

CORC Annual Retreat
November 4, 2016, Marin Sanitary District
Meeting notes

Attendees:

Voting Members: Will Bakx, Dan Noble, Hilary Gans, Kim Scheibly, Kelly Schoonmaker, Matt Cotton, Neil Edgar, Jack Macy, Nick Lapis

Non-voting members: John Dane

Voting members not present: Renee Robertson, Steve Sherman, Tracie Bills

CORC Voting protocol and membership:

Participation in CORC can be broken down into the following categories:

- Technical Council Mailing List (will be discussed during communication)
- Non-Voting Members (“Friends”)
- Executive Committee (“Board”) = voting members, regularly attend calls, keep
- Liaisons: eliminating this category, and moving to non-voting members

Board voted unanimously to move voting members who have not been active participants in the last year (less than 50% attendance?) to non-voting members.

Summary of changes to membership:

- Michele Young: Change to Chair Emeritus
- Move to Friends: Evan Edgar, Andrew Tuckman, Linda Novick, Kendall Christiansen, Michael Gross, Rebecca Jewell, David Krueger, Jeff Ziegenbein
- Add to Board list: Steve Sherman, Tracie Bills,
- Add Laura ~~McKeogh~~McKaughan to Friends list as CRRA TC Liaison. Add to distribution list for meeting notes.

Workplan:

- Review CRRA requirements: CRRA needs to update this
- Input into Recyclescene: Not necessary, as Recyclescene is now defunct
- Technical Council goals for the year:
 - Delineate voting and non-voting members – done!
 - Curate the organics sessions at CRRA
 - Find a way to engage the existing CORC list and expand group to include composters
 - Technical assistance and resources for setting up organics collection
- Budget: no income, established line items for workshop, speaker travel, retreat expenses, annual meeting, contribute to the CRRA fund for lobbyist (Katarina Robinson).

Executive Committee Voting results:

- Chair: Will Bakx. Nick Moved, Dan Second, Aye 9, Nay 0
- Vice Chair: Matt Cotton. Nick Moved, Dan Second, Aye 9, Nay 0
- Treasurer: Position Eliminated in 2015
- Secretary: Kelly Schoonmaker. Dan Moved, Nick Second, Aye 9, Nay 0

Education Committee Report: Hilary Gans, Jack Macy, Matt Cotton

- Workshops: Provide technical assistance in starting up organics collection programs in Southern California through workshops and seminars, and presentations at other industry conferences, such as restaurants and groceries.
 - Ed committee to make recommendations
 - Put a placeholder in budget for workshop
- CRRRA
 - Call for abstracts: Late November Early December. Due in late January.
 - New Program Chair: Rob Hilton. He'll have less time to review sessions, and may lean on CORC to help determine organics track.
 - In San Diego, will leverage location to talk about border issues, ocean issues.
 - Will also be talking about environmental justice issues and tribal issues.
 - How to address low attendance from LA? Recruit speakers from Southern California.
 - Focus areas:
 - Collections
 - Facility development
 - People—existing contacts
 - Burrtech
 - CR&R
 - Jeff Ziegenbein
 - City of Burbank
 - Brainstorming
 - Plastics on Purpose: Kevin Barnes presentation, but it's only a short term solution
 - Nova Scotia, Province-wide organics ban since 1997
 - ADC? No landfill operators, but
 - Land App?
 - Compost markets and production chicken egg scenario: Bill Camarillo? Cities? Pamela Berstler, WELO, StopWaste regs and rebate support
 - Alternative markets for woody waste, MDF, mulch market, biochar?
 - Composters and unpermitted composters
 - San Diego Food Bank stable bedding plus food waste
 - San Diego Food Systems Alliance—invite them to submit proposals. Nick
 - Food recovery: OC Environmental Health director and Yellow Cab/7-11 distribution system. Dr. Eric Handler (Nick to reach out), Also, Dr. Elizabeth

- Baeca (Governor's office OPR—high level perspective) (Neil to reach out). Keith-Fresno metro Ministries partnered with colony digester (Nick to reach out)
 - Guide to Black box systems. Soldier flies, dehydrators, etc. Joe Rasmussen. Matt and Neil to ask.
 - SB 1383 Panel: Hank Brady or Howard Levinson. Placeholder. Maybe include infrastructure. How to use AB 876 to get you to SB 1383 compliance.
 - USCC – Dan reviewed the California track.
 - Still looking for a few speakers for Building Compost Markets
 - Have reached out to Joseph Lyou (Coalition for Clean Air), LA County
 - Will reach out to: Bill McGavin through Joe
 - WELO Workshop for composters at USCC – Kelly provided update. Will send promo info to group next week to send to everyone's networks.
- Legislation and Regulatory Updates
 - SB 1383: Regulations in effect 2022, fines (up to \$10k/day) in effect in 2024. 75% reduction in organics disposal and 20% food recovery by 2025. 50% reduction in organics disposal (compared to 2014 levels by 2022). Hank Brady at CalRecycle will be overseeing this, and will need to get up to speed on organics (comes from policy side, tires, bottle bill). Need to find funding source, maybe statewide fee, which will be in Governor's draft budget.
 - Got \$40M or CalRecycle. \$12M each for compost and AD; \$7M for healthy soil; \$5M for dedicated food recovery.
 - Regulatory update: Water Board WDR implementation reports due August. 27/160 facilities submitted reports. Now up to 49, but some were notices of non-applicability. ACP's approach to 1045 and General Order putting smaller composters out of business. Regional Boards can operate autonomously.
 - CalTrans Hwy 1 road widening. 15 year planning process. 50 acres with compost blankets 7000 cy total. 3000 cy applied. Fish and Game saw film plastic on site and told CalTrans to report to WB. Cover it, and remove that material. LA (Scott Dowlan) went to Lamont and inspected material and it met spec at facility and upon delivery. Trash TMDL leads to zero tolerance.
 - NOP 5016: vacated by the court. If contamination shows up in compost, compost could be banned. Downey Brand (law firm) in its findings? In a memo said that after 8/22, "all compost must be tested and be found free from synthetics." Memo went out to a bunch of law firms who sent memo to grower clients cautioning about liability issues with compost. NOP didn't have the budget to do a new draft policy right after, so it may be later in 2017.
 - ~~BAAWMD~~BAAQMD: Taking on facility permitting. When they permitted Redwood compared new emissions to pre-~~asp~~ASP emissions. WCCLF: with new permit went a step further and said had to be under aeration for additional 42 days of curing. With Napa, they are raising the bar yet higher treating ASP as a completely new source without taking into account the previous emissions from windrow—said they were better off keeping as windrow.

- Brainstorming:
 - 1045 only goes so far—does not reach regional boards and air districts. Neil suggested the creation of a compost task force to address infrastructure development (incentive funding, siting, etc.), including reach-out to the inclusion of local government and other state agencies. State is not going to figure everything out on their own, so we should give them direction and information.
 - Potential partners: Grant Cope, local agencies, composters.
 - Will be discussed further with CCC this week and report back from Will and Neil.
 - Communications
 - Meeting notes to be posted to website
 - Board members to be updated
 - Submit content to CRRRA newsletters—add link to all technical councils on newsletter

Parking lot:

Workshops, library and tool kit creation for budget. Topic: starting organics collection and composting in southern California.

Upcoming meeting agenda items:

Review brainstorming and finalize agenda items. Final proposals due by January CORC call.
Update on Compost task force from CCC meeting