

RMWEA BIOSOLIDS COMMITTEE

December 17, 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; Kenan Diker, CDPHE; Luke Bond, Parker Ag Services; Nikki Stefanick, MWRD; Paul Heppler, City of Boulder WWTP; Tom Dingeman, City of Greeley; Arlisa Michael, MWRD; Michelle Ryerson, MWRD; Stan Thurber, PCWA.

1. 2009 Colorado Farm Show Schedule

The Colorado Farm Show will be held in Greeley on January 27, 28 and 29th. Nikki asked for volunteers and alternates to help at the booth (especially for Wednesday afternoon). Please contact Nikki if you can volunteer for this Show.

2. 2009 Meeting Schedule

In 2009, the Biosolids Committee will meet on the 3rd Wednesday of every month (except September due to RMWEA Annual Conference) from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at Metro Wastewater Reclamation District. Please mark your calendars.

2009 meeting dates:

January 21, February 18**, March 18, April 15, May 20, June 17, July 15, August 19, October 21, November 18, December 16.

** The meeting in February may be changed to the 11th depending upon NBP staff and if we will host them at our meeting.

3. Rocky Mountain Compost School

The school is hosted by Colorado State University's Department of Soil and Crop Sciences. 2009 will be the third year of the school. This year the school will be held April 14-17 2009. In order to find more details on the school, please visit <http://www.rmcs.colostate.edu/>

4. Review of Environmental Phosphorus Presentation

Nikki reviewed the seminar which was held on December 8th, 2008 in Metro Wastewater Reclamation District's Board Room. Dr. Chip Elliott, from the Department of Agriculture and Biological Engineering at Penn State University gave a presentation. Nikki distributed extra copies of the presentation and stated that it was a fruitful workshop. Dr. Elliott pointed out the possible need for P regulation in Colorado but assured attendees that biosolids is not a major contributor to any P issues in Colorado. Dave thanked Metro to organize and host the seminar.

5. Nominations for Secretary

Arlisa Michael from the Metro District has graciously accepted to be the secretary for the Committee for 2009. Nikki thanked both Derya & Pat for their time and effort of being co-secretaries in 2008.

6. Rumbles Article Selection

Last month it was discussed that two articles be submitted to the Rumbles editors and to let the editors decide which article to print for the March issue. Fortunately, the editors decided to use both articles. Kenan Diker's article will be the Feature Article and Dave Oerke's article will be in the Science Research and Technology section.

7. WQCD Fee Bill/Delegation Stakeholder Process Follow up

At the recent Wastewater Utility Council, the WQCD Fee Bill was discussed. Dennis stated the council was looking at proposing a fourth option in response to the three different options the WQCD released in response to industry comments. Kenan stated that either Option 2 or Option 3 will go through and the biosolids program will stand as is without seeking delegation.

All members agreed on supporting the delegation and will wait to see what unfolds at the WQCD after comments are received relating to the proposed 3 fee bill structure options.

8. EMS Orientation Workshop

Angel asked if the Committee would be interested in arranging an EMS Orientation workshop to help with the goal of supporting the National Biosolids Partnership's (NBP) EMS for Biosolids Program. The Texas WEA just held something similar and Angel did some research on how the workshop was put together, who funded it, etc. In order for the Workshop to be free of charge to industry members, consulting firms picked up most of the tab (food, facility) for the workshop held in Texas. The Committee members supported this idea and discussed the possibility of having it as the November Workshop.

Gene DeMichele from NBP might give a presentation at the February Meeting to inform us about how the workshop in Texas was received and how we may be able to design such a workshop. *****If Gene's travel plans are approved we will change our meeting date to February 11th.**

9. Other

Nikki announced the 2009 Water Quality Workshop. The workshop will be on January 28th at Hyatt Regency in Denver Tech Center. For more information, visit <http://www.cowatercongress.org/>

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 10:00am, January 21, 2009 at the Metro District in the **FINANCE ROOM**.

***If you want to attend the next meeting via telephone, please notify either Nikki or Dennis January 19th 2008 so arrangements can be made for your connection.

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