologies and bringing those technologies to market. Investigating new technologies to fully utilize biosolids is essential to address the challenges and it is essential that funds be made available to help deploy these new technologies, when proven, on a commercial scale. Similar to other emerging alternative energy technologies, the shift to bring biosolids to energy technology to a commercial scale and make it accessible for wide use across the country depends on a combination of federal, state, local, and private partnerships.

In order to fully develop California's renewable energy resources to meet RPS goal, clean energy, clean transportation fuel, and AB 32 goals, funding for technology research and development to generate energy from biosolids from publicly owned wastewater treatment facilities is essential, as is funding for commercial scale deployment of these and other technologies. The Bay Area Biosolids to Energy (BAB2E) Coalition respectfully urges the inclusion of funding for biosolids to energy in the EPIC investment plan.

Sincerely,



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