

CERTIFICATE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Sacramento, California

I, Shela Tobias-Daniel, Executive Director of the California Pollution Control Financing Authority, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a RESOLUTION OF OFFICIAL INTENT TO ISSUE NOTES TO FINANCE SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT FOR KOCHERGEN FARMS COMPOSTING, INC. AND/OR ITS AFFILIATES Project approved by me on September 30, 2024, and that I have the requisite right, power, and authority to approve this resolution as delegated by the Authority in the RESOLUTION OF THE CALIFORNIA POLLUTION CONTROL FINANCING AUTHORITY DELEGATING CERTAIN POWERS AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN ACTIONS RELATED TO BOND FINANCINGS adopted on January 17, 2023.

This resolution of intent expires September 30, 2027.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this certificate and affixed the seal of the California Pollution Control Financing Authority hereto.



September 30, 2024

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Executive Director

**RESOLUTION OF OFFICIAL INTENT TO ISSUE NOTES TO
FINANCE SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT
FOR KOCHERGEN FARMS COMPOSTING, INC. AND/OR ITS AFFILIATES**

September 30, 2024

WHEREAS, the California Pollution Control Financing Authority (“Authority”), a public instrumentality of the State of California, is authorized and empowered by the provisions of the California Pollution Control Financing Authority Act (Division 27 (commencing with Section 44500) of the Health and Safety Code) (“Act”) to issue bonds or notes for the purpose of financing or refinancing certain solid waste disposal facilities and equipment; and

WHEREAS, Kochergen Farms Composting, Inc., a California corporation, and/or its affiliates (collectively, the “Company”), have requested that the Authority assist in the financing or refinancing of the acquisition of land and the construction of a solid waste disposal facility thereon, the construction of site improvements at an existing solid waste disposal facility, and the acquisition and installation, if any, of equipment for the collection, processing, transfer and recycling of solid waste (collectively, the “Project”), and have presented an estimate of the maximum cost of the Project, as shown in Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the Authority desires to encourage the Company to provide solid waste disposal facilities and equipment that will serve the public of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, the Company requires satisfactory assurances from the Authority that the proceeds of the sale of notes of the Authority shall be made available to finance the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Company expects to incur or pay from its own funds certain expenditures in connection with the Project prior to the issuance of indebtedness for the purpose of financing costs associated with the Project on a long-term basis; and

WHEREAS, subject to meeting all the conditions set forth in this Initial Resolution the Authority reasonably expects that debt obligations in an amount not expected to exceed \$5,200,000 shall be issued and that certain of the proceeds of those debt obligations shall be used to reimburse the Company for its prior expenditures associated with the Project; and

WHEREAS, Section 1.103-8(a)(5) and Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations require the Authority to declare its reasonable official intent to reimburse prior expenditures for the Project with the proceeds of a subsequent borrowing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the California Pollution Control Financing Authority as follows:

Section 1. The Authority finds and determines that the foregoing recitals are true and correct. For purposes of this Initial Resolution, an “Affiliate” of the Company means any person or entity that meets the definition of “participating party” in the Act and controls, is controlled by or is under common control with the Company, as shown by the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of its management or policies, whether through majority equity ownership, contract or otherwise.

Section 2. The Authority declares its official intent to issue, at one time or from time to time, an aggregate of up to \$5,200,000 principal amount of notes of the Authority for the Project, including for the purpose of reimbursing to the Company costs incurred for the Project prior to the issuance of the notes.

Section 3. The notes shall be payable solely from the revenues to be received by the Authority pursuant to a loan agreement or other agreements to be entered into between the Authority and the Company in connection with the Project. Each note, consistent with the Act, shall contain a statement to the following effect:

“Neither the faith and credit nor the taxing power of the State of California or any political subdivision thereof or of any local agency is pledged to the payment of the principal, premium, if any, or interest on this note.”

Section 4. The notes shall be issued subject to the conditions that (i) the Authority and the Company shall have first agreed to mutually acceptable terms for the notes and of the sale and delivery of those notes, and mutually acceptable terms and conditions of the loan of the proceeds of those notes to the Company; (ii) all requisite governmental approvals shall have first been obtained; (iii) a Final Resolution shall have been received from the Authority; and (iv) to the extent required, an allocation shall have been received from the California Debt Limit Allocation Committee for any portion of the notes that are to be sold as exempt from federal income tax.

Section 5. The Executive Director of the Authority is authorized under Resolution 23-01-001 to indicate the willingness of the Authority to proceed with and effect this financing in order to assist the Company by defraying the cost of the Project, subject to due compliance with all requirements of the law, the obtaining of all necessary consents and approvals, and meeting all other requirements of the Authority.

Section 6. It is intended that this Initial Resolution shall constitute “some other similar official action” towards the issuance of notes within the meaning of Section 1.103-8(a)(5) of the Treasury Regulations and “official intent” within the meaning of Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations, each as applicable under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. It is also intended that this statement of “official action” or “official intent” by the Authority shall continue in full force and effect even if this Initial Resolution ceases to be effective for other purposes.

Section 7. This Initial Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its approval and remain in full force and effect. Subject to Section 6, this Initial Resolution shall cease to be effective three years after the approval date unless prior to that repeal date the Authority or Executive Director specifically adopts a further resolution extending the effective date of this Initial Resolution, which they will consider only after receiving a specific request for that action from the Company, accompanied by an explanation of the status of the Project and any additional information requested by the Authority to supplement the Company's application.

EXHIBIT A

NUMBER: 24-07

LOCATIONS: 2962 S. Cedar Avenue, Fresno, CA 93725

33915 Avenal Cutoff Road, Kettleman City, CA 93239

TYPE: Solid Waste Disposal

AMOUNT: \$5,200,000