



## 2018 Work Plan

<i>Priority Issues</i>	
Issue	Action
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Compost Infrastructure Development</li> <li>2. Incentive Funding/Tax Exclusion</li> <li>3. Government Entity Market Development</li> <li>4. Essential Public Services Determination</li> <li>5. Biomass Industry/Woody Waste Management</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Expand scope and urgency of current AB 1045 process, developing State Compost Infrastructure Task Force (or similar entity) to address funding, market development, and permit streamlining. Task Force would broaden inclusive process to add local governments, other state agencies, industry, and other stakeholders in an effort to find more immediate solutions to meeting AB 1826 and SB 1383 goals.</li> <li>2. Identify and advocate for increased funding to finance research, demonstration projects and academic studies, infrastructure and market development beyond GGRF, including increased tipping fees, generator fees, or other mechanisms. Continue work with State Treasurer’s CAEATFA staff to assure composting operations are afforded more reasonable opportunity to qualify for AB 199 SUT exclusion.</li> <li>3. Enforcement and expansion of existing state agency compost purchase mandates to include local governments, other state agencies, and broader organic materials categories.</li> <li>4. Work with stakeholders to establish definition of newly-mandated organic materials landfill-diversion facilities as “essential public services”.</li> <li>5. Develop and promote biomass industry support legislation and/or additional policy options for woody waste management.</li> </ol>
<i>Administrative Issues</i>	
Issue	Action
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Coalition Building</li> <li>2. Website Maintenance</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Industry outreach to broaden coalition and increase funding.</li> <li>2. Maintain website to strengthen brand and further develop member communications.</li> </ol>



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<i>California Department of Resources, Recycling, and Recovery Issues</i>	
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1. Policy Implementation a) 75% Plan, AB 1826, SB 1383 Regulations, AB 901 Regulations, AB 1594, AB 876	a) Participate in continuing stakeholder processes to assure additional organics diversion opportunities are maximized. Monitor and participate in potential rulemaking efforts to effect landfill phaseout of organics/ADC phaseout under AB 32 authority, as part of Short-Lived Climate Pollutants Strategy.
2. Regulatory Implementation a) Compostable Materials Handling and Transfer/Processing Regulations – Title 14/Title 27 revisions	a) Participate in development of field sampling and testing protocol for use in determination of physical contaminant limits in outbound products.
3. Studies a) Infrastructure Survey b) Compost Use and Emissions Studies c) Agricultural Use Studies	a) Promote development of new survey. Review, comment, and participate in stakeholder process. b) Work with regulatory agencies to enhance completion and awareness of ongoing academic work regarding emissions impacts and GHG benefits of composting and compost use. c) Work to develop studies and demonstration projects to clarify research gaps identified by CDFR Science Advisor under Healthy Soils Initiative process.



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### *Other Local, Regional, State, and Federal Issues*

Agency/Issue	Action
1. California Legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Monitor, analyze, and advocate on relevant legislation.</li> <li>b) Continue engagement of legislative lobbyist.</li> <li>c) Develop and promote compost market development legislation.</li> <li>d) Develop and promote biomass industry support legislation and/or additional policy options for woody waste management.</li> <li>e) Maximize organics processing industry access to Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds in specific legislation and Budget process.</li> </ul>
2. Organics Processing Infrastructure Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Work with broad-based stakeholder group, including CalRecycle, local governments, public and private collectors and processors, environmental organizations, etc. to secure incentive funding and other mechanisms which stimulate the development of organics processing infrastructure.</li> <li>b) Explore development of an Organics Processing Task Force to lead a broad-based group of stakeholders with a focus on near-term implementation, including market development, siting and permitting, financing and incentives, and regional issues.</li> </ul>
3. Biomass Industry Sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Work with coalition of stakeholders to assure continued and increased viability of biomass energy facilities as an essential outlet for low-grade woody residuals generated by members and other urban, agricultural, and forestry participants.</li> </ul>
4. Regional Air Districts and CAPCOA a) BAAQMD – Compost permit modification/fees b) SCAQMD – Rule 1133.1/1133.3 Revision c) CAPCOA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Work with District and stakeholders to clarify regulatory implementation process, increase understanding of impacts on facility operations and expansions</li> <li>b) Monitor and participate in potential rule revision process as working group member.</li> <li>c) Work with CAPCOA on statewide composting emissions regulation.</li> </ul>



