July 11, 2012

Honorable Mayor Barbara Payne  
City of Galt  
380 Civic Drive  
Galt, CA 95632

Cal Waste Recycling Processing Center Conditional Use Permit (SAC201201421B)

Honorable Mayor Payne:

The Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (SMAQMD) appreciates being included in the City of Galt’s development review process. SMAQMD staff is always available to work with City of Galt staff on air quality and greenhouse gas analyses and to provide recommendations on appropriate mitigation measures to reduce project impacts.

SMAQMD staff reviewed the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Cal Waste Recycling Processing Center Conditional Use Permit as provided by the City of Galt in May 2012. This project was identified by SMAQMD staff as being beneficial to air quality and reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the region. Benefits include reusing an existing building (reducing construction emissions), starting a recycling program for the citizens of Galt and surrounding communities (reducing greenhouse gas emissions that would result from that material being landfilled rather than recycled), and reducing vehicles miles traveled in the region by waste hauling trucks (by creating a more efficient operation and consolidating waste, resulting in fewer long trips to landfills and material recovery facilities in Sacramento and San Joaquin counties).

I appreciate the City of Galt’s support in instituting a recycling program that will reduce regional emissions. Please contact Mr. Larry Robinson at 916-874-4816 if you have any questions regarding my staff’s evaluation of the Cal Waste project.

Sincerely,

Larry Greene  
Executive Director/Air Pollution Control Officer

Cc:  Chris Erias, City of Galt Planning  
      Larry Robinson, SMAQMD