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**APPENDIX A:** Variables used to calculate the net greenhouse gas flux from producing and applying soil amendments such as compost (C), manure (M) and inorganic fertilizer (INF) to grazed grasslands. The initial case study was developed for grazed annual grasslands in California (Ryals and Silver 2013); note that we assumed that the effects on net primary productivity (NPP) were dictated by the nitrogen (N) addition rates from Ryals and Silver (2013). The uncertainty analysis descriptors were used for the Monte Carlo analysis (n=10,000 simulations); variables with normal distributions were given a mean ( $\mu$ ) equal to the case study (CS) value.

| Variable                                                                           | Case study (CS) |       |      | Uncertainty analysis descriptors |                            |                    |                                                           |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------|------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                    | C               | M     | INF  | Dist.                            | $\mu$ , min                | $\sigma$ , max     | References                                                |
| N addition rate [kg N ha <sup>-1</sup> ]                                           | 250             | 250   | 250  | Logn                             | 5.4                        | 0.45               | Bouwman et al. 2002                                       |
| N concentration [%]                                                                | 1.8             | 2.4   | 46   | Unif                             | -50%                       | +50%               | (INF) Davis and Haglund 1999;<br>(C,M) This study         |
| C:N [-]                                                                            | 11.1            | 12    | 0.4  | Unif                             | C:10<br>M:10               | C:30<br>M:15       | (C) Ryals and Silver 2013                                 |
| Bulk density (wet) [kg m <sup>-3</sup> ]                                           | 480             | 521   | 480  | Norm                             | CS                         | 20%                | Rynk 1992                                                 |
| Moisture content [%]                                                               | 60              | 50    | 12   | Norm                             | CS                         | 20%                | This study                                                |
| Compost [% manure by mass]                                                         | 75              |       |      | Unif                             | 0                          | 100                | This study                                                |
| Distance from farm [km]                                                            | 5               | 5     | 20   | Exp                              | CS                         | n/a                | This study                                                |
| Manure mngt emission factor [-]                                                    | 0.35            | 0.35  |      | Logn                             | -1.00                      | 0.25               | EPA 2012b                                                 |
| Landfill waste CH <sub>4</sub> -C loss [% init C]                                  | 11              |       |      | Logn                             | 2.25                       | 0.5                | EPA 2006                                                  |
| Landfill CH <sub>4</sub> capture [%]                                               | 50              |       |      | Norm                             | CS                         | 12                 | EPA 2006                                                  |
| Compost CH <sub>4</sub> emissions [kg m <sup>-2</sup> ]                            | 0.05            |       |      | Logn                             | -0.2                       | 0.8                | This study                                                |
| Compost N <sub>2</sub> O emissions [kg m <sup>-2</sup> ]                           | 0.01            |       |      | Logn                             | -4.0                       | 0.75               | This study                                                |
| Mass loss during composting [%]                                                    | 40              |       |      | Norm                             | CS                         | 20%                | Larney et al. 2000                                        |
| Unamended AGNPP [g C m <sup>-2</sup> y <sup>-1</sup> ]                             | 177             | 177   | 177  | Norm                             | CS                         | 20%                | (C) Ryals and Silver 2013                                 |
| Unamended BGNPP [g C m <sup>-2</sup> y <sup>-1</sup> ]                             | 56              | 56    | 56   | Norm                             | CS                         | 20%                | (C) Ryals and Silver 2013                                 |
| Increase in AGNPP [%]                                                              | 55              | 55    | 55   | Norm                             | CS                         | 11                 | (C) Ryals and Silver 2013                                 |
| Increase in BGNPP [%]                                                              | 23              | 23    | 23   | Norm                             | CS                         | 4                  | (C) Ryals and Silver 2013                                 |
| Sink efficiency [kg C kg <sup>-1</sup> BG C]                                       | 0.2             | 0.2   | 0.2  | Logn                             | -1.70                      | 0.35               | Plenet et al. 1993                                        |
| NPP effect duration [y]                                                            | 3               | 3     | 3    | Exp                              | 4                          | n/a                | (C) Ryals and Silver 2013                                 |
| Soil N <sub>2</sub> O increase<br>[kg N <sub>2</sub> O-N kg <sup>-1</sup> added-N] | 0.003           | 0.01  | 0.01 | Logn                             | C:-6.1<br>M:-4.7<br>I:-4.7 | C: 0.5<br>M,I: 0.6 | (C) Ryals and Silver 2013;<br>(M, I) De Klein et al. 2006 |
| Leachate N [kg leach-N kg <sup>-1</sup> added-N]                                   | 0               | 0.075 | 0.3  | Norm                             | CS                         | 20%                | Mosier et al. 1998<br>Kramer et al. 2006                  |

|                                                                              |        |        |        |      |     |     |                           |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|------|-----|-----|---------------------------|
| Leach. N <sub>2</sub> O [kg N <sub>2</sub> O-N kg <sup>-1</sup> leach-N]     | 0.0075 | 0.0075 | 0.0075 | Norm | CS  | 20% | Mosier et al. 1998        |
| Volatized N [kg vol-N kg <sup>-1</sup> added-N]                              | 0.05   | 0.2    | 0.1    | Norm | CS  | 20% | De Klein et al. 2006      |
| Vol. N <sub>2</sub> O [kg N <sub>2</sub> O-N kg <sup>-1</sup> vol-N]         | 0.01   | 0.01   | 0.01   | Norm | CS  | 20% | De Klein et al. 2006      |
| CH <sub>4</sub> consum., unfertilized [kg ha <sup>-1</sup> y <sup>-1</sup> ] | 5.11   | 5.11   | 5.11   | Norm | CS  | 20% | (C) Ryals and Silver 2013 |
| Reduction in soil CH <sub>4</sub> consumpt. [%]                              | 0      | 25     | 25     | Norm | CS  | 20% | (C) Ryals and Silver 2013 |
| Fuel efficiency of truck [mpg]                                               | 5.9    | 5.9    | 5.9    | Norm | CS  | 10% | EPA 2008                  |
| Farm equipment fuel efficiency [gph]                                         | 0.048  | 0.048  | 0.048  | Norm | CS  | 20% | Downs and Hansen 1998     |
| Fuel production CO <sub>2</sub> [g km <sup>-1</sup> ]                        | 208    | 208    | 208    | Norm | CS  | 20% | Beer et al. 2002          |
| Fuel production CH <sub>4</sub> [g km <sup>-1</sup> ]                        | 0.635  | 0.635  | 0.635  | Norm | CS  | 20% | Beer et al. 2002          |
| Fuel production N <sub>2</sub> O [g km <sup>-1</sup> ]                       | 0.012  | 0.012  | 0.012  | Norm | CS  | 20% | Beer et al. 2002          |
| Fuel combustion CO <sub>2</sub> [kg gallon <sup>-1</sup> ]                   | 10.15  | 10.15  | 10.15  | Norm | CS  | 20% | EPA 2008                  |
| Fuel combustion CH <sub>4</sub> [g km <sup>-1</sup> ]                        | 0.0032 | 0.0032 | 0.0032 | Norm | CS  | 20% | EPA 2008                  |
| Fuel combustion N <sub>2</sub> O [g km <sup>-1</sup> ]                       | 0.0030 | 0.0030 | 0.0030 | Norm | CS  | 20% | EPA 2008                  |
| Herbicide prod. [kg CO <sub>2</sub> e kg <sup>-1</sup> ]                     | 17.24  | 17.24  | 17.24  | Norm | CS  | 20% | West and Marland 2002     |
| Insecticide prod. [kg CO <sub>2</sub> e kg <sup>-1</sup> ]                   | 18.08  | 18.08  | 18.08  | Norm | CS  | 20% | West and Marland 2002     |
| Farming operations [kg C ha <sup>-1</sup> ]                                  | 31.8   | 31.8   | 31.8   | Norm | CS  | 20% | Adler et al. 2007         |
| Land treated [ha]                                                            | 20     | 20     | 20     | Exp  | 20  | n/a | This study                |
| Stocking rate [cows ha <sup>-1</sup> ]                                       | 0.5    | 0.5    | 0.5    | Logn | 0.5 | 0.2 | This study                |
| Forage consumption [%]                                                       | 90     | 90     | 90     | Exp  | 10  | n/a | This study                |
| Corn silage prod. (dry) [kg acre <sup>-1</sup> ]                             | 5603   | 5603   | 5603   | n/a  |     |     | USDA NASS 2011            |
| Corn silage fert. [kg N acre <sup>-1</sup> ]                                 | 59.9   | 59.9   | 59.9   | n/a  |     |     | USDA NASS 2011            |
| Corn silage pest. [kg acre <sup>-1</sup> ]                                   | 0.95   | 0.95   | 0.95   | n/a  |     |     | USDA NASS 2011            |
| Corn silage insect. [kg acre <sup>-1</sup> ]                                 | 0.09   | 0.09   | 0.09   | n/a  |     |     | USDA NASS 2011            |
| Hay silage prod. (dry) [kg acre <sup>-1</sup> ]                              | 2179   | 2179   | 2179   | n/a  |     |     | USDA NASS 2011            |
| Hay silage fert. [kg N acre <sup>-1</sup> ]                                  | 35.8   | 35.8   | 35.8   | n/a  |     |     | USDA NASS 2011            |
| Hay silage pest. [kg acre <sup>-1</sup> ]                                    | 0.14   | 0.14   | 0.14   | n/a  |     |     | USDA NASS 2011            |
| Hay silage insect. [kg acre <sup>-1</sup> ]                                  | 0.09   | 0.09   | 0.09   | n/a  |     |     | USDA NASS 2011            |
| CH <sub>4</sub> from waste [m <sup>3</sup> kg <sup>-1</sup> waste]           | 0.24   |        |        | n/a  |     |     | EPA 2012b                 |
| Truck volume [yd]                                                            | 40     | 40     | 40     | n/a  |     |     | This study                |
| Truck weight capacity [Mg]                                                   | 36     | 36     | 36     | n/a  |     |     | CDOT                      |

**APPENDIX B.** Change in predicted net greenhouse gas flux ( $\Delta\text{GHG}_{\text{net}}$ ) associated with the application of soil amendments (compost (C), manure (M), and inorganic N fertilizer (INF)) to grasslands following changes to the initial case study model values ranging from -90 to 500 %.

