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Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle)

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Larry Sweetser, Rural Counties Environmental Services Joint Powers Authority

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PROCEEDINGS

- 2 JANUARY 22, 2019 9:56 A.M.
- 3 NOTE: PARTIAL TRANSCRIPT MEETING WAS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN AT
- 4 9 A.M. BUT, DUE TO TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES, WEB BROADCAST DID
- 5 NOT BEGIN UNTIL 9:56 A.M. WHEN MEETING WAS ALREADY UNDERWAY.
- 6 MR. EDGAR: [Recording started midsentence.]
- 7 Transportation environmental effect. Couple that with land
- 8 use and land use planning, right now that's determined not to
- 9 have a significant impact on a program. I think that should
- 10 be elevated with land use and land use planning.
- 11 As you know, a big component of 1383 is -- and its
- 12 programs disadvantaged communities and trying to site these
- 13 facilities in disadvantaged communities is a challenge. But
- 14 what we're showing is at these facilities, especially at
- 15 anaerobic digestion have been shown -- and compost are net
- 16 zero facilities with regards to greenhouse gas productions.
- 17 When you made the fuel at these AD facilities, it's a carbon
- 18 negative fuel with a transportation element being a near zero
- 19 oX and a lot of these facilities are source separation
- 20 facilities where we maintain organic standard for our compost
- 21 which is near zero pesticide use when you use it for
- 22 sustainable ag.

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- So under land use and land use planning and looking
- 24 at the disadvantaged community component, I think as a big
- 25 criteria the net benefit of this program EIR, that should be

- 1 elevated because it's a net positive impact of net zero
- 2 emissions with net zero zoning. In a [indiscernible] a lot
- 3 of local Climate Action Plans.
- 4 At the local level when I worked with the city of
- 5 Pittsburg or county Tulare and all where I have projects, we
- 6 work with the Climate Action Plan at the local level and
- 7 every one of them have SB 1383 components from 2012. I mean,
- 8 you feel like any kind of Climate Action Plan from '06 to
- 9 2012 they want alternative fuels, renewable energy, waste
- 10 diversion, and compost use.
- 11 So at the local level by having the Climate Action
- 12 Plans already have those components, the ability to permit
- 13 these facilities at the local level is great, has been done
- 14 in practice, we're doing it now. But it's so important to
- 15 have this program EIR state that in the land use and land use
- 16 planning aspect in order to allow as it says in your
- 17 overarching NOP to allow local government to use this at the
- 18 local level for permitting. So I would put that aspect up --
- 19 I'd move that up in land use and land use planning into a
- 20 significant impact category.
- 21 MARK DE BIE: My recollection of that particular item
- 22 in the checklist is more on broken use of kinds of impact in
- 23 our local project create more housing more this that sort of
- 24 things. But certainly, it's an area where we can look at
- 25 benefits too.

- 1 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Yeah.
- 2 MR. EDGAR: Great. I've got more comments on this.
- 3 [Several speakers talk over each other]
- 4 MR. DE BIE: Just make sure, anyone else?
- 5 HANK BRADY: Other comments in the room?
- 6 MR. DE BIE: A lot of good interested parties here
- 7 but none are sharing.
- 8 MR. EDGAR: Okay. I'd love to share.
- 9 Evan Edgar, engineer for the California Compost
- 10 Coalition.
- 11 Under the agriculture and forest resources such as
- 12 the agriculture, I believe that is -- should be moved up to
- 13 beneficial impacts that are significant. The CFA released a
- 14 report this month on the working lands. Within that report,
- 15 they talked about the 2030 compost use and the benefits of
- 16 compost.
- 17 And they have a metric, they get to 2030 to increase
- 18 compost use on agriculture irrigated crop lands from 20,000
- 19 to 40,000 more acres per year to the year 2030. That's the
- 20 metric that this came out that we've been working on for
- 21 years. That translates to about 5.8 million metric tons of
- 22 greenhouse gas reductions with all the cobenefits that Dan
- 23 was talking about if you were to take all that pesticide
- 24 replacement, water savings. I mean, for fertilizer or
- 25 replacement, it works out to be 5.8 million metric ton per