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<p>5. SWRCB and Regional Water Boards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) General WDRs for Composting</li> <li>b) Salinity – CV-SALTS and Irrigated Lands Program</li> <li>c) Interagency Task Force on Nitrate in Groundwater</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Monitor Regional Boards implementation of statewide general orders or waivers for composting to clarify facility permitting and operating requirements.</li> <li>b) Central Valley RWQCB-led collaborative basin planning effort aimed at developing and implementing a comprehensive salinity and nitrate management program will limit facility impacts on groundwater and runoff, may impact application of compost.</li> <li>c) Monitor task force activities; participate in regulatory efforts to frame compost as a solution, rather than contributor, to problem.</li> </ul>
<p>6. California Department of Food &amp; Agriculture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Invasive Pests/Quarantines</li> <li>b) Persistent Pesticides/Herbicides/NOP 5016</li> <li>c) Food Safety</li> <li>d) Compostable Plastics</li> <li>e) Organic Input Materials</li> <li>f) Healthy Soils Initiative</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Monitor regulatory status of Sudden Oak Death (SODS) and Light Brown Apple Moth (LBAM), and Asian Citrus Psyllid (ACP) quarantines. Participate in process to assure workable treatment and transportation options to allow intrastate movement of green waste to facilities outside of quarantine zone.</li> <li>b) Monitor aminopyralid, bifenthrin, and clopyralid use and contamination incidents. Monitor Scott's/Ortho aminocyclopyrachlor registration process with EPA and DPR. Coordinate USCC action with EPA, or by DPR, and regulatory policy or legislative solution, including maintaining organic status under NOP.</li> <li>c) Monitor status of the Leafy Greens Marketing Agreement and Food Safety Modernization Act; ongoing pressure on growers to apply (Hazardous Assessment at Critical Control Points (HACCP) principles, or similar contamination control measures, which require composter guidelines for operations and recordkeeping. Continue coordination with USCC.</li> <li>d) Increasing numbers of food scrap diversion programs and events have promoted the use of compostable plastics, made from synthetic substances not approved under the National Organic Program guidelines and a potential contaminant to compost sold for use as an organic input. Work with USCC subcommittees and industry groups seeking solutions to allowance of use of compostable plastics in organic inputs.</li> <li>e) Encourage CDFA marketing and outreach efforts to build brand recognition for Registered Organic Input Material program.</li> <li>f) Engage with CDFA, legislators, and other stakeholders to facilitate development of healthy soils policies and programs which strengthen</li> </ul>



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	recognition of compost and biochar benefits to soil building in agriculture and urban landscapes, including agricultural use incentive programs.
7. California Air Resources Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Participate in Cap and Trade Auction Proceeds stakeholder process to secure funding for composting and organics processing facility development.</li> <li>b) Monitor and participate in potential rulemaking efforts to effect landfill phaseout of organics/ADC phaseout under AB 32 authority, as part of Short-Lived Climate Pollutants Strategy.</li> <li>c) Provide input into heavy duty vehicle fueling regulatory efforts to assure future development of anaerobic digestion-to-renewable fuels continue to be prioritized.</li> </ul>
6. State Treasurer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Provide input into regulatory development subsequent to AB 199 (Eggman) allowing tax exemption for organics processing infrastructure and equipment.</li> </ul>
7. US Composting Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Legislative and Environmental Affairs Committee Co-Chair</li> <li>b) Annual Conference</li> <li>c) ACP</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Work on development of national policy advocacy by USCC, potential federal regulations and actions that may have statewide impacts, and model regulations for other states based on California policymaking.</li> <li>b) Attend Annual Conference for education and awareness of latest trends, technology, and regulatory issues facing industry.</li> <li>c) Coordinate with Association of Compost Producers policy team.</li> </ul>
8. State/National Industry coordination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) US EPA Region 9</li> <li>b) CORC</li> <li>c) Certification and specifications</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Work with stakeholders to engage EPA staff to help resolve cross-media impacts that are stifling compost industry growth, including new source review, that fail to recognize overall benefits of composting to environment.</li> <li>b) Policy liaison and committee chair for California Organics Recycling Council; participate in annual retreat, monthly meetings and periodic workshops – planning and attendance.</li> <li>c) Track OMRI, STA, BMPs, Caltrans and municipal specifications, etc.</li> </ul>