

September 18, 2017

Limoneira Company
Harold Edwards, Chief Executive Officer
Alex Teague, Senior Vice-President
1141 Cummings Road
Santa Paula, CA 93060

Dear Mssrs. Edwards and Teague.

For decades, the City has depended on the services of Agromin for green waste recycling. We also understand and appreciate your role in making commodities created from green waste marketable to the farmers because of the environmental benefits and efficiencies it brings to farm management—less waste use, erosion control and a better yield. This market creation helped Ventura County cities make the AB 939 compliance deadlines. Ventura County is now a leader in green waste recycling. For this, we thank you!

Now, we face new laws that are far more restrictive. For example, AB 32 and SB 32 (Green House Gas Emissions Reduction Bills) require the State to reduce GHG emissions to 1990 levels by 2020 (AB 32) and require a 40% reduction GHG by 2030 (SB32). AB 876 requires that each county report 15 years of organics recycling capacity to meet the tonnage demands created in their county. Without a fully permitted Commercial Compost Center, compliance with these and a host of other laws would be impossible.

All of this being said we know the importance of Limoneira's continuing partnership with Agromin in creating what would become a state of the art organics recycling facility at Limoneira and we pledge to support the process that gets this project completed. Agromin is ready to submit all of the paper work to begin the permitting process (it has been a long road 4 years and hundreds of thousands of dollars), but it is our understanding that Agromin is down to the wire with a couple of hurdles to overcome and the main one is the availability of the necessary water to operate the recycling facility. Please know that the City is willing to work with Limoneira and Agromin to find a mutually beneficial solution to this issue. As noted above, the City is in full support of this project and City

Officials and Staff are prepared to speak at any public hearing at the Board of Supervisors to voice this support.

Again thank you so much for your past help in environmental compliance and bringing Ventura County respect and applause from CalRecycle (the agency that oversees all of the organic laws).

Please feel free to call me with any questions.

Jenny Crosswhite
Mayor