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Mayor Gavin Newsom
City Hall, Room 200
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
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Dear Mayor Newsom:

On behalf of Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD), I am writing to express our strong support for the biosolids compost giveaway program administered by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission.

DSRSD provides water, wastewater, and recycled water services to 145,000 East Bay residents. With the California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA), Bay Area Clean Water Agencies (BACWA), and the California Water Environment Association (CWEA), we urge your administration to continue supporting the Commission in its approach to biosolids management.

We commend the Commission for proactively engaging the community in response to opposition by the Center for Food Safety and others that are seeking to end biosolids compost giveaways in San Francisco. Informing the public about biosolids management is one of the most important tasks facing cities, counties, and wastewater agencies. The Commission has clearly explained the strong scientific consensus on the benefits of using biosolids compost and the stringent regulations that govern its giveaway program. This effort is encouraging fair and open discussion of wastewater treatment and biosolids recycling based on sound information.

Effective management of the Bay Area's growing volume of biosolids will require an even broader portfolio of alternatives than exist today. It is important to continue programs that have demonstrated a positive track record and are advancing our knowledge of beneficial biosolids reuse. We appreciate San Francisco's leadership in the field of sustainable biosolids management and we encourage your administration to stay the course in supporting the biosolids compost giveaway program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bert Michalczyk', written in a cursive style.

BERT MICHALCZYK
General Manager

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