

CORC Board Monthly Call
04/13/17 – 10:00 – 11:00

Attendees: Hilary Gans, Kim Scheibly, Neil Edgar, Tim Goodman, Mary Lindemuth, Kelly Schoonmaker,
 Jeff Ziegenbein, Nick Lapis, Cary Oshins, Matt Cotton
 Chair: Will Bakx

| To do's | Who |
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| New standing items: ACP working group (Jeff or other workgroup members), Land app workshop (Matt) | Kelly to add to agenda |
| Cary and Hilary to follow up about PDH's for CCP at CRRA | |

Agenda Review

No changes

Minutes: Comments?

none

Old Business

none

New Business

- Contamination—what role should CORC have? Workshop at CRRA? How to participate in ACP work group? Logical next steps after the WORC report?
 - Jeff – ACP working group update. Dividing into 3-4 working groups during next meeting. There's a lot to be done. Next update should go out to group soon; hopefully by Tuesday.
 - Matt—follow up with WORC about what is happening now. Maybe at 2019 CRRA?
 - Kelly—is there a 1383 sub group to influence contamination rules in new regs? Maybe
 - Hilary—Two issues. 1) Overs from food waste material are heavily contaminated and sent to landfill (50% of compost by volume). Diversion not as high as people think. 2) No one in power protecting the composters. Composters having to deal with contaminated material. The problem is getting worse and soon the system will break down. No one is speaking out for quality compost and composters.
 - Will—Feedstock limits are necessary. Proposing 3% limit. If you are allowing contamination, you invite contamination.
 - Jeff—Industry pushback on feedstock contamination is that it's a reg that composters will have to measure. The decision was to let the market decide.
 - Neil—Advocated for feedstock contaminant limits in Title 14 development. CalRecycle does not have much appetite for this still. Once AB 901 reporting starts, overs problem will be revealed
 - Mary—Apple and Google are the largest generators and are trying to enforce contamination limits. They want to put everything in the compost bin. Not a lot of understanding out there of what it looks like, even with visits to facilities, this information is not filtering up.

- Matt and Jeff—report back monthly on this issue. New standing item on CORC agenda.
- Continuing Education for Compost: Cary
 - Composter Certification Program needs Professional Development Hours. Can CRRRA organics tracks qualify for PDH's? Small fee to CORC to be an Approved Training Provider, which is cut in half following years. Fee is \$30/hour, so \$300 for 10 credits, with a bulk discount.
 - How many people? 67 CCOM's total. 15ish in California
 - USCC launching a second certification for someone with knowledge who doesn't work at a facility. Certified Composting Professionals program should be launched before CRRRA.
 - Question for Hilary: Check with CRRRA to see what requirements they have for offering pre-approved CEU's.
 - Has USCC purchased a display booth for the event? Not yet, but would do that through the chapter. Cary to talk to Dan about that.

Committee Reports

1. Education, Training and Workshops

- a. CRRRA Program Update - Hilary
 - i. Submitted 8 proposals, but have not heard final word yet. Hilary has been talking with Despina and they have great confidence in our technical committee and it's our responsibility to manage the track. CRRRA doesn't want to release any info to speakers until review is 100% complete. They should know within 10 days and send an electronic response to speakers with accept/reject info. There were some sessions that the committee broke apart or recombined.
 - ii. Cary—Composting Collaborative (GreenBlue, BioCycle, USCC) started to fill gaps nationwide to build infrastructure. Talked to Peter Slote about holding dialogue at CRRRA. Would be Thursday morning.
- b. Land App workshop – Matt
 - i. Land App is continuing and no one is enforcing this. Examples in other countries (Australia, UK) that require PFRP or similar.
 - ii. Jeff has talked with NRCS and spent time with county LEA's. Pictures help to demonstrate the problem. NRCS was contacted by the farmers they work with that they had been convinced by chip and grind operations that they needed to add organic matter and so they had this material spread, and were horrified by the results.
 - iii. This should be a more directed effort. Matt to organize work group. Adding standing item to CORC meeting.
 - iv. Hilary—should this be CORC's issue if a farmer wants to spread garbage on their own land?
 1. Yes—poses immediate and long-term threat to composting and compost markets

2. Leg/Reg update – Neil and Nick

- a. 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.
- b. SB1383 workshop – May 8 in Sacramento
 - i. New language on procurement requirements for local governments
- c. AB1981 – Procurement bill to use compost on fire-ravaged lands and temporary permits to allow composting on fire sites. This bill will be covered in greater depth on next call.
 - i. This is amending AB1045 so would it potentially be an opportunity to improve 1045? Maybe.
 - ii. There is also a draft report circulating about 1045, but not available yet.
- d. Water Board going to open up general order at the request of dairies and on-farm composting advocates seeking relief in regulations.

3. Communications – Kim

- a. No new news.

Next call: May 11, 10:00-11:00 am

Potential Topics: CRRRA final program, new website, PFC/PFOA/PFOS update

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