



March 6, 2007

TO: WMA Programs and Planning Committee
FROM: Karen Smith, Executive Director
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RE: Composting Project

At the February Programs and Planning Committee meeting the committee reviewed, discussed and edited the criteria prepared by staff. The committee directed staff to prepare summaries of the proposals received at the January 24th, 2007 Authority Board meeting, and to assign a numerical value to each of four criteria categories for each proposal.

DISCUSSION:

Attached is the list of criteria in the categories as they were assigned by the Committee. Also attached is a summary of each proposal. The **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.

Several options are available to the Committee:

- A. Request all proposers to respond to questions already asked (attached) to complete the proposal summaries. Staff would consider the resubmitted information, complete the criteria chart and return to the April Committee meeting for direction.
- B. Focus on a short list of proposals: This option would;
 - a. Recommend suspending efforts to pursue the Bio Gas Energy, City of Hayward, and Mulqueeney Ranch Property proposals for lack of responsiveness to the Board solicitation.
 - b. Request full responses to questions already asked from the remaining proposers.
 - c. Staff would consider the resubmitted information, complete the criteria chart and return to the April Committee meeting for direction.
- C. Split the proposals in to three groupings to be pursued independently:
 - a. West of hills (City of Hayward, Pellegrini Marine Transfer, Z-Best Transfer). Request proposers to provide more complete responses to questions already asked prior to proceeding.

- b. East of hills (MRI w/Bio Solids Recycling Inc at Jess Ranch, MRI at North Flynn Rd., MRI at San Joaquin Co Property, Mulqueeney Ranch Property, NORCAL at North Flynn Rd, and WM at Altamont Landfill). Recommend the Board solicit community/neighbor input before proceeding to further define these proposals.
- c. East Bay MUD. This is a unique proposal 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. It is recommended further development of this proposal be done at a Board to Board level initially.
- D. Focus only on proposals on Authority owned North Flynn Rd. property and East Bay MUD. These proposals are unique in that the Authority and East Bay MUD exercise control over their respective properties. This option would temporarily suspend pursuing other proposals while the North Flynn Rd and East Bay MUD proposals are more fleshed out.
- E. Other:

Recommendation:

The Programs & Planning Committee review the Proposal Summaries and criteria categories and provide direction to staff on how to proceed next with the proposals submitted. If any proposals are eliminated it is suggested the decision be confirmed by the Authority Board.

Attachments: Proposal Summaries
Criteria Chart
List of Questions to Proposers