- 1 year. So under the agriculture sector of this EIR under
- 2 compost use, there's already metrics available. And that's
- 3 number about twenty to forty thousand acres -- acre per year
- 4 translates to the SB 1383, 75 percent diversion number.
- 5 So I kind of link all the different pillars together
- 6 under healthy soils and methane reduction where there's a
- 7 nexus and there's harmony with regards to all the organics
- 8 you take out of the landfill, you make digestate there and AD
- 9 and then compost with CASP that amount of compost translates
- 10 into the number that CalMAN is the CalMAN and comet models
- 11 used as part of the natural working lands and there's
- 12 \$18 million budget line item for health soils initiative.
- 13 So within this program EIR, I would elevate
- 14 agriculture and the healthy soils program as significant net
- 15 benefit that would be that offtake agreement for all the
- 16 compost and digestate that would come out as program EIR.
- MR. DE BIE: Okay. Great. Again, you know,
- 18 initially you look at what the negative impacts are. That's
- 19 [indiscernible] of certain CEQA.
- MR. EDGAR: CEQA life-cycle. I've been told many
- 21 times that CEQA looks at the benefits as well.
- 22 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Right.
- MR. EDGAR: And the significant benefits. And those
- 24 should be enunciated as part of the program EIR.
- DAN NOBLE: Impact, the mitigation of the impacts.

- 1 Right. So I mean, I would imagine if you looked at the
- 2 checklist for CEQA and you have two columns, one is impacts
- 3 and the other one is benefits or impact mitigation, in each
- 4 of these categories, I mean, you just spoke with one
- 5 agricultural and forest resources, absolutely. I don't think
- 6 you have -- you have more positive impacts. I guess you can
- 7 call that mitigation rather than negative impacts.
- 8 MR. EDGAR: And they've been quantified with us --
- 9 MR. NOBLE: Yeah.
- 10 MR. EDGAR: -- just for agency document over the
- 11 working --
- MR. NOBLE: Absolutely.
- 13 MR. EDGAR: -- model [indiscernible] worked on for
- 14 three years using comets ladder and working with all the
- 15 metrics or working lands. So we're trying to [indiscernible]
- 16 with pillars and have this working group among all the
- 17 interagency agreements to have this program in harmony with
- 18 healthy soils and methane mitigation. The action is a great
- 19 nexus there, the metrics are in place, you don't even have to
- 20 do the math, comet model and working lands has done it for
- 21 us.
- MR. NOBLE: And also with water because water is, you
- 23 know, 90 percent of the water that we use in our state goes
- 24 on soil first. 80 percent for ag and then half of this urban
- 25 water for our landscapes.

- 1 So you can say I think with a straight face that if
- 2 you're not managing in your soils and the way to create
- 3 healthy soils is by adding organic matter, of course, your
- 4 compost. You know, you're not managing your water
- 5 environment. And those have demonstrated benefits that even,
- 6 you know, that are published even, you know, all over the
- 7 CalRecycle website.
- 8 MR. BRADY: I just want to make a quick announcement.
- 9 We apparently have audio working yet on the webinar.
- 10 For folks that are participating online, we will be posting
- 11 this meeting as a second webinar. We've had some technical
- 12 difficulties that have made it difficult for folks to
- 13 participate via the webinar, so we will be posting this again
- 14 so that folks can provide a feedback remotely. We've been
- 15 today primarily taking comments from folks in the room but we
- 16 will be holding a second meeting to go over the CEQA, NOP
- 17 process.
- 18 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Are you going to talk to that after
- 19 today or some other day?
- MR. BRADY: We don't have a time for that yet.
- 21 Are there other comments in the room? Otherwise --
- MR. EDGAR: I've got one more, my last one.
- 23 Public services. Evan Edgar, engineer for the
- 24 California Compost Coalition.
- 25 Public service and utilities are important component.

