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Recommendations for Investment Plan 2017-2018 of the ARFVTP

Hello,

Please see the attached document with Sylvatex's comments and recommendations towards the Investment Plan Update 2017-2018.

Thank you, Best, Sylvatex, Inc.

Additional submitted attachment is included below.



Date: October 24th, 2016

Dear Commissioner,

We thank you for the opportunity to submit comments to the CEC's Advisory Committee Meeting and Public Workshop regarding the 2017-2018 Investment Plan. We are writing on behalf of Sylvatex, Inc. – a green nanochemistry company that has a renewable platform technology focusing on energy needs of California. Our recommendations for the investment plan for 2017-2018 are as follows:

- Stimulate In-State Innovation There should be yearly grant incentives focused on <u>pilot scale</u> projects to instigate <u>innovative technology development</u> that provide low emission solutions to the community. This is an important stage in development to support since it helps to provide follow on funding and ramp up of next generation technologies.
- The weightage of solutions and impact for <u>disadvantaged/rural communities</u> should be increased from the current standard in solicitations as they are an integral part of our communities and need these energy solutions as much as the urban areas.
- <u>Low emissions liquid fuel</u> should be given as much importance as natural gas/bio methane technologies since they have greater potential for broader and larger scale carbon reductions.
- Increase weightage in solicitations around project needs for state funding. <u>Under-represented</u> <u>communities</u>, including female led companies typically have a harder time to raise capital from the private sector. State funding should help to alleviate this current bias.

Thank you, Sincerely, Sylvatex, Inc