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**TO: SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**CC: SCOTT MCGOLPIN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS**  
**RE: REQUEST FOR \$36,000 PER YEAR TO BE ADDED TO RESOURCE RECOVERY & WASTE MGMT BUDGET**

Dear Honorable Supervisors:

Some years ago Heal the Ocean initiated with MarBorg Industries a recycling/repurposing program for Styrofoam, that has been successful in keeping Styrofoam out of the Tajiguas Landfill. Our original purpose was to keep bits of Styrofoam from flying into the environment, and thence the ocean, but over the years we've been conducting this operation we have also learned that the program is keeping A LOT of this bulky waste out of the Tajiguas Landfill – thereby extending the life of the Landfill.

MarBorg has two dropoff sites – Lower Milpas Area (Nopalitos) and David Love Place in Goleta, that accepts Styrofoam from contractors, consumers, electronic stores, etc. MarBorg then trucks the Styrofoam to a Los Angeles facility, South Coast Foam, that repurposes the Styrofoam to make new products. To transport the material to Los Angeles. MarBorg has purchased a closed trailer-tractor and trips to Los Angeles are averaging 1x per month.

The cost to Heal the Ocean has been approximately \$3,000/month for MarBorg's service. Per Brian Borgatello, MarBorg's costs are broken down as follows.

- Monthly trailer rental (\$300)
- ~8 hours of delivery service to South Coast Foam (~\$1,000) (It will cost more if MarBorg makes the visits to South Coast Foam during heavy traffic days)
- Monthly labor fees (\$1,800) - this is MarBorg's fee for labor at David Love and Nopalitos.

This adds up to approximately \$3,100 per month, possibly more depending on the hours it takes for a delivery trip.

Heal the Ocean has been paying this fee for nearly two years, and our concern is that the program stay alive, to keep Styrofoam out of Tajiguas. If County Public Works could pick up this program, it would ensure the perpetuity of the program, should for some reason Heal the Ocean be unable to continue. With MarBorg the program is on autopilot now, the County would have nothing to do but include the cost in its Public Works budget. If the County would adopt this program, it would add significantly to the County's Performance Measures pertaining to Waste Diversion/Recycling Target; and also the County's goal of achieving 1,150 pounds/cubic yard compaction at the Tajiguas Landfill to maximize capacity.

We would be most thankful if County Public Works can add this program into its annual 2022 budget, starting with the current fiscal year, 2022. Thank you!

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hillary Hauser". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Hillary Hauser, Executive Director**