

# **RMWEA BIOSOLIDS COMMITTEE**

## **November 19, 2008**

*Attendees: Angel Foster, MWRD; Dave Oerke, CH2MHill; Deanne Kelly, Tri-Country Health; Dennis Schump, City of Greeley; Derya Dursun, Brown & Caldwell; Grant Grover, City of Longmont WWTP; Jim Medlock, Littleton/Englewood WWTP; Kenan Diker, CDPHE; Luke Bond, Parker Ag Services; Nikki Stefonick, MWRD; Paul Heppler, City of Boulder WWTP; Shawn LaBonde, Black & Veatch; Tim Larson, Liquid Waste Management; Tom Dingeman, City of Greeley; Arlisa Michael, MWRD; Amy Woods, MWRD.*

### **1. Colorado Farm Show Schedule**

Nikki passed around the Farm Show schedule and asked for volunteers and alternates to help at the Show. She will set up and tear down the booth. The Booth (#538) will be located in the Events Center building and in the same location as last year. The Committee has left over trinkets from last year which will be enough for this year's Show.

### **2. Biosolids, PPCPs and the Environment Workshop Review**

The workshop was very successful. There were 70 attendees. The Committee raised \$10,000 and the net revenue was \$5,806. This money will go into RMWEA "pool money".

Dave mentioned that the morning session of the workshop was more practical whereas the afternoon session was more technical than necessary. Dave thanked Nikki for her organization and coordination.

Angel will write a summary of this event and it will be published in March Issue of Rumbles.

### **3. Nominations for Secretary**

Nikki will shortly transfer her duties to Dennis Schump. Pat and Derya have been sharing secretary duties for the past year and the Committee is looking for a new secretary starting in January 2009. Nikki summarized the duties of the secretary and asked for volunteers. No one volunteered.

### **4. Phosphorus Presentation**

There will be a presentation on Environmental Phosphorus and how it relates to biosolids. This presentation will be held on Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 1:30 pm in Metro Wastewater Reclamation District's Board Room. Dr. Chip Elliott, from the Department of Agriculture and Biological Engineering at Penn State University will give the presentation. RSVP is required since space is limited with 45 people.

## **5. Review of Standing Rules and Goals for 2009-2010 & Beyond**

Angel suggested supporting National Biosolids Partnership's EMS for Biosolids Program. She also recommended updating the goals of the Committee to better measure the success of the Committee. These ideas will be incorporated into future Standing Rules.

## **6. Biosolids Delegation/WCQD Proposed Fee Bill**

Kenan presented the most recent developments on biosolids delegation. He informed the Committee where CDPHE stands right now. Steve Gunderson (CDPHE) received the comments from interested stakeholders and he would review the comments. Then the proposed Fee Bill will be evaluated and the decision will be made with upper management at CDPHE.

Dennis explained why the Wastewater Utility Council (WWUC) might not support the Fee structure. WWUC stated that more detailed information on where the money generated from the increased fees would be spent.

Kenan also discussed what would happen if delegation continues. He explained changes in the permitting process, inspections and audits that would happen with delegation.

Kenan stated that the biosolids fee might be between \$2.97 and \$4.00 per dry ton. Septage will also be included in the delegation package. In general, Committee members sensed that it might be difficult to manage both septage and biosolids with only one additional FTE. Kenan gave some FTE examples from other states. The Pretreatment program will also be included into the delegation package. Some Committee members thought that a biosolids-only delegation package could have been easier; and a combination of biosolids with septage and pretreatment complicated the things and made the entire delegation process more difficult to understand.

At the end of Kenan's presentation, Nikki concluded that the Committee must participate and have an active and educational role. We all want our industry to be a proactive one.

## **7. Other**

Kenan brought some brochures related to biosolids which were prepared for primary school children. The brochures featured different wastewater treatment bacteria characters.

Paul reminded the Committee that next year will be the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the RMWEA Biosolids Committee.

Jim asked for biosolids related articles to be published in the March Biosolids issue of Rumbles. Kenan will submit an article on the current regulatory status of biosolids application in Colorado. Dave also mentioned that he could submit an article on biosolids reduction methods. This is an ongoing WERF project which he is currently

working on. The project focuses on different processes and technologies for sludge reduction. The Editors will decide which article to print in Rumbles.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held at 10:00am, December 17, 2008 at the Metro District in the **BOARD ROOM**.

\*\*\*If you want to attend the next meeting via telephone, please notify either Nikki or Dennis December 15<sup>th</sup> 2008 so arrangements can be made for your connection.

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