



Milk
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Council

Memorandum

Date: September 1, 2004

To: Stakeholders and Potential Project Partners

From: John Gundlach
Manager of Organics Management
Inland Empire Utilities Agency

Bob Feenstra
Executive Officer
Milk Producers Council

Subject: Environmentally-Friendly Composting Technology Pilot Project Stakeholder Meeting

It's my pleasure to update you on the current status of the Environmentally-Friendly Composting Technology Pilot Project. At our last stakeholders meeting held on June 10, 2004, we received an abundance of positive feedback from attendees who are keenly aware of the critical issues presented by the recent adoption of Rule 1127 in conjunction with Rule 1133.2, and their impact on the entire Southern California dairy industry, which produces more than a billion dollars per year of economic stimulus.

In our quest to establish approved alternative, cost efficient organic material recycling technologies, we are grateful that the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) is working with IEUA and the Milk Producers Council (MPC) in the implementation of Rule 1127 and appreciate AQMD's willingness to co-sponsor the Environmentally-Friendly Composting Technology Pilot Project.

Since our last stakeholders meeting, AQMD endorsed the Environmentally-Friendly Composting Technology Pilot Project at its August 6, 2004 Board Meeting, stating that the purpose of the technical study of fabric in-vessel composting systems, is to provide a Pilot Demonstration Project which will demonstrate that alternative composting technologies can achieve the needed VOC and ammonia emission reductions. AQMD staff believes that the results of this study could also be used to optimize these systems, with the goal of achieving Rule 1133.2 emission reduction requirements. The Board resolution calls for AQMD to co-sponsor this study.

We have supplied AQMD with the attached final Draft Implementation Plan, for review and comment. IEUA has formally requested AQMD's acceptance of the Implementation Plan (subject to final revisions expected to be minor) and approval by the AQMD Board of co-funding for the study implementation.

IEUA is currently approaching other potential stakeholders for support, including: the public works departments of the cities of Chino, Los Angeles, Norco and Ontario, Eastern Municipal Water District, Metropolitan Water District, the Chino Basin Watermaster, Western Municipal

Water District, the Los Angeles and Orange County Sanitation Districts, and the Milk Producers Council.

We currently have acquired funding agreements from two (2) stakeholders including IEUA and MPC and are awaiting a response from the US Department of Agricultural Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to a \$150,000 grant request for a NRCS Conservation Innovation Grant. IEUA has set up a special account under the IEUA Co-Composting Project to process all Pilot Project funding.

Attached for your review are the following documents:

1. Letter to SCAQMD from IEUA dated August 30, 2004;
2. Environmentally-Friendly Composting Technology Pilot Project Stakeholder Meeting Report dated June 10, 2004; and
3. Final Draft Implementation Plan for the Environmentally-Friendly Composting Technology Pilot Project.

As an important stakeholder, we encourage you to become part of the solution towards finding and funding alternative, cost efficient compost processing and organics management. We are convening our second project for all interested stakeholders to attend and discuss the project implementation plan attached. We look forward to seeing you at the next stakeholders meeting to be held on September 20, 2004 at 10 am at the IEUA headquarters, located at 6075 Kimball Avenue, Chino, California.

A list of stakeholders, a fact sheet and meeting agenda are attached.

Please RSVP at your earliest convenience to jgundlach@ieua.org or call John Gundlach at (909) 993-1640 or Bob Feenstra at (909) 628-6018. If you or other team members have any questions, please contact us.

Thank you again for your support and Please call me at (909) 993-1640 if you have any questions or need additional information.

List of Potential Project Stakeholders

1. Bank of America- Cornelius Gallagher
2. Chino Basin Watermaster Ag Pool – Ken Manning
3. City of Chino, Department of Public Works- Pat Glover
4. City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works-
5. City of Ontario, Department of Public Works- Ken Jeske
6. P.F. Ryan & Associates - Paul Ryan
7. Dairy Producer Environmental Foundation- Nathan deBoom
8. Eastern Municipal Water District- Mike Gardner
9. Inland Empire Utilities Agency- Rich Atwater, General Manager; Tom Love
10. Los Angeles County Sanitation District- Jim Stahl, General Manager; Steve McGuin; Mike Sullivan
11. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California- Ron Gastelum
12. Milk Producers Council- Robert Feenstra, General Manager
13. Orange County Sanitation District- Blake Anderson, General Manager; Bob Ghirelli; Mike Moore, Layne Baroldi
14. USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service- Jim Earsom
15. Western Municipal Water District- John Rossi

Organizations for Project & Scientific Appraisal & Monitoring

1. Ag Bag Environmental- Debbie Linder, Operations Director
2. Association of Compost Producers- Dan Noble, Executive Director
3. California Air Resources Board, Patrick Gaffney
4. California Department of Food and Agriculture- Matthew D. Summers, P.E.
5. California Environmental Protection Agency, John Ungvarsky
6. California Institute for Women, Dawn Davison, Warden (A)
7. California Integrated Waste Management Board- Judy Friedman, Jeff Watson
8. Cal Poly Pomona College of Agriculture- Wayne R. Bidlack, Dean
9. County of San Bernardino- Jacquie Adams, Department of Health Services
10. San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District- Sheraz Gill
11. Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board- Mr. Gerard J. Thibeault, Executive Officer; Dixie Lass; Steve Mayville
12. South Coast Air Quality Management District- Dr. Barry Wallerstein, Executive Officer; Dr. Mary Woods
13. State Water Resources Control Board, John Menke
14. Synagro- Sam Monaco, Vice President
15. Tetra Tech, Inc.- Mike Hoover; Charles Egigian-Nichols
16. University of California Cooperative Extension- Nyles G. Peterson
17. Kellogg Garden Supply, Kathryn Kellogg Johnson
18. The Scotts Company, Roelund White

MEETING AGENDA

Meeting Date: September 20, 2004
Meeting Time: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
Meeting Location: Anza Conference Room; Building B
Inland Empire Utilities Agency
6075 Kimball Avenue
Chino, CA 91710

Contact: John Gundlach- (909) 993-1640

Agenda:

- I. Introductions 10:00 a.m.**
 - A. Individuals/Agencies/Firms
 - B. Purpose

- II. Topics for Discussion**
 - A. Project Co-Funding Status
 - B. Review Implementation Plan Issues & Opportunities
 - C. Immediate Implementation Steps
 - D. Brainstorming Discussion

- III. Miscellaneous**
 - A. Other Items
 - B. Schedule Next Meeting

- IV. Adjourn12:00 p.m.**