

**CORC Board Monthly Call Minutes**  
**3/10/16 – 10:00-11:00**

Attendees: Will Bakx, Dan Noble, Kelly Schoonmaker, Hilary Gans, Tracie Bills, Renee Robertson, Jack Macy, Neil Edgar

**Agenda:**

**Old Business**

- Budget
- Compost Story Sponsorship

**New Business**

**Committee Reports**

- Education, Training and Workshops (H. Gans, J. Macy, M. Cotton)
- Policy and Legislative Issues (N. Lapis, N. Edgar, M. Cotton)
  - SB 1383 comments
- Communication (Kim Scheibly)
  - Add roles to board member descriptions

Action Item	Responsible Party
Follow up on budget misreporting/discrepancy with John	Tracie
Convene WELO workshop group to discuss webinar	Kelly

**Old Business**

- Minutes: no comments
- Budget:
  - Revised budget approved by CRRA
  - Tracie followed up with John and Laura, and will be talking to John later today.
- Compost Story Sponsorship
  - Pending info about benefits at \$1000 level. Will to follow up with Nick about

**New Business**

**Committee Reports**

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

- a. CRRA (Hilary): Hilary has reached out to Rob Hilton to offer CORC’s services to provide expert review and evaluations of all organics submittals. Format of review (on line, filling in bubbles) didn’t lend itself to providing a lot of feedback, so Hilary has reached out to Rob to see if CORC can continue to review and provide feedback during the rest of the process. Haven’t tried to schedule them into available sessions yet; depends on the emphasis of the program committee. Q: How much does sponsorship affect committee decisions? A: Not a factor. However, CRRA does give preference to technical councils. Submittals:
  - i. Leg/Reg updates on org recycling (Neil: Matt, Neil, Nick, Howard)
  - ii. Success at 3 public agencies to divert food waste: (Jack, Hilary, Michelle Fay)
  - iii. Managing contamination at facilities (Will: John McAvery, Will Kelly, Ana Carvalho)

- iv. Case Study of SD following EPA food recovery hierarchy: (Renee: Frank \_\_\_\_\_, Buster Halterman, Julie Sands, Marina Hotel)
- v. Building partnerships to implement successful food recovery programs: (Nick: Ali Tarantino, Nita Carmens, Kelly Stoltz, \_\_\_\_\_)
- b. WELO: Cary suggested doing a webinar for composters instead of workshop. Matt, Will, Cary, Kelly and Brian Larimore to discuss further. Next PGE/StopWaste workshop June 15 in SF. Sonoma workshop second half of June

## 2. Policy and Legislative Issues (Neil, Nick, Matt)

- a. WELO: Next stakeholder workshop April 24, 9:00-3:00, Sacramento
- b. New Bills:
  - i. McCarty, AB 1036: Spot bill on Infrastructure development: focusing on composting and AD as essential public services. Don't have to have a vote to raise fees for essential services. Opposition so far only from CAPCOA.
  - ii. Eggman, AB ~~1238~~1288: Tip Fee reform: Not popular with jurisdictions in Southern California, like LASan
  - iii. Aguilar-Curry, AB 920: Spot bill on Biomass to address funding issues related to conventional biomass to keep those facilities alive. Will be difficult, environmental organizations who think it can all be composted. Met with PUC commissioner Martha Guzman ~~Esteves~~Aceves—PUC probably not able to help. More likely to get help on interconnection projects for smaller distributed biomass operations that have been stifled by the large utility companies. Neil to reach out to SJVAPCD contact to see if notifications to use burn permits have increased.
  - iv. BAAQMD put a compost rule in the draft of the 2017 clean air plan. The rules have been based on information that Neil, Matt, Nick provided to BAAQMD in July.
    - 1. Waste Sector Link: [http://www.baaqmd.gov/~media/files/planning-and-research/plans/2017-clean-air-plan/waste\\_management\\_sector-pdf.pdf?la=en](http://www.baaqmd.gov/~media/files/planning-and-research/plans/2017-clean-air-plan/waste_management_sector-pdf.pdf?la=en)
    - 2. Clean Air Plan main page: <http://www.baaqmd.gov/plans-and-climate/air-quality-plans/plans-under-development>
- c. SB1383 comments? Informal rulemaking now, comments submitted will have as much weight as those delivered during the workshops, so no need to submit now unless it's something really important to you. Formal rulemaking begins next year. AB 939-type penalties for jurisdictions that are non-compliant, no break for good faith effort. 250-300k tpy deficit for food materials in Bay Area region. Concerns about ~~the~~ way CalRecycle ~~What about~~ decides to handle hard to recover/recycle materials (treated lumber, etc.)? Working through it in the 1383 process.
- d. AB 901 update: The informal process is unofficially over; formal starts in the next few weeks. Will be hard to get accurate information on market sectors, so may have little value. Have incorporated many recommendations so far, including definitions.

## 3. Communication (Kim Scheibly) – no update

- a. Will to follow up with Kim about adding roles to Board Members on website

**Next call: Friday, April 14, 10:00-11:00.**

**Next month's topics:**

WELO workshop/webinar update