|                                        |     | $\Delta\text{GHG}_{\text{net}}$ [Mg CO <sub>2</sub> e ha <sup>-1</sup> ] |     |     |    |     |     |     |      |
|----------------------------------------|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Change to case study value [%]         |     | -90                                                                      | -50 | -20 | 20 | 50  | 90  | 200 | 500  |
| <i>Management variables</i>            |     |                                                                          |     |     |    |     |     |     |      |
| N addition rate                        | C   | 24                                                                       | 13  | 5   | -5 | -13 | -24 | -53 | -132 |
|                                        | M   | -17                                                                      | -9  | -4  | 4  | 9   | 17  | 37  | 93   |
|                                        | INF | -4                                                                       | -2  | -1  | 1  | 2   | 4   | 9   | 21   |
| Production emissions                   | C   | -2                                                                       | -1  | 0   | 0  | 1   | 2   | 4   | 9    |
|                                        | M   | -15                                                                      | -11 | -5  | 7  | 19  | 39  | 120 | 526  |
|                                        | INF | -1                                                                       | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0   | 1   | 1   | 3    |
| Manure management emission factor (EF) | C   | 22                                                                       | 12  | 5   | -5 | -12 | -22 | -49 | -    |
|                                        | M   | -2                                                                       | -1  | 0   | 0  | 1   | 2   | 4   | -    |
| Landfill CH <sub>4</sub> loss          | C   | 3                                                                        | 1   | 1   | 0  | -1  | -2  | -4  | -9   |
| Landfill CH <sub>4</sub> capture       | C   | -5                                                                       | -3  | -1  | 1  | 3   | 5   | 10  | 26   |
| Compost (% manure)                     | C   | 15                                                                       | 8   | 3   | -3 | -   | -   | -   | -    |
| Compost hauling distance               | C   | 0                                                                        | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0    |
| <i>Ecosystem variables</i>             |     |                                                                          |     |     |    |     |     |     |      |
| Soil trace gas (TG) effect: efflux     | M   | -2                                                                       | -1  | 0   | 0  | 1   | 2   | 4   | 9    |
|                                        | INF | -1                                                                       | -1  | 0   | 0  | 1   | 1   | 3   | 7    |
| NPP effect: mass                       | C   | -2                                                                       | -1  | -1  | 1  | 1   | 2   | 5   | 13   |
|                                        | M   | -2                                                                       | -1  | -1  | 1  | 1   | 2   | 5   | 13   |
|                                        | INF | -2                                                                       | -1  | -1  | 1  | 1   | 2   | 5   | 13   |
| Soil trace gas effect: years           | M   | -2                                                                       | -1  | 0   | 0  | 1   | 2   | 4   | 9    |
|                                        | INF | -1                                                                       | -1  | 0   | 0  | 1   | 1   | 3   | 7    |
| NPP effect: years                      | C   | 1                                                                        | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0   | -1  | -1  | -4   |
|                                        | M   | 1                                                                        | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0   | -1  | -1  | -4   |
|                                        | INF | 1                                                                        | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0   | -1  | -1  | -4   |
| C sink efficiency                      | C   | 0                                                                        | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0   | -1  | -1   |
|                                        | M   | 0                                                                        | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0   | -1  | -1   |
|                                        | INF | 0                                                                        | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0   | -1  | -1   |