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Chairman Adam and Commissioners,

I have been trying to follow the hearings on the proposed Resource Recover Project at Tajiguas Landfill over this past year and just read that there will be a consideration to approve the \$122 million project and go forward with an EIR. While I have concerns that alternate solutions such as composting source-separated organics into high quality compost for farms, a process known as "carbon farming" might not reach the goal needed for the best solution I do believe that continuing to seek similar solutions for repurposing waste into viable uses such as this for our Agriculture base as well as enhancing ecosystem functions is the better way to go rather than taking on such a high-risk project that could end up putting the County at another round of budget unknowns when the north jail may also require unknown additional funding.

It seems that in this day and age when modern technology changes by the month, it might be more prudent to wait a while longer on this project and make a decision when the outcomes are much more responsible.

I am not a professional but I worked extensively on a city-wide project trying to get waste reduction through an incentive-driven composting program in the City of Santa Monica a few years back and it was a drain and uphill struggle; maybe with today's technology there might be better alternatives. If this were Germany, then you'd be fined if you didn't participate in source-separated organics but this is not Germany. This project, just in the reading and viewing hearings on TV, suggests to me common sense would say the County does not need another large high-risk venture at this time.

Thank you for your consideration.

A concerned citizen,  
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