

CORC Board Monthly Call Minutes
6/9/17 – 10:00-11:00

Attendees: Will Bakx, Matt Cotton, Kelly Schoonmaker, Hilary Gans, Neil Edgar, Jack Macy, Tracie Bills, Rebecca Jewell, Chrise de Tournay, Nick Lapis, Dan Noble, Kim Scheibly, Cary Oshins

Agenda:

Minutes: Comments?

Old Business

Draft letter in support of Altamont CASP	Will - DONE
Send Food Waste Prevention event to all CORC members	Will - DONE
Follow up with Ruth about GRC's Zero Wasting Plan	Will - DONE

New Business

- Letter of support for Altamont
- GRC's Zero Wasting Plan for California
- Food Waste Event – Gina Lee

Committee Reports

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

To do's	Who
Send out reminder for next meeting	Will or Matt
Send Goldman School compost white paper	Neil - DONE
Send CCC letter re: AB 1045 to group	Neil - DONE

Minutes from last call—no changes

Old Business

Altamont Composting Facility: CalRecycle posted public notice about Altamont. Only comments are from Donna Cabanne. Link:

<http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Actions/PublicNoticeDetail.aspx?id=2098&aiid=1914>

New Business

Organics Infrastructure Planning and Capacity: What can CORC do to foster development of composting facilities throughout the state?

Nick: CalEPA knows that AB 1045 implementation is not going well and is aware of how they are being perceived. Very bureaucratic process. Said they will schedule a small meeting to provide an update

Matt: They are meeting among themselves, but not doing a great job meeting with the public. Also, progress is slow and the agencies are just beginning to understand how the silos are affecting composting but are not yet proposing solutions.

Hilary:

Dan: More is happening than it appears, but state is still not sure how to reach out to the public. No

Neil: Met with Tung Le (CARB) a few months ago. They have a long list of issues that they want to address. A lot going on and no public interface (e.g., web page)

Nick: Recommends reaching out to Christine Hironaka at CalEPA (formerly at CalRecycle).

Will: would it be helpful to have letter that described what we want to get out of AB 1045? Signed by CORC, CCC, ACP, others.

Resolution: Neil to circulate CCC letter to whole group as a starting point, and take comments for new letter.

Committee Reports

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

- a. CRRA (Hilary):
 - i. CORC annual meeting—wait till agenda is out to schedule to avoid potential conflicts.
 - ii. Goldman School composting white paper – Neil to send out

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

- a. **AB1036:** directs the state to meet with stakeholders on a quarterly basis and to declare composting as an essential public service. Air Districts hate this idea because they'd lose a significant amount of money. Might be a way to add language that air districts can live with—a couple options, both of which will be in the bill. **Nick—can you elaborate here?**
- b. **AB1288:** Tip fee bill. New generator charge and a tip fee. Will be a tax and require a 2/3 vote, so very likely won't pass this year, but goal is to build support to get it in governor's budget next year. Generator fee might actually be easier to pass than tip fee because landfill operators (WM) are concerned that contracts are written in a way that wouldn't allow pass-through of tip fee. Generator charge would be per household up to 64 gal of service and beyond that, volumetrically. Commercial all service level based. Would be about \$0.10-0.15/month, so hopefully won't draw too much attention. Takes pressure off jurisdictions, can blame the state. Fee collected by Board of Equalization, and CalRecycle will pay out in per ton payments to composting facilities and AD facilities. Need to show there is broad support for this once it's in print and the audience will be the governor. Nick will be asking for support.
- c. **AB 920**—power purchase to prop up biomass—most important biomass-related pieces were stripped out.
- d. **SB100**— biomethane language stripped out so it won't do much directly for AD, but might help biomass. May not get through.
- e. **SB 1383** workshops in May: Considering redefining what counts as disposal, and the landfills didn't like that. Goal is to have draft regs by June 21 workshop. Have had a series of workshops and small meetings. CAW, CCC, and ACP have all had several meetings. Land app: Will have to add land app in some way. AB901 reporting might also curtail some of the land app, although that implementation is pushed back a year due to the threat of a lawsuit by some niche categories of recyclers. Nick met with Scott about land app under AB 901 and he is very open to having haulers have to report where they are land applying.
- f. Apartment owners associations are suing about franchise in LA because businesses are paying a disproportionate cost compared to residents and it's not Prop 218 compliant. If they win, could violate a number of franchises throughout the state.

- g. **CRRA Zero Wasting Plan Webinar** June 15. Neil did respond to Ruth on the key five items that CCC is working on. They have asked several times to see the draft, but haven't received anything yet. Will attending.

3. Communication (Kim Scheibly)

- a. Website issues resolved? Just upgraded server, so the end of today the today minutes will be up and changes made. CRRA is going to send a quote to migrate content. Overall, going smoother, and moving forward. If we want something from CORC to go far and wide, send it to Despina.

Next call: Friday, July 14, 10:00-11:00. Rebecca to take notes

Next month's topic: