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Michael Maguire
Associate Planner for Wood Product Innovation
Governor's Office of Planning and Research 1400 10th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Marin Biomass Recovery Project

Dear Mr. Maguire:

On behalf of the Marin Conservation League (MCL), we are writing in support of a grant proposal submitted by the Marin Biomass Project to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR). The project is one of five pilots under consideration by OPR for improving biomass utilization through various feedstock aggregation mechanisms and organizational innovations. The project will evaluate a wide range of pathways for processing biomass and converting it into useful products in ways that are both economically viable and climate change adaptive.

MCL has recently formed two new issue committees working on wildfire resiliency and climate change policies. We fully support projects to reduce wildfire risk while maintaining or improving ecological conditions employing the best available practices for disposal or recycling of biomass removed from such projects. We also recognize that more coordinated utilization of biomass, using methods that are economically viable and decrease carbon emissions are desperately needed. In addition, the project has the potential to boost utilization pathways that actually improve our ability to sequester carbon.

The project has the potential to catalyze alignment of regional bodies to respond in the near term to make effective changes that will support effective wildfire resilience and improve our local efforts to reach a carbon neutral geography. We will be following this project with strong interest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Miller".

Robert Miller
President

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Larry Minikes".

Larry Minikes
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