

CORC Board Monthly Call Minutes
09/09/16 – 10:00-11:00

Attendees: Kelly Schoonmaker, Will Bakx, Matt Cotton, Peter Slote, Jack Macy, Dan Noble, John Dane, Neil Edgar, Kim Scheibly

Agenda:

Review CRRA Conference

- Review of CORC Tracks
- CORC Lunch Topics
- CORC Annual Meeting
- Elections
- Other?

Committee Reports

- Education, Training and Workshops (H. Gans, J. Macy, M. Cotton)
 - WELO Workshop (Matt and Kelly)
- Policy and Legislative Issues (N. Lapis, N. Edgar, M. Cotton)
- Communication (Kim Scheibly)

Schedule next CORC Retreat

Action Item	Responsible Party
Send Will membership list	John Dane
Cross-check CRRA and CORC lists	Will and Matt
Send CORC USCC WELO workshop flyer	Kelly
Send NOP and other statements on decision	Neil

Minutes

- No comments

CORC

Review of CORC tracks

- Peter: Tremendous success. Good collaboration with CRRA and CORC, from content to participation in panel selection. Also, John Dane put together the collaboration with EPA, and EPA was thrilled. All the great material that CORC brought was branded as EPA, hope that's ok. Scheduling seemed better, too—but let us know if anything could have been improved.
- Matt, Jack: Agreed
- Will: Annual CORC meeting right after a session that went long, so had low attendance. Let's look at better timing for meeting next year.
- Kelly: Could be better communication to CORC panel sponsors, convener, moderators, submitters, speakers.
- Peter: Despina and Peter aware of issue with new system and will be working on it.

CORC Lunch Topics

- Logistically challenging to get everyone actually fed, especially at restaurants, but even with food trucks, difficult to get back to breakouts in time.

CORC meeting and elections—did not happen. Status quo

Committee Reports

1. Education, Training and Workshops (H. Gans, J. Macy, M. Cotton) -

- a. WELO workshop for composters. Pilot workshop at USCC. Half day. Not for attendees only. Would be great to get CORC's help in promotion
 - i. Dan: Doing seminars on stormwater, including a new partnership with ReScape. ACP would like to collaborate on this.
 - ii. Kelly to send flyer for workshop to CORC group.

2. Policy and Legislative Issues (N. Lapis, N. Edgar, M. Cotton)

- a. Matt: Good news. SB 1383 SLCP did get passed. AB 1613 passed--\$40M to CalRecycle, \$7.5M to Healthy Soils. See Nick's email to the group for details. Implementation for SB 1383 is still up in the air.
- b. Neil: Dairy industry got relief in SB 1383, no cuts necessary till 2024. Also, got money for manure processing and methane mitigation, including AD, composting.
- c. Matt and Neil: NOP decision update. USDA is creating new guidance since NOP 5016 was vacated. No new requirements or testing anticipated. Neil: Not much help from State Bar, one sentence in analysis from law firm "starting Aug 22 all compost will need to be tested and found free of synthetics." This was lifted from the amicus brief from Western Growers. CDFA recognizes it's a bad analysis but doesn't want to get in the middle. Put out a statement that they were moving forward, consistent with USDA NOP, but will not address State Bar opinion. Unfortunately, it was disseminated by State Bar to agribusiness lawyers, and now it's causing concern among growers. OMRI, CCOF issued statements that are no different than USDA NOP; NOP issued a statement that they weren't effectively changing how they managed contamination. Neil to send to group.

3. Communication (Kim Scheibly) – no update

Schedule next CORC Retreat:

November 4, Marin Sanitary District

Next call: October 14

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