



April 16, 2007

TO: Waste Management Authority
FROM: Karen Smith, Executive Director
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RE: Composting Project

Background:

At the January 24, 2007 Authority Board meeting the Board heard presentations from parties submitting proposals for the Composting Project. The Board referred the preparation of criteria for ranking to the Programs/Planning Committee.

At the February Committee meeting the Committee developed an evaluation criteria list. At the March Program/Planning Committee meeting the committee reviewed and discussed the Proposal Summaries and criteria matrix prepared by staff. The Committee requested proposers to provide additional information no later than March 30th to complete the Proposal Summaries and directed staff to update the criteria evaluation matrix for the Committee to consider at their meeting in April.

Discussion:

At the April Committee meeting the Committee received the Revised Proposal Summaries and the Criteria Evaluation Matrix (attached). The Revised Proposal Summaries are based solely on the information received from the proposer. None of the data has been independently verified nor has any environmental review been completed.

The Committee considered options to move the selection process forward and recommends that the Authority Board concur with the following:

- A. Suspend efforts to pursue the Bio Gas Energy and City of Hayward proposals for lack of responsiveness to the Board solicitations. Once a composting site(s) is identified the Board could consider energy options in the development of the site.

B. Staff to pursue additional information on the transfer sites of the Delta Composting//Pellegrini Marine Transfer and Z-Best Transfer proposals.

C. The Board solicit community/neighbor input at the Board meeting of June 27 (to be held in East County) before proceeding to further define the following proposals: Biosolids Recycling Inc at Jess Ranch, MRI at North Flynn Rd., MRI at San Joaquin Co Property, MRI at Mulqueeney Ranch Property, NORCAL at North Flynn Rd, and WM at Altamont Landfill.

D. Development of the EBMUD proposal with a meeting between the Authority (President, Vice-President, Board Member Quan, Alternate Board Member Nadel) and EBMUD elected officials to determine scope of partnership. The EBMUD proposal is unique in that it offers a non-composting solution for a unique segment of the waste stream. It could be pursued independently of the other proposals and could be opened up to other POTW's in the county interested in creating energy from commercial foodwaste through anaerobic digestion.

Recommendation:

The Programs/Planning Committee recommends to the Authority Board the above next steps for the Composting Project.

Attachments: Revised - Proposal Summaries
Criteria Evaluation Matrix