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Commenter	No#	Comment	Response
Dairy Cares, California Dairy Research Foundation	1	Recommend adding 50 points to the scoring criteria, for a total of 100 points, with extra points added to four existing categories as follows: a. Add 15 points to "Project Description – Project Design, Work Plan Activities and Methods" b. Add 20 points to "Proposal Merit" c. Add 10 points to "Project Team – Contributions, Roles and Responsibilities" d. Add five points to "Work Plan"	Final CLIM ³ ATE-RP RFP scoring criteria now reflect an increase in the weight of Merit, Design, Team, and Work Plan in the evaluation of proposals.
Dairy Cares	2	Clarify limitations of testing "proprietary" technologies.	These funds may be used to test the performance of proprietary technologies on dairies. The CLIM ³ ATE-RP RFP has been updated to clarify this language.
Dairy Cares, ArkeaBio	3	Clarify "Public sharing of project data and outcomes is required" as it pertains to proprietary technology.	Public sharing of research and data outcomes measuring environmental and economic performance is required, trade secrets and proprietary information need not be disclosed. CLIM ³ ATE-RP RFP has been updated to clarify this language.
Dairy Cares	4	Clarify use of term "pre-commercial."	Please reference the revised language in the CLIM ³ ATE-RP RFP
Dairy Cares, CALCAN, Sustainable Conservation	6	Recommend extending the application window.	The CLIM ³ ATE-RP application period will remain open for a minimum of 60 days.
Dairy Cares	7	Recommend revising stringency of site commitment.	Please reference the revised language in Attachment 5 - Letter of Commitment.

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Dairy Cares	8	Recommend clarifying minimum expectations as to what specific air pollutants should be measured.	Please reference the revised language in the CLIM ³ ATE-RP RFP
Dairy Cares, CalCAN, Sustainable Conservation	9	Recommend reconsidering and clarifying how funds are allocated within Impact Area 1.	The funding cap for Impact Area one has increased to 1,600,000 and will be required to include verification of both AMMP and DDRDP. Due to the highly variable nature of AMMP strategies and the well-documented reduction of emissions from lagoons after digester deployment, this reallocation of funds will allow more resources to be deployed for the verification of AMMP strategies. Only one project will be awarded in Impact Area 1 and it shall include verification of both AMMP and DDRDP.
Dairy Cares	10	Recommend clarifying language for current and pending support.	Please reference the revised language in the CLIM ³ ATE-RP RFP
ArkeaBio	11	May applicants submit Letters of Support?	Letters of support will not be accepted.
ArkeaBio	12	Can CDFA provide examples for specific sections of the application?	Due to the broad nature of fundable projects, CDFA can not provide specific examples.
ArkeaBio	13	Clarify how CDFA will determine: a. an applicant's "ability to complete the project", and b. environmental co-benefits.	Facilities and other resources, current and pending support, the project team, the work plan, and a realistic and accurate budget will help CDFA determine an applicant's ability to complete the project. Environmental co-benefits may vary based on the proposed project. Applicants should understand and communicate the potential co-benefits associated with the proposed project.

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Dairy Cares, California Dairy Research Foundation	14	Recommend extending project timelines.	Timelines for projects are listed in accordance with funding availability and requirements, as set forth by the Budget Acts of 2021 and 2022. Project extensions may be granted on a case-by-case basis depending on statutory approval.
Climate action California, 350 Humboldt, 350 Ventura Climate Hub	15	Recommend giving priority to Impact Area 1 for projects that evaluate the cost-effectiveness of fuel cells and other means of reducing digester-produced air pollution and/or show how methane reductions from digesters fit into the overall emissions/air pollution profile of the farms.	Priority will not be given to any one technology or strategy. Projects will be scored as outlined in the RFP.
Climate action California, 350 Humboldt, 350 Ventura Climate Hub	16	Recommend giving priority to Impact Area 1 for projects that study vermifiltration.	Priority will not be given to any one technology or strategy. Projects will be scored as outlined in the RFP.
Climate action California, 350 Humboldt, 350 Ventura Climate Hub	17	Recommend giving priority to Impact Area 2 for projects that study manure acidification.	Priority will not be given to any one technology or strategy. Projects will be scored as outlined in the RFP.

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<p>CALCAN, Sustainable Conservation</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>Recommend including economic analysis, environmental Impact analysis, and measurement of non-methane Impacts to the evaluation criteria for Impact Area 2 and encouraging life cycle analysis of potential new technologies and products.</p>	<p>Due to the timeline, funding allocation for each project, and potential development stage of technologies and projects that can be proposed under Impact Area 2, requiring economic analysis, environmental Impact analysis, and measurement of non-methane sources may be untenable and cost prohibitive, however, these analyses may be proposed as part of projects and may add to their merit. Life cycle assessments can be proposed as part of projects, but due to the development stage of some technologies, enough data to conduct an effective LCA may not be possible. CDFA expects projects to conduct robust and relevant measurements in accordance with the strategies or technologies proposed.</p>
<p>CALCAN, Sustainable Conservation</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>RFP outlines standards for the data collection on GHG emission data. We recommend comparable standards for measurement of other criteria air pollutants and water quality.</p>	<p>Please reference the revised language in the CLIM³ATE-RP RFP.</p>
<p>Blue Ocean Barns</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>Will CDFA favor projects that use these measurement technologies to diligently measure before and after methane emission mitigation strategies over those that claim that accurate measurement is not feasible?</p>	<p>CDFA expects that the measurement of emissions will be conducted, and done so in a thorough and accurate manner. This will be evaluated as part of the project design and merit.</p>
<p>Blue Ocean Barns</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>Will CDFA accept more than one proposal from a California-based private company for a single Impact Area? And/or may a California-based private company serve as a Contractor to more than one California-based University research institution or non-profit organization? Are California-based University</p>	<p>CDFA will entertain only one application from a primary entity for the 2022 CLIM³ATE-RP solicitation. Entities may be part of other proposals, but may not be the primary entity or applicant. A California-based private company may serve as a contractor to more than one research institution and/or non-</p>

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		research institutions limited to the UC and Cal State systems?	profit organization. Academic partners are not limited to the UC/CSU systems.
Blue Ocean Barns	22	We'd like to share both methods, data, and outcomes; would the CDFA website be a potential site for such public sharing, or is there another open repository we might consider?	Project data and outcomes must be reported to CDFA via a final project report which will be posted publically via CDFA.
Sustainable Conservation	23	Recommend including projects that promote the increased use of conventional strategies, projects that increase knowledge regarding compost strategies, projects that advance denitrification and treatment technologies, and projects that advance nitrogen capture technology for Impact Area 3.	The CLIM3ATE-RP RFP does not limit which technologies or projects are eligible under Impacts Area 3. The CLIM3ATE-RP RFP provides a non-exhaustive list of potential projects and/or technologies, and provides the requirements that all projects under Impacts Area 3 must satisfy both the 1.) physical demonstration/research, and 2.) economic analysis requirements. Other activities may be proposed.
Sustainable Conservation	24	Clarify whether equipment, supplies, and other costs must be specific to emissions research, or whether those types of costs are also allowable for the implementation of practices/technologies, and/or activities to "address market barriers or knowledge gaps for pre-market or emerging market materials or strategies, including product safety, adoption, efficacy, and cost-effectiveness."	Research projects should include, but are not limited to emissions research, therefore, equipment, supplies, and other costs are not limited to emissions research. However, all project costs must clearly support the described research project and must be in accordance with the allowable and unallowable costs as described in the CLIM ³ ATE-RP RFP.