

RMWEA BIOSOLIDS COMMITTEE

January 16, 2008

Attendees: Nikki Stefonick, MWRD; Luke Bond, Parker Ag Services; Kenan Diker, CDPH&E; Tom Dingeman, City of Greeley; Pat Dowell, MWRD; Derya Dursun, Brown & Caldwell; Angel Foster, MWRD; Steve Frank, MWRD; Grant Grover, City of Longmont WWTP; Paul Heppler, City of Boulder WWTP; Deanne Kelly, Tri Country Health; Jim Medlock, Littleton/Englewood WWTP; Dave Myers, Kennedy/Jenks Consultants; David Quarles, Parker Ag Services; Dennis Schump, City of Greeley.

1. 2008 Farm Show Schedule

Nikki finalized the Farm Show Schedule. Please see e-mail to see the final version of the schedule. Parking will be \$5 and the pass is good for 3 days. Be sure to bring cash for parking if you are taking a role in this event.

2. Trade Show Booth Graphic Status

- Steve has completed the suggested changes to the graphic and presented the recent version to the committee members. The graphic looks great and is ready to be displayed for various trade shows.
- Nikki mentioned the trinkets/giveaways (coin purse & pencils) have been delivered and are ready for Farm Show.

3. Green Book Update

- Committee members reviewed the EPA web page and the final-draft version of the Green Book sent by Nikki. Members voted to either use existing EPA documents or to move forward and print out an updated Green Book. It was the choice of the committee to continue with a local RMWEA publication – Green Book (12 to 1). Please send the final revisions of Green Book to Nikki at the beginning of February. Nikki would like to finalize it before February meeting in order to distribute at Boulder School.
- Kenan indicated that addition of references to table would be useful for someone who was looking for detailed information. This issue will be addressed in the revised version.
- Dennis suggested to take out the personal information (such as names) and to use standard titles and the name of organizations in the additional information section. There was some disagreement on this and mentioned to keep the names.
- Sharon brought up the point to include Wyoming and New Mexico, not to conflict with AWWA general organization tree. Dennis recommended Nikki to discuss this issue with RMWEA executive committee. Sharon said that putting contact info for Wyoming and New Mexico would be important for consistency. It was decided to put the contact info for New Mexico and Wyoming. Paul will supply these names to Nikki.
- After receiving the final revisions of Green Book from committee members, Nikki will select pictures that were sent in by committee members to update the photos in the Green Book and finalize the document.

4. Northeast Colorado Health Department (NCHD) Biosolids Regulation

The NCHD Biosolids Regulation became effective on 1/108. Based on this regulation:

- A letter of notification is required for neighbors of biosolids land application sites within a 1 mile of radius.
- The original 500 ft of set back for land application near an occupied dwelling was changed to 100 ft. based on stakeholder input.
- The permitting process is will remain the same as the State process and the same CDPH&E BMP# will be given to the NCHD permit.
- The fee will be 50 cents/dry ton applied if not produced within the six-county NCHD jurisdiction.

5. WERF Final Report

Nikki mentioned that WERF has published a report on phase one of the *Epidemiologic Surveillance and Investigation of Symptoms of Illness Reported by Neighbors of Biosolids Land Application Sites* research project. This study aims to establish a protocol for utilities to investigate and report health related issues allegedly caused by biosolids application. There will be a brief review of this study in March issue of Rumbles. To view a copy of this report, you can visit www.werf.org

6. Boulder Biosolids Course

Paul handed out the schedule for Boulder School. Biosolids Land Appliers will try to administer two tests for biosolids operators during this course. On Wednesday, a 100 question, general alpha test will be carried out (Class I). On Friday, an intermediate level (Class II) beta test with 100 questions will be given to managers. Class II test targets managers whereas Class I is for field operators. Paul said that they aim to analyze the type of questions they need to use in the actual test

7. Update on Biosolids Delegation

Kenan updated the Committee on Biosolids Delegation. As of Monday 01/14/2008, the 2008 fee is \$1.87/dry ton, this pays for the salary of the CDPH&E Biosolids Coordinator as well as a portion of upper management. Pretreatment bill is moving forward and it is expected that unless a legislator sponsors a biosolids delegation bill, nothing will happen until 2011. The Wastewater Utility Council will look into supporting the Biosolids Committee for delegation.

8. Future Conferences

- The 2008 Young Farmers Show will be in Denver February 1st and 2nd 2008.
- Great Plains Soil Fertility Conference will be in Denver March 4th & 5th 2008. <http://www.ipni.net/gpsfc>

Changes to Meeting Minutes

Please submit all comments you have to the attached minutes to Derya Dursun or Pat Dowell by February 15, 2008 via email.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 10:00am, February 20th 2008 at the Metro District in the **FINANCE CONFERENCE ROOM**.

***If you want to attend the next meeting via telephone, please notify either Nikki or Dennis FEBRUARY 18th 2008 so arrangements can be made for your connection.

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