



## CORC Board Annual Retreat Minutes

November 7, 2014 Stopwaste.org Offices, 1537 Webster St. Oakland, CA

Call in 712-775-7031 participant code 992-292-106

**Attendees:**

Board Members		Liaison Members		Advisory Board/Guests	
Matt Cotton(Pres.)	X	Dan Noble, ACP		John Dane, CRRA ED	X
Jeff Krump (Sec.)	X	Cary Oshins, USCC	X	Peter Slote, CRRA Board, Policy	
Jack Macy	X	Neil Edgar, CCC	X	Deborah Kaufman	X
Renee Robertson		Nick Lapis, CAW	X	Mark DeBie, CalRecycle	X
Hilary Gans	X	Steve Sherman		Bob Holmes, CalRecycle	X
Will Bakx	X				
Jeff Ziegenbein					
Andrew Tuckman					
Kim Scheibly	X				
Rebecca Jewell, WM	X				
Kendal Christiansen					
Linda Novick	X				
Kelly Schoonmaker	X				
Mary Lindemuth,					
William O'Toole					
Brian Mathews					
Heidi Melander	X				
Rick Anthony					

**Facilitator:** Matt Cotton

**Scribe:** Jeff Krump, Secretary General

Call to order - 10:00 am

**I. CALL FOR NEW BUSINESS – APPROVAL OF AGENDA –**

Agenda Items for Discussion and Decision on this Conference Call Meeting include:

Old Business

- A. No old business

New Business

- A. 2014 Recap
- B. Hot Topics 2014-2015
- C. CalRecycle Visit – New Regs

- D. 2015 Workplan
- E. Sierra Club Survey

#### Committee Reports

- A. Education, Training and Workshops ( H. Gans, J. Macy, M. Cotton)
- B. Policy and Legislative Items ( N. Lapis, N. Edgar, M. Cotton)
- C. Fundraising (Chair (to be determined), W. Bakx, N. Edgar)
- D. Communication (Kim Scheibly)
- E. Conference (Renee Robertson)

## **II. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S SYNOPSIS –**

### **A. Approve the Minutes**

Minutes – approval of minutes from 10/10/14 CORC Meeting handled by email.  
*Sent 10/24/14 for review, and approved.*

**Action Item:** J. Krump to send out today's minutes prior to next meeting, 12/12/14.  
*Sent 12/10/14 for review.*

## **III. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. None on today's agenda.

## **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. John Dane update**

John Dane provided a brief update on CRRA. A new full time administrative employee has been added; Each CRAA technical council is supposed to have a charter, CORC and several others do not. There used to be meetings between the chairs of the councils, but that has not happened in a while. Will try to restart.

During John's update it was decided that CORC needs to create a list-serve to better-facilitate communications. Nick Lapis said he could do it.

### **B. 2014 Recap**

Hilary Gans reported that the CRRA/SWANA Conference in August was a success, and the January USCC Conference was also a success. The Compostcon event of USCC was a great effort, but not as successful as hoped, partially because the target audience was not clearly identified.

It was mentioned that although the CRRA sessions this year were great, CORC would still like to be more involved in the initial planning. John Dane said an executive committee for the Annual Conference would meet Monday, Nov 10, and CORC can submit "session" ideas/proposal to the committee.

### **C. Hot Topics 2014-2015**

Hot Topics were discussed as part of the Policy and Legislation update and are included in that section below.

#### **D. CalRecycle Visit**

In preparation for CalRecycle visit, the Board discussed which main topics regarding the proposed Title 14 and 27 regulations should be highlighted for Mark DeBie and Bob Holmes during the upcoming portion of the retreat.

After lunch, Bob Holmes and Mark DeBie arrived and the Board discussed their concerns regarding the new regulations.

Mark and Bob started the discussion by announcing that Ken Decio would be transitioning into a Training Supervisor position in the near future. They then mentioned they cannot add a lot of new items to the regulations, but can make minor changes, and handed out an outline of the main issues. They also said they are starting to get comments and would make those available for review via the CalRecycle website, and mentioned in addition to the public comment period ending Dec 5, CalRecycle will host a public hearing Dec 10 during which more comments can be submitted.

Mark said the land application rules attempt to more clearly define disposal vs non-disposal. Matt started a discussion about enforcement of the new regulations and LEAs ability to enforce. Mark mentioned the LEAs have lot of turnover and different regions have different degrees of LEA resources available. Hilary brought up the discretionary authority of LEAs and Bob mentioned an annual Conference for LEAs and operators will be held in Rohnert Park in October of 2015. Perhaps USCC can do trainings for operators. The difficulty of meeting 0.1% was mentioned. Mark said CalRecycle wanted to go with something low for the physical contamination limit, and figured the 0.1% limit is achievable depending on how feedstock is handled, however, CalRecycle is open to a phased in approach, or different levels for different contaminants. The setting of a stringent limit in relation to AB1826 and AB1594 was discussed It was mentioned compost will get a lot more expensive as a result. The discussion turned to the point of enforcement and land application versus compost. It was pointed out that once material is land-applied, pathogens get mixed in from other sources, and you can't put 'toothpaste back in tube'.

