



RMWEA BIOSOLIDS COMMITTEE
August 19, 2009 at the Metro – RWHTF

Attendees:

Mike Barnes	Kennedy/Jenks Consultants
James Creaghe	City of Louisville WWTP
Kenan Diker	CDPH&E (WQCD)
Pat Dowell	MWRD
Angel Foster	MWRD
Deanne Kelly	Tri-County Health
Janet Kieler	CDPH&E (WQCD)
Ken Mason	City of Louisville WWTP

Jim Medlock	Littleton/Englewood WWTP
Arlisa Michael	MWRD
Dave Myers	Kennedy/Jenks Consultants
Dennis Schump	City of Greeley
Nikki Stefonick	MWRD
Rahul Subramanian	MWH Engineers
Stan Thurber	Plum Creek

1. Biosolids Fees – Diker/Kieler
 - ✓ A fee history chart was distributed. See attachment.
 - ✓ Explanations were given as to how CDPH&E Staff determined the biosolids fee.
 - ✓ The fee to be assessed for the next three (3) years will be \$2.40 per dry ton of beneficially applied biosolids.
 - ✓ The biosolids program (Fund 128) is the only program billed based on actual dry tons of biosolids beneficially applied to land in Colorado. Since the program is, self funding, changes in the amount of monies received are quickly noticed and affect the program. It is estimated by the year 2012 there will be an excess of \$6 to 8,000 remaining in the fund. This is under the 16% of total program funds carry over limit.

2. Regulation No. 64 Rulemaking Hearing – Diker/Kieler
 - ✓ The rulemaking hearing for biosolids Regulation No. 64 is now set for February 2010.
 - ✓ Changes to Regulation No. 64 will be effective March 2010.
 - ✓ If you have questions on Regulation No. 64 changes or the rulemaking hearing, please contact Kenan Diker at kenan.diker@state.co.us.
 - ✓ The Commission has revised the 2010 hearing schedule, the new schedule can be located at the below web address.
<http://www.cdph.state.co.us/op/wqcc/MeetingsandNotices/lrsandnotes/Augsch2009.pdf>

3. Leadville School – Medlock
 - ✓ It was reported the school had approximately 127 participants primarily because the wastewater operators are on a three (3) year schedule for keeping their certifications current.
 - ✓ The school included a half day of biosolids training and a half day of water reuse training.
 - ✓ Next year a full day of biosolids training is planned.
 - ✓ The Committee is still working with ABC in regards to getting a RMWEA Biosolids Certification program up and running with the hopes that the State will adopt the certification.

4. 2010 Farm Show – Stefonick
 - ✓ 2010 Farm Show
 January 26 – 28, 2010
 Island Grove Park, Greeley, CO
<http://www.coloradofarmshow.com>

- ✓ Promo items need to be reordered, Stefonick requested that any promo item suggestions be emailed to her by September 5, 2009 and that the order will be placed by September 15, 2009 to receive a 10% discount.
 - ✓ The Farm Show booth sign-up schedule will be distributed at the November and December RMWEA meetings.
5. Joint RMWEA/RMSAWWA Annual Conference – Albuquerque, New Mexico
 - ✓ August 20th, 2009 is the deadline to register
 - ✓ Angel Foster is presenting an EMS presentation
 6. WEFTEC – Stefonick
 - ✓ WEFTEC will be held in Orlando, Florida October 10 – 14, 2009
 - ✓ WEFTEC will be alternating site locations until 2015 between Chicago, Illinois and New Orleans, Louisiana after 2009.
 7. WEF/MA Outreach Project – Stefonick
 - ✓ WEF is trying to improve its member association outreach and web based training for operators.
 - ✓ RMWEA Executive Committee held a conference call with WEF on August 7, 2009 to discuss member concerns.
 - ✓ For a copy of the conference call minutes check the RMWEA website or contact Stefonick.
 8. Biosolids as Solid Waste Considerations (NACWA)
 - ✓ EPA has proposed a rulemaking hearing that sewage sludge be regulated under the solid waste regulations.
 - ✓ The Beverage and Diamond law firm has been hired to work with NACWA on this.
 - ✓ Motivation is the Clean Air Act and sewage sludge incineration is the target.
 - ✓ September 12, 2009 is the mandated deadline EPA has been given to come up with a definition.
 - ✓ All members and interested parties are asked to keep ears and eyes open to developments on this proposal.
 9. 2010 Goals and Standing Rules – Foster
 - ✓ Read through Foster's email regarding Biosolids Committee Goals and Objectives 2009-2010 (see attached).
 - ✓ It was suggested that goals and milestones be created using the SMART criteria, (specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time bound).
 - ✓ It was also suggested that a sub-committee be formed to handle this task and recommended changes be submitted to the Committee during the October 2009 meeting.
 - ✓ All requested changes or modifications to the goals should be emailed to the sub-committee members Foster, Schump, or Creaghe by September 4, 2009.
 Angel Foster – