

CORC Board Monthly Call Minutes
7/14/17 – 10:00-11:00

Attendees: Matt, Nick, Rene, Rebecca, Neil, Will, Lisa, Dan, Jack Absent; Kim, Tracie, Kelly

Old business:

Infrastructure, AB 1045 beating up the process. Hearing good things about interagency work group is working, but EIR and other activities have funding concerns. No clear plan, yet, for us to support.

No update around Altamont Pass. Our letter was added to the packet. They got the permit, an update from Matt.

Education Training & workshops

CRRA conference coming up.

Topic Lunches: we can reserve a room & order in food from outside or we can make a reservation in the restaurant or a restaurant doesn't accept reservations.

Nick suggests ordering pizza & passing the hat, no one opposes the idea.

The topic proposed for that lunch is "All About Organics." Very broad and inclusive.

No CORC meeting is planned currently: The only opening is Tues 12-1 during the lunch hour. The CRRA board meeting is at 1. Other days conflict with the Organics track.

***Nick was nominated to coordinate the food for Tuesday & Monday meetings.

*** Will will reserve the rooms.

*** Will will ask for an announcement next to the topic lunches and post to the CORC membership email list and/or maybe send something to everyone registered

Policy & Legislative issue

Nothing going on says Neil.

1383 Regulations still in the midst of informal process, CalRecycle continues forward. Workshops scheduled in August 16 in Sac & 31 for SoCal. A lot of questions what should be in the regulations, contamination limits for processing, flow control regulations, activities at landfills (Compost First at Landfills; landfills need infrastructure for composting).

AB 901 negotiations have stopped, likely not picked back up before 2019.

Compost contamination:

Matt: had some meetings around seeking cheaper alternatives to composting due to the costs (especially in light of contamination rules). Contamination regulations may subject various types of businesses to lab tests. Chip & Grinders want to diversify resulting in a wave of land application. The method currently under development is difficult to use & can be gamed, hoping an LEA can use this method. Dan pointed out that manual audits for measuring contamination are used on certain sites. A working group has been established to work through this thorny issue. Agramin is using some pricing signals to work with generators to get them below 1% contamination. 1) Testing Methodology & sampling regime; 2) Sending pricing signals on tipping fees that drive contamination down and 3) Getting generators on board around purity of incoming feedstocks.

Land-application contamination:

ADC re-directed to land-ap. Will need to go through similar process for this stream, the standards should keep them from this. Enforcement is then at issue. OIMP program?

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CalRecycle had floated the idea of organics infrastructure including in general plans, purchasing plans for cities to drive markets.

Rendering plants have some emergency, Matt is trying to get the surplus woody materials matched with byproducts of the dairy industry throughout the state.

Nick discussed AB 1036 re: compost permitting & shoring up 1045. We don't want to pick a fight with everyone in 1 bill. Decided to focus on the air district and focus on composting as an essential public service (ergo no need for offsets, various other benefits). The air districts didn't embrace the idea, as it likely will cost more. Meeting with the consultant, she thought the idea is too new and not interested in having it leave committee and wants to let the idea marinate for a year and include stakeholder meetings & later. We now have until next year to convince the committee & legislators that this is good policy. CAW will have that happen. "Thoughtful" support letters are still welcome.
***Rebecca will ask NCRA to reach out to Nick for a chance to write the "thoughtful letter."

Water board continues to review notes from last year regarding certain facilities & compliance.

Communications:

Kim sent a note that the website is up & working.

No call next month.