

CORC Board Monthly Call Minutes
10/13/17 – 10:00-11:00

Attendees: Matt Cotton, Kelly Schoonmaker, Neil Edgar, Hilary Gans, Nick Lapis, Renee Robertson, Tim Goodman, Kim Scheibly, Cary Oshins, Dan Noble, Chrise deTournay

Agenda:

Agenda Review

Minutes: Comments?

Old Business

New Business

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
Refine retreat discussion topics and goal	Matt, Will to take first pass
Talk to CRRA about providing bigger rooms for organics sessions, tracking attendance for sessions	Will

Minutes

Old Business

None

New Business – Retreat planning

- Proposed agenda for retreat next month:
 - Work Plan/TC Quarterly meeting
 - Budget
 - Elections
 - Committee Reports
 - Education, Trainings, Workshops, Conferences
 - CRRA
 - Legislation and Regulatory update
 - Communication
 - Discussion topic: Changing CDFA's guidelines on plant/soil health-related claims about compost. (Note this is a more specific version of last year's topic: *How can CORC help address state's ambitious goals and help other state agencies and organizations better understand compost?*)
 - Other CDFA coordination issues: Burning alternatives
 - AD vs composting

Committee Reports

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

- a. California Bioresources Alliance Symposium November 11/1-2. Dan to send out announcement.

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

- a. Assemblymember McCarty—Chair of Waste in the 21st Century Committee. Doing a hearing on organics in Jackie Irwin’s district (in Oxnard) on 10/26. AB1045 implementation will likely be a focus of the hearing, but will also include local infrastructure planning (AB876), 1383 implementation. Matt, Neil and Nick meeting about this in a couple hours; looking for topics. Group suggested:
 - i. Communication with industry - Dan
- b. **Food waste bill**—CA good Samaritan act signed, expanding protections. If you donate what appears to be wholesome food at the time of donation, and someone gets sick, donor is not liable.
- c. **Food expiration date labeling bill** on governor’s desk
- d. **Successful in getting GGRF funding \$40M** (almost didn’t get it). Will be available in a year or so. A lot of the projects on the B list for the infrastructure grants were active in getting funding. Got \$40M last year and this year but not all for organics. \$24M for organics split 50/50 with AD/composting. In addition to \$24M is \$5M for food recovery (\$29M total).
 - i. Is there flexibility in what the money is spent on? Has to be used to build infrastructure and directly reduce GHG’s. Split last year was 50/50 because the CARB methodology made it impossible to compare composting and AD, so they wanted AD to compare to AD and composting to composting.
 - ii. Should CORC be advocating to spend more on composting than AD? Good to split it because we’ll need everything.
 - iii. What about tip fees? Good news: Stakeholders are coalescing around it, but the bad news is that there were a few 2/3 tax votes (gas tax, e.g.) earlier this year, so legislature might not be up for another 2/3 vote.
- e. **SB 1383**: Next workshop on 10/30 to present draft regs.
 - i. CalRecycle mentioned proposing a 10% limit on contamination in feedstock. This seems too high for SSO but too low for MSW.
- f. **Grant program**: GHG reduction funds have been criticized that they do not benefit DAC’s. Reviewing to see
- g. **AB617** air quality control measure definition of stationary source may include some open windrow composting facilities (as low as 280 tpd facilities in SJV); may have to move to ASP. No state funding available to convert existing facilities to comply with air (or water) regs.
- h. **Water Board General Order**: Sep 19 meeting had a good report on the implementation of the general order. Water Board says that everything is going fine, but that’s not what’s happening on the ground. Enforcement has been delayed, and some operators have not filed yet and are ignoring the order.
- i. **New Cannabis Regs**: Was some draft language from CDFG about the waste coming from grow operations to blend waste material with 50% other material to destroy it or render it unusable, but scrapped this language. New language will allow cannabis waste to be picked up by haulers and could be composted—will be available in November.

- j. **BAAQMD:** Assembling a methane task force. They see composting facilities as a contributor to methane. Neil participated in an expert panel assembled by BAAQMD in Matt's stead to present that composting reduces methane production overall and is a small contributor. Adding a methane requirement to compost rules. Rulemaking will include VOC's and methane emissions.
 - k. **ARB doing a methane study** with JPL to fly infrared cameras over the state and look for methane hot spots; confirmed landfills and refineries are a big source. WWTP's not a source.
3. **Communication (Kim Scheibly)**
- a. Website updated with notes, CCC newsletters.

Next meeting—in person! 11/3, 10:00-4:00, StopWaste offices