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Thank you for meeting with me in June to discuss the County's proposed Regional Resource Recovery Facility (RRRF) project. The project has been in development for some time and is structured in three phases. Phase 1 explored the concept of centralizing biosolids management practices as a regional solution addressing pending regulatory changes under Florida Administrative Code 62-640 and Senate Bill 712, as well as possible water quality concerns related to PFAS and other contaminants. Beyond compliance, the facility could offer the opportunity to create beneficial, reusable, and marketable products such as renewable energy, fertilizers, compost, and mulch—transforming a challenge into long-term value for our communities.

Phase 1 was successfully completed in July 2025. The scope and fee for Phase 2 have now been received from the County's consultant CDM Smith. Phase 2 of the project will be development of bid specifications for design, construction, and operation of the facility. Before moving forward with a recommendation to award Phase 2, it is critical we secure partner commitments. Phase 2 will include the development and execution of interlocal agreements with each participating organization. A copy of the Phase 2 proposal is attached, noting the quote is from January and will require updating.

Your decision to participate is essential to shaping the future of a regional biosolids management solution. I respectfully request your written response confirming whether your organization will join as a partner in the RRRF or decline to participate by **October 10, 2026**. Thank you for your leadership and timely response. Together, let us build an environmentally safe, cost-effective, and forward-looking solution for the region.

Sincerely,



Barry A. Burton
Pinellas County Administrator

Attachment: CDM Smith Proposal dated January 14, 2025