- 1 One of the papers that is a great resource document to bring
- 2 metrics under air quality to this program EIR is the CAPCOA
- 3 paper that was helped produced by CalRecycle, CARB, and
- 4 CAPCOA in regards to compost in California. Addressing air
- 5 quality permitting regulatory issues to expending
- 6 infrastructure. Great, a lot good information inside there
- 7 should be used on metrics and analysis has already been done
- 8 for you.
- 9 With regards to one of the aspects of the public
- 10 services is that one of the options that CAPCOA looked at was
- 11 designating compost facilities as an essential public
- 12 service. And that's an important aspect. So under public
- 13 services seeing that this is mandated and there's a
- 14 significant amount of facilities that we have in front of us
- 15 in the program EIR that basically this is essential public
- 16 service such as waste water. And so by having that
- 17 designation's key, I believe this program EIR should look at
- 18 designating compost facilities as an essential public service
- 19 with information provided in a compost facility.
- There's a lot of reasons why people pose that with
- 21 regards to a new source at a federal level they say things
- 22 they can't do with regards to the permitting aspect, but this
- 23 is environmental analysis aspect of it where the net benefits
- 24 across the board on criteria pollutants, NOx and greenhouse
- 25 gasses are significant on these facilities that are essential

- 1 public services. And I quess the benefit which is not a CEQA
- 2 issue is that they still have to apply for the new source
- 3 review because the federal -- we don't have to pay the offset
- 4 fees.
- 5 Offset fees [missing recording] they're even
- 6 available for the compost industry for this program EIR could
- 7 be up to \$54 million in just in offset fees. I have those
- 8 numbers in my comments I submitted so this is a significant
- 9 detriment to the development of industry, especially when
- 10 this essential public services is shown to be a net benefit
- 11 to the current public services. I believe that analysis
- 12 should be put in this program EIR to designate compost
- 13 facility as essential public service.
- 14 MR. DE BIE: And push the scope of what you can do in
- 15 the EIR.
- 16 MR. EDGAR: Look at net benefits. There's net
- 17 benefits here across the board that from baseline conditions
- 18 over landfills that are evident and prudent with the
- 19 numerics, numbers, and emission reduction factors that we
- 20 couldn't do years ago under the scoping plans because it
- 21 didn't have the data. So for many years a lot of public
- 22 agency is we don't have the data.
- 23 And environmental groups don't have the data so they
- 24 don't know. They don't know what they don't know. But we do
- 25 know after all these years, we do have the data from CAPCOA

- 1 and the working lands group from CARB. All that data is
- 2 available in different silos. And you combine the silos into
- 3 a program EIR, you actually get something out of it. That's
- 4 a hope of this program EIR so you that would actually develop
- 5 60 CASP compost facilities in California and 26 AD facilities
- 6 using your current program EIR you ever develop for anaerobic
- 7 digestion facilities in 2011. That should be brought in the
- 8 equation because that is shelf ready.
- 9 Back then they didn't do a numerics on the cobenefits
- 10 because there wasn't data we have today. So that information
- 11 of program EIR for AD facilities could be upgraded and added
- 12 to this for the 26 facilities over baseline conditions we
- 13 have in this program.
- MR. NOBLE: I have a question.
- UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Yeah.
- MR. NOBLE: I don't fully understand how this program
- 17 EIR may or may get used or modeled or by the local
- 18 jurisdiction at least when they're doing specific projects.
- 19 MR. DE BIE: CEQA allows lead agencies to
- 20 [unintelligible] CEQA record and utilize past documents to
- 21 support their approvals. It's really a theme in CEQA is not
- 22 to redo, not to make another wheel. So if there's analysis
- 23 out there, then we can cite that and reference it and use
- 24 that analysis, we don't have to do it again.
- MR. NOBLE: Got it.

- 1 MR. DE BIE: So -- so program EIR functions in that
- 2 way. So there's a level of analysis that gets you down to a
- 3 certain level --
- 4 MR. NOBLE: Right.
- 5 MR. DE BIE: And suggests a [indiscernible] perhaps
- 6 mitigations might be, you know, something that may be useful
- 7 and then a local lead agency, city, county that may have
- 8 approval can reference that and use that and not have to do
- 9 the analysis to support that again.
- MR. NOBLE: Right. And to address some of those
- 11 considerations or concerns, they're very real here in the
- 12 California organics industry and we've had a lot of
- 13 discussions about the problem of contamination. And
- 14 certainly as we move up to -- yeah, Ken is already, is very
- 15 familiar with this problem and we're trying to address the
- 16 problem. The California industry may need a way that hasn't
- 17 been addressed to [indiscernible].
- 18 How we do that, we have a contamination working
- 19 group. But as we go from, you know, less than 50 percent to
- 20 organics recycling across the board to 75, as we all know and
- 21 it was even mentioned in -- in the SRIA that this material is
- 22 more highly contaminated. And as soon as you bring in the
- 23 food scraps, it comes with a lot of plastic because we used a
- 24 lot of plastic around our foods. You know, from growing to
- 25 end use and even throwing it away.