Loopholes were discussed ...about how as the feedstock contamination increases, the compost that's met the pathogen requirement, but not physical contamination will end up as ADC. Mark mentioned there's a cap on the amount of compost that can be used as ADC, 20%. Will pointed out that letting the market determine the acceptable contamination level was preferable, and that the 1% clean-green feedstock regulation in tandem with the new physical contamination limit had flaws. Linda asked what CalRecycle needed from us and Mark indicated a clear rational for changing the rules is what's needed.

A discussion ensued about waste water treatment plants (POTWs), and the new restrictions on their ability to accept food waste...and requiring them to get a full SWFP being burdensome and unnecessary. Mark said CalRecycle wants want stricter regulations to start with and doesn't know the issues that will be encountered. Dairy digesters and the less restrictive nature of regulations for them were discussed as well.

After the meeting with Mark and Bob, the Board thanked them for taking the time to meet and determined the next steps for CORC. It was determined there would be a letter from CORC, and that individual letters from various agencies and jurisdictions might be more impactful than one or two letters from industry groups with lots of signatures.

**E. 2015 Workplan**

It was determined that CORC would like to hold at least two workshops in 2015. The Workplan discussion/brainstorm is included as part of the Legislative update below.

**F. Sierra Club survey**

Heidi Melander provided an overview of the Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter's Organics Survey and asked for feedback and participation by CORC.

**V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. **Education, Training & Workshops** (Hilary Gans (Chair), Matt Cotton, Jack Macy) – No Report.

B. **Fundraising** (XXXXX (Chair), Will Bakx, Neil Edgar) – It was announced that Andrew Tuckman is no longer the fundraising Chair. He resigned his position. The budget for 2015 was discussed and it was determined that CORC has money, and may not need the funding CRAA has set aside for CORC to run workshops. It was asked, if we do not use the money do we still need to submit a budget?

C. **Communication** (Kim Scheibly) – It was determined CORC needs to update the listserv.

D. **Conference** (Renee Robertson) – Potential topics for CRRRA Conference in LA were discussed including: Every other week collection, Markets for Compost, Compost Quality; Lose Your Lawn as well as any other water saving programs; and an "RFP and They Will Come" panel discussion. It was mentioned that San Jose should be part of the LA workshops to talk about on their RFP process for commercial system redesign to wet-dry and AD. John Wick should be considered as a keynote.

E. **Policy/ Legislation** (Nick Lapis (CAW), Neil Edgar (CCC), Matt Cotton (IWMC))

Nick mentioned that the Water Bond passing presents an opportunity for CORC to leverage the water efficiency aspect of compost in order to hopefully develop a program that provides incentives for compost use....a "Soils for Salmon" type soil restoration BMP program. It was also mentioned that the opportunity exists via the research from the Marin Carbon project that compost can help reduce GHGs by helping the soil sequester carbon. Kelly mentioned Alameda County receives \$\$ to do outreach on soil building. Will suggested a soil building program where farmers can get a zero interest loan to get compost, and then pay back from crop production; and the soil can be benchmarked with increased organic % in soil equating to monetary gain for land owner. Nick noted that it might be easier to deal with water savings as monetizing carbon seems difficult, and the water bond has \$1 billion for water conservation.

It was suggested more involvement with Caltrans would be a good thing, and added that more involvement with municipal programs would be even better. It was noted that the Ag market is much bigger than Caltrans.

Nick mentioned a big topic in 2015 will include Cap and Trade funding for facilities.

*ACTION ITEMS [review previous items/add today's with dates]*

	<b>Date</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Carryover Action Items</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Status</b>
1.	11/7/14	J.Krump, CORC Sec, and CORC Board Members	<b>Minutes:</b> J. Krump to send out minutes prior to next meeting, 12/12/14. Comments or request of changes will be received by him. Then those minutes are considered "approved" and ready for posting on the Website.	12/12/14	Sent to CORC Board 12/10/14
2.	11/7/14	Nick Lapis	Create CORC ListServ	12/12/14	Done

**Conferences and Events for Next Twelve Months**

	<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Conference/Meeting - Location</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Cost</b>
A.	Jan. 26-30 , 2015	USCC Annual Conference, Austin, TX	USCC	\$295-\$600
B.	April 13-16, 2015	BioCycle West. Portland, Oregon	BioCycle	

**II. NEXT MEETING:**

**CORC Conference Call**

**December 12, 2014, Friday, 10:00 am – 11:00am**

Rebecca Jewell offered to host a CORC meeting at the Davis Street Transfer Station

**ADJOURN - Meeting Adjourned 4:30pm**