

CORC Board Monthly Call
03/09/17 – 10:00 – 11:00

Attendees: Hilary Gans, Kim Scheibly, Tracie Bills, Neil Edgar, Tim Goodman, Mary Lindemuth, Erin Rowland, Renee Robertson, Kelly Schoonmaker, Jenna Abbott,
Chair: Neil Edgar

To do's	Who
None	

Agenda Review

No changes

Minutes: Comments?

none

Old Business

none

New Business

March 16 TC call: Neil to attend on behalf of CORC

Committee Reports

1. Education, Training and Workshops

- a. CRRR Program and submittal review - Hilary
 - i. Time crunch, so Hilary, Jack, and Matt reviewed the submittals. Not enough time to send to rest of CORC
 - ii. Jenna had said 8 sessions available for organics. Received 8 full session submittals, mostly very good, plus about 10 other individual papers to fold into sessions, but not a lot of room because the full sessions were pretty solid. Made recommendations on 2 sessions that they be edited and re-worked.
 - iii. Software not the best for a collaborative effort. Gave verbal feedback to Despina on the system.
 - iv. Submittals in "other" Had about 5 individual speakers and one session that were not appropriate for organics and only received Will's as a redirected miscategorized proposal. System not perfect yet; reviewers cannot see all submittals so can't tell if they are missing some that they should be reviewing.
 - v. Finalizing schedule now. Hoping to open registration next week for early bird registration. No date yet for final program.

2. Leg/Reg update – Neil

- a. Most bills at this time are spot bills and carry over bills from last year
- b. AB1036 McCarty – carry over from last year making organics infrastructure an essential public service still in play but also still getting push-back from air districts

- c. AB1288 Eggman – carry over regarding increase to tip fee; will probably die election year because there is a strong aversion to any new fees/taxes; similar fate for the transportation bill. (number?)
- d. Governor’s budget proposes \$20M from Cap and Trade to CalRecycle (down from \$40M last year). There is a proposed bill from Assembly Member Brian Maienschein (R) in SD County for \$100M allocated to CR for organics and \$100M for recycling given state of markets. However, democrats expected to take seat this year, so likely not a lot of momentum behind this bill.
- e. SB1383 regs – next draft to be released around end of March. This will be the last draft of regulations before the formal draft. Some of the spot bills in the works are being proposed to roll back the regs (mainly from dairy, some southern California jurisdictions).
- f. Water Board – general order for compost. Proposing adjustments to regs to roll back requirements on dairy composters. Other composters unhappy about this, as they have made investments in infrastructure to meet the general order, and dairy may not need this requirement.
- g. BAAQMD Methane Expert Panel (Neil and Matt on this panel) draft rule pushed back convening solid waste stakeholder meeting in spring. Reaching out to stakeholders now. Chad White (a planner from the air district) reached out to StopWaste a few weeks ago, and Dan mentioned that he had a conversation with Chad as well. All MRF’s and transfer stations will be subject to the rulemaking. District wants to standardize the rules and eliminate the inconsistency in the permitting process. Want to get an understanding of the potential sources at different facilities (such as PM from sort lines, VOC’s from de-packaging equipment, etc.) Similar to South Coast AQMD rule 410 that regulates emissions from transfer stations there.
- h. Compostable packaging: continuing concern over organic status for compost from facilities that accept compostable packaging. Now there is also some discussion about PFC’s and how that affects organic certification.
 - i. Tim: PFC issue has become a major issue in CA and beyond around paper and bagasse. PLA does not have any PFC’s in it as was recently verified by CEH study. A lot of companies working on alternatives to PFC-type coatings (including NatureWorks) with a timeline to be done this year. BPI has pulled together a stakeholder group to petition the NOSB to get an exemption for some synthetics that would allow PLA. Will take at least 2 years, based on the biodegradable mulch exemption.
 - ii. Neil: PFC issue is already having market impacts. Panera switched from paper to clear PLA.
 - iii. Kim: Panera reached out to Kim because they put their PLA in a non-landfill bin and it was rejected. Very upset.
 - iv. Mary: Got visit from WorldCentric and they are also very upset that PLA is being directed to the landfill.
 - v. Tim: In southern California NatureWorks is doing a pilot project with a couple composters to compost BPI-certified food service ware. Results so far look positive.

- vi. Dan: ACP has formed a contamination working group that is open to all people who want to participate. Four working groups so far: Material Packaging Industry, Ed and Outreach (for generators), Franchise Agreements, and Processing (how does the composter deal with it on site). Has talked with Susan Thomen who has founded the Compost Manufacturing Alliance of composters who do field testing of different food service ware types. They are looking to expand into CA.
 1. Tim: Would like to be involved in this group
 2. Kelly to send info to group.

3. Communications – Kim

- a. Met with Despina and Jenna, and there is a mock site up! Easier to use, a lot of useful features on it. Once there is a link, Kim will share with group—maybe next call. CRRA is going to increase support to TC's and will be paying for the site now.

Next call: April 13, 10:00-11:00 am

Potential Topics: CRRA final program, new website, ACP Contamination Working Group, PFC/PFOA/PFOS update

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