

7/10/2015 - CORC Board Meeting

Attendance:

Matt - chair
Hilary- secretary
Nick
Dan
Will
Jack
Neal
Kelly

Discussion:

- **Will Bakx** provided a summary of the Sonoma Compost facility closure process and attempts to build a new facility.
- **Water Board meeting recap** – Nick – discussion of compost facility Zero Discharge requirements: 1) Pad of compost site and other areas of compost operations (i.e. receiving and grinding area as well as curing and finished compost area - staff trying to determine what is “active compost” - need to be contained) must go to a collection pond and water must not leave the site, 2) understanding of the costs of zero discharge requirements seem to be getting some attention. 3) Staff indicated that residential co-collected yard waste in Tier 1. 4) Water Board is comfortable excluding agriculture from the same discharge requirements that they are planning to hold the compost industry to. Next meeting set for August 4th (compost issue first on the agenda to accommodate CRRA) and staff will finalizing proposed regulations for this meeting.
- **Title 14** – Comments due by Tuesday. Will Bakx asked that everyone send in comments or resubmit the comments if they were not responded to.
- **Legislative Update** – Nick – 1) McCarty Legislation 876 still moving through legislative process. Erwin Bill requiring regulatory entities to work together to promote composting. AB199 no tax on composting equipment looks like it will get out of committee. AB1063 rise in State tip fee with potential for some of the money to be used to support compost facility compliance upgrades ongoing discussion (Generator fee is likely funding source rather than a Facility fee). Cap and Trade funds decision postponed until end of session in September and calls and letters of support to legislators import to build political pressure to retain the funding for compost industry.
- **USCC SoCal** workshops scheduled for October 15 & 16th on Landscape specifications and forced aeration.