- 1 So I think as we develop the market at each stage in
- 2 the organics value cycle from collection to processing to
- 3 use, we're having to deal with the purification and the
- 4 separation of the compostable versus the noncompostable
- 5 streams. Because as we see in the plastics industry, you
- 6 know, food is contaminating plastics. And as we see in the
- 7 food and the organics industry, plastics is contaminating
- 8 food.
- 9 So if we're ever going to get down further down the
- 10 path on zero waste, we've got to solve this problem. And we
- 11 solve it in the materials management network starting with
- 12 the generator. So it doesn't include any one method is what
- 13 we're finding. We'll have a guidebook for composters that's
- 14 on this issue by the end of the year, I hope. But while
- 15 we're going through this process. But what that brings up
- 16 especially when you bring in the energy considerations is
- 17 that the organics is intimately tied into the local economy
- 18 both in terms of the energy transition from fossil fuels to
- 19 biofuels to the solar energy whether, you know, in getting
- 20 all your electricity from solar.
- 21 What that says is that the markets are all in
- 22 transition right now. But we still need to be market based.
- 23 We can't -- we're not going to create a total municipal
- 24 economy for all of these. Although water is mostly
- 25 municipal. Solid waste is municipal and for privatized

- 1 through franchise is an energy even going through its big
- 2 transition especially up here thanks to PG&E and its
- 3 bankruptcy and the potential breakup of the utilities into,
- 4 you know, more distributed utilities.
- 5 So I think the markets are in supreme flux and make
- 6 me want to make -- I would like to see that the EIR supports
- 7 the transition and the development of local markets as based
- 8 on local market conditions. And that includes the trash
- 9 trucks or the buses whether they're going to renewable
- 10 natural gas or -- you can't put all that in the EIR but I
- 11 wouldn't want to see the EIR restrict any of those innovation
- 12 options will be occurring at the local level and in fact are
- 13 incurring. I guess that's just [indiscernible].
- 14 MR. DE BIE: Just an observation about some benefits
- 15 and a lot of good discussion about that. One way that that
- 16 can be expressed, if you will, in the EIR is here's a
- 17 potential impact. You can reduce that impact to less than
- 18 significant by utilizing these strategies or this methodology
- 19 developing local markets. This reduces potential impacts on
- 20 long haul transportation.
- MR. NOBLE: Right.
- MR. DE BIE: So -- so that kind of input will help us
- 23 immensely to link up here's a potential impact but here are
- 24 things you could do to set up or affect that and eventually
- 25 reduce it as a mitigation measure. So it's -- I think I

- 1 envision that that may be how it'll fall out in the document.
- 2 So as we progress through this process, maybe you
- 3 folks can kind of keep that in mind if you want to advocate
- 4 for that kind of thinking, help us make the connections would
- 5 make it easier for us to find a way into the document.
- 6 MR. NOBLE: Great. We'll do that.
- 7 UNKNOWN FEMALE SPEAKER: We just want -- maybe a
- 8 question. I know you're having technical difficulties, but I
- 9 was hoping to hear a little bit more from local government,
- 10 people that [indiscernible] to the checklist. Is there a
- 11 particular outreach in going there? Because obviously that
- 12 has major impact. I know Larry's here, but there's a lot of
- 13 folks that are in from the areas and I just wondered that.
- 14 MR. DE BIE: Well there were a hundred plus that
- 15 tried to listen so I'm sure some of those represent
- 16 jurisdictions, I'm going to guess.
- We did publish the availability of the NOP through
- 18 the -- through the list serve for 1383. And so anybody
- 19 that's been following the development of the regs was aware
- 20 of this process beginning.
- 21 SPEAKER: We have gotten comment letters from at
- 22 least one or two.
- MR. DE BIE: Yes, one or two, definitely. Yeah.
- MR. BRADY: Yeah, I suspect many of our participants
- 25 online were local government folks. And that's part of why

