

Organics Management to Reduce Methane and Climate Change Workgroup

Meeting #1 Notes (July 8, 2-4 pm)

- I. Welcome and Overview of Agenda
 - a. Initial introductions
- II. Californians Against Waste (CAW) Presentation
 - a. Discussion included role of anaerobic digestion, partnerships with feedyards and grocers, how California is doing meeting goals, how compost is used post-wildfires for erosion control, is technology available, contamination associated with food waste, measures being taken for source reduction, arguments for and against the bill, infrastructure needs, multifamily issues, financial assistance from the state to local governments for implementation, universal list, and demand for end products.
- III. Comments from:
 - a. Representative Joe Fitzgibbon
 - b. Senator Mona Das
- IV. Introductions and overview of workgroup structure and role
 - a. Discussion about the genesis of the workgroup and stakeholder process
 - b. Introduced work group structure, purpose and role
 - i. Workgroup Purpose: Improve organics management system in Washington is order to reduce methane and combat climate change.
 - ii. Workgroup Role: Using the CA bill as a starting point, gather stakeholder input to inform possible legislation being drafted by legislative staff.
 - iii. Workgroup Structure:
 1. The process will have workgroup members and observers.
 2. Workgroup members have a “seat at the table” for meeting discussions and input.
 3. Observers are welcome at all meetings, there will be at least one place on the agenda of each meeting for observers to comment.
 4. A variety of stakeholders are funding this process. Funding contribution does not impact who is on the Workgroup or the level of input.
 5. C+C has been hired to facilitate this process. Julie Colehour will act as the project’s facilitator. Her role is to ensure that everyone has a voice in this process and that input is accurately captured.
 - c. Individual introductions of meeting attendees (stakeholders and observers)
- V. Questions, observations and discussion from workgroup members
 - a. Discussion included inclusion of additional stakeholders such as producers of compostable products/resin, large food scrap generator such as college campuses, school systems, Department of Agriculture, and source reduction in food management.
- VI. Next Steps and Adjourn
 - a. Next meeting 7/22
 - i. 1st/3rd Thursdays, 2-4pm
 - ii. Will have additional speakers about the California law and implementation and will create a list of topics for future meetings
 - b. Asked for volunteers for agenda development committee (one per sector)
 - c. Attendees missing meetings may have someone from the same stakeholder group attend in their place.
 - d. Next week, an agenda will be sent out with the Zoom link for July 22, 2-4 pm meeting.