



June 12, 2007

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

This memo updates the Authority Board on the current status of the compost facility development project. The Authority will hold a public workshop at the regular meeting of the Authority Board on June 27th. The meeting will take place at 3:00 p.m. the Martinelli Event Center located at 3585 Greenville Road, Livermore. It is recommended consideration be given to travel time as traffic begins to slow down in the early afternoon hours east-bound on highway 580. No action is being recommended to take place at this meeting.

Background

At the April meeting of the Authority Board, the Board adopted the Planning and Programs Committees' four (4) recommendations regarding compost facility development. The Board decided to suspend efforts to pursue the City of Hayward location, and suspended efforts to pursue Bio Gas Energy Inc., reasoning that once a composting site(s) is identified the Board could consider energy options.

The Board directed staff to pursue additional information on the Delta Compost/Pellegrini Marine Transfer and Z-Best Transfer proposals. The Board also decided to proceed with development of the EBMUD proposal by initiating a meeting between Authority Board members and the elected officials on the EBMUD Board.

Discussion

For the proposals located in or bordering on eastern Alameda County, the Board decided to solicit community input before proceeding. The June 27th Authority Board meeting will be held in Livermore at the Martinelli Event Center at its regular time, 3:00 p.m., and will include a public work session to give the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed compost sites in eastern Alameda County.

In preparation for the meeting, proposers were asked to make a 7 minute presentation regarding the site(s) they are proposing, similar to the one given to the Board at its January 2007 meeting. The meeting chairperson will determine the order of the presentations at the meeting.

To announce the meeting and encourage attendance from interested parties the attached notice was published in newspapers of general circulation. In addition to the newspaper notice several other actions were taken to announce the meeting:

- A first class letter was sent to all parties that have previously expressed interest in the Authority composting project.
- A first class letter was sent via rural route to “Occupants” that are located in the vicinity of the proposed projects.
- A first class letter was sent to addresses of property owners within one mile radius of the proposed projects. Addresses were solicited from San Joaquin and Alameda County Community Development Departments.

The Authority has received a couple of pieces of correspondence regarding this project which are attached. One piece of correspondence was from Mulqueeney Ranch Properties LLC asking that their property be withdrawn from consideration for the Authority compost facility development project (letter attached).

Recommendation:

No action is being recommended at this time. The July 18, 2007 Authority Board meeting will include a review of the comments made during the June 27th public work session and seek direction on next steps from the Board.

Attachments:

1. Meeting Announcement
2. Letter from Mulqueeney Ranch Properties LLC (May 16, 2007)
3. Letter from David and Barbara Hand (June 15, 2007)