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CORC Board Monthly Minutes
February 20, 2015, Conference Call
Call in 712-775-7031 participant code 992-292-106

Attendees:

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

Facilitator: Will Bakx

Scribe: Heidi Melander

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. CRRRA 2015 Conference Update

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 (Need New Chair), 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 01/09/15 meeting

Action Item: H. Melander to send out today's minutes prior to next meeting, 3/13/15.

III. OLD BUSINESS

- A. None on today's agenda

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. CRRA Update

John Dane (CRRA) reports a successful ZW San Diego symposium; 207 registrants (all but 10 showed); format like NCRA Update with 10 minute speakers; San Diego is in the middle of ZW program and 2 Board of Sups were there.

Financing seminar next Wed in Lakewood near Long Beach (2/25) for composting and AD facilities; 1826 is driving this; 80 attended the first seminar in Oakland
The 3rd seminar will be in April near Sacramento. Agencies and private sector panel.

Active planning occurring for Aug 3-7 CRRA Conference.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **Education, Training & Workshops** (Hilary Gans (Chair), Matt Cotton, Jack Macy)

Hilary—CRRA organics track submitted. Hilary asked to review CORC and other submittals; CORC submittals were strong, so good chance they will happen.

Will—UN Year of Soil; CA soil health line item in the Gov budget, so CORC should get involved in this topic.

Neil- CA Compost Coalition to focus on healthy soils education and tie in messaging with agriculture (need to find common ground for messaging). There was an October ACP conference in Sacramento where stakeholders began conversation. (Kiss the Ground from SoCal participated.)

Healthy Soils meeting held at the end of January. Intense interest and participation by numerous stakeholder groups- 3 panels of speakers on

USDA, RCD, Western Growers, CA Farm Bureau, John Wick, CDFA

State agencies/departments held a meeting to understand what state agencies are doing re: soil topic.

Brown bag lunch planned for the Spring for Capitol staff and policy makers.
 Int'l Compost Awareness Week (May 3-9)- There might be an event in Napa--Healthy soils message;
 John Wick hopefully; Upper Valley Composting; carbon sequestration interest at vineyards.

Will mentioned Urban Carbon Building. Ag to Urban—need to solidify policies and programs around this issue; compost and healthy soils; closing the loop message is out there; CDFA wants more research and science on what it means in CA.

Hilary reminds us about Texas Dept of Transportation--Manure was a problem until they didn't have a place for all their compost. Got DOT to buy and use compost to amplify the market.
 1826 will double the amount of compost. Ag needs to actively support to increase market.

Neil says generally ag is not rushing to compost but almond and nut growers are; and leafy green in Salinas; and strawberries have shown interest. Other ag is looking at ways to be green (Climate Action Reserve)

Additional conversation and discussion occurred around cropping systems; dairy manure; biochar. Biochar has a big campaign, but not recognition of solid science, yet.

- B. **Fundraising** (Andrew Tuckman (Chair), Will Bakx, Neil Edgar) – No report.
- C. **Communication** (Kim Scheibly) – No report.
- D. **Conference** (Renee Robertson) – active planning for conference on-going.
- E. **Policy/ Legislation** (Nick Lapis (CAW), Neil Edgar (CCC), Matt Cotton (IWMC))

CalRecycle to hold informal workshop to discuss potential changes to proposed regs (Title 14 and 27); will be presenting on physical contamination levels

Discussed State Water Board regs; WDRs; EIR- Economic analysis in question.
 Discussed concerns around how groundwater contamination issues are being addressed.

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

	Date	Who	Carryover Action Items	Due Date	Status
1.	2/20/15	H.Melander, CORC Sec, and CORC Board Members	Minutes: H. Melander to send out minutes prior to next meeting, 3/13/15. Comments or requests for changes will be received by her. Then those minutes are considered “approved” and ready for posting on the Website.	3/13/15	Sent to CORC Board 4/14/15

Conferences and Events for Next Twelve Months

	Date(s)	Conference/Meeting - Location	Who	Cost
A.	April 13-16	Biocycle- Portland, OR		
B.	Aug 4-7	CRRA Los Angeles, CA (Tuesday-Friday this year)		

II. NEXT MEETING:

CORC Conference Call

March 13, 2015, Friday, 10:00 am 11:00 am

ADJOURN - Meeting Adjourned 11:00am