- 1 we'll be doing this again. We did get some of the -- the
- 2 comment period was open from December 12th to January 10th.
- 3 We did get some local government comments as well as local
- 4 air district comments on the NOP. And certainly we want to
- 5 have this forum again so that we can get those comments.
- 6 MR. EDGAR: Evan Edgar, engineer for the California
- 7 Compost Coalition.
- 8 The program EIR is a venture that takes partnerships
- 9 as well as working group. I heard that there was a meeting
- 10 for going out to RFP to hire a consultant to conduct this
- 11 RFP. And the last AD program EIR you have to have a working
- 12 group of experts, technical experts in the field.
- I would suggest that whatever consultant is selected
- 14 for this program EIR, that CalRecycle have a working group of
- 15 folks that could help participate from industry. Because
- 16 sometimes the program EIR selected consultant may not have
- 17 expertise in the subject matter when it comes to compost and
- 18 AD but they're great firms in regards to transportation and
- 19 energy. So whatever consultant is selected, if you can have
- 20 a working group that would be a great attribute to have these
- 21 comments go forth and provide a method of information that
- 22 would be readily available.
- 23 SPEAKER: I think that's in the RFP.
- MR. BRADY: Yeah, I was going to say that -- defer to
- 25 Mark, I think that we did include that as an element in the

- 1 RFP.
- 2 MR. EDGAR: The RFP, I'm not -- I'm not bidding on
- 3 it.
- 4 MR. NOBLE: I just downloaded it last night, so I
- 5 hadn't read it either.
- 6 MR. BRADY: Yes. But we will be selecting a
- 7 contractor soon and I believe that's identified as part of
- 8 the tasks for the contractor but we have to look at that.
- 9 MR. EDGAR: There are projects scheduled for this
- 10 program EIR, different benchmarks to have it ready?
- MR. BRADY: Yes, there are timelines. Go ahead.
- MR. DE BIE: Yeah, just holistically is CEQA EIR
- 13 development process would be timed so that as the project
- 14 regs are firmed up we'll be able to then use the project to
- 15 fine tune the draft EIR.
- 16 So there'll be some beginning efforts and then we're
- 17 predicting maybe around the first 15-day, the reg should be
- 18 pretty tight. Yet to be determined, we'll see, but that's
- 19 what we're assuming. So we'll start looking at making public
- 20 draft documents soon after that, I think. So.
- MR. BRADY: Okay. Any other comments in the room on
- 22 the --
- 23 ARTHUR BOONE: We have to listen to this
- 24 [indiscernible]. I think what is good for the people who
- 25 might have questions about whether that would say that I

- 1 don't know [indiscernible] what you do, but I know what he
- 2 says, what [indiscernible] says. But I see everybody,
- 3 people like that and then other people might have questions
- 4 about its representation, what's going on.
- I see -- the way I see this plan right now is we're
- 6 going make essentially the same mistakes they made five years
- 7 ago. Now I know [indiscernible] but I'm not -- I'm not
- 8 [indiscernible].
- 9 MR. NOBLE: I think it would be good to hear from
- 10 them. Do you have those references, we could work off
- 11 [indiscernible].
- MR. BOONE: He might be willing to come, you know,
- 13 somebody's got [indiscernible]. He's a very nice man, he's
- 14 very smart [indiscernible].
- MR. DE BIE: Yeah, if you can send us some contact
- 16 information. And send us contact information and maybe a
- 17 resume so --
- MR. BOONE: Yeah. Okay --
- 19 MR. DE BIE: -- that we can have a look at it.
- 20 MR. BOONE: -- I'll send you that.
- MR. DE BIE: Great.
- MR. EDGAR: Evan Edgar, engineer for the California
- 23 Compost Coalition.
- I do a lot of technology transfer for anaerobic
- 25 digestion facilities from Europe. And there's a whole set of

- 1 European companies that concentrate their feedstock on source
- 2 separation organics. As part of that, they make a value
- 3 compost. In the European market, that energy goes to the
- 4 grid. They have a whole different set of incentives and need
- 5 over there so they don't make the transportation fuel like
- 6 we're proposing in California RNG. But there are a whole set
- 7 of technology that we do know about in Europe, we've studied
- 8 Europe, and we used European technology through South San
- 9 Francisco, throughout California, and there's more European
- 10 technologies coming.
- 11 SPEAKER: Right.
- MR. EDGAR: What I think what Art's talking about is
- 13 some of the early cases of mixed waste processing with
- 14 contamination. And in London and Europe and throughout
- 15 England is that call it M -- biological treatment, MBT,
- 16 mechanical biological treatment, MBT. That stuff cannot be
- 17 used as compost, nobody wants it, it's landfill.
- 18 So, yes, throughout Europe if you have some early
- 19 technologies or if you use mixed waste without any source
- 20 separation and you -- you use the volume or get some energy
- 21 out of it, that MBT, mechanical biological treatment, does
- 22 make a bad material that is banned from use of the compost.
- 23 And we support that.
- 24 So it makes no sense to use MBT as anything but
- 25 landfill. So that's the industry that we are bringing to

- 1 California, it's not that industry. The European technology
- 2 is source set for organics that would get the energy out of
- 3 to make a valued compost for the agriculture.
- 4 MR. BRADY: Thanks, Evan.
- 5 And just one thing is -- this is really more specific
- 6 to the regs than the EIR but we have sought to provide
- 7 clarity in the regulatory text itself that regardless of the
- 8 processing technology that takes place, any residual material
- 9 that's sent to a landfill would be considered to be disposed.
- 10 Simply having the material arrive at a compost facility does
- 11 not mean that it's been recovered.
- 12 And so we're trying to make that very clear both in
- 13 our ISOR documents explaining the regulatory text and the
- 14 regulatory text itself. But I think we are in agreement on
- 15 that point in terms of materials going to a landfill, it is
- 16 disposed.
- 17 And so not -- if there are not any other comments in
- 18 the room, hopefully folks on the webinar are able to hear.
- 19 We did see a number of comments, most of them asking about
- 20 some of the technical difficulties we were having earlier,
- 21 but to get to those comments, we will be holding another
- 22 webinar soon. We have to figure out the timing. It will
- 23 be -- we want to be respectful of folks' calendars to give
- 24 them enough time to plan to participate online but also we'll
- 25 want to schedule that fairly soon. We will send out a notice

- 1 on the SLCP listserv confirming that and then identifying the
- 2 time as well.
- 3 So apologies for folks that were seeking to
- 4 participate online but we will be providing another
- 5 opportunity for that.
- 6 And anyone that's in the room that would like to do
- 7 this again, you're more than welcome to join via webinar.
- 8 Do you have any closing comments, Mark?
- 9 MR. DE BIE: Maybe to help folks stay engaged, too,
- 10 if you want to provide comments, I think we can notice a way
- 11 to do that between now and the next webinar. And that may
- 12 help us affect the agenda for the meeting. So for -- for
- 13 example, we're seeing a lot of comments, maybe we can make
- 14 statements relative to that and recognize those so that they
- 15 don't have to be repeated again when we have the webinar and
- 16 be more efficient that way. So.
- 17 So I think we can save these questions that did come
- 18 in relative to issues. And then we'll -- in the notice,
- 19 we'll indicate how people can share additional comments ahead
- 20 of the webinar, again, with an expectation that we could
- 21 summarize those, respond to those, recognize those so they
- 22 don't have to feel pressured to share them again with us.
- MR. BRADY: Yes, Larry.
- 24 LARRY SWEETSER: Are these additional comments on the
- 25 Notice of Preparation [indiscernible].

1	MR. DE BIE: Yes. Early consultation.
2	MR. BRADY: Yes. And just as a reminder for folks,
3	comments on the NOP should be distinct from comments on the
4	draft regulatory texts. The draft regulatory text has a
5	deadline for written comments of March 4. And that will also
6	have a hearing on March 12. And those comments should be
7	focused on the policies and requirements. And the regulatory
8	text comments on the NOP should really be focused similar to
9	the discussion today on environmental impacts that should be
10	considered both positive and negative.
11	So with that, I want to thank folks that participated
12	and folks that attempted to participate online as well. Your
13	feedback is very helpful as for scoping this document, making
14	sure we're considering all the factors that need to be
15	considered.
16	And again, we will be posting the webinar a second
17	time and we'll be announcing that date shortly. So thank you
18	again for everyone that came to participate.
19	UNKNOWN WOMAN SPEAKER: Thank you.
20	(Thereupon, the Hearing was adjourned at 10:24 a.m.]
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 25th day of February, 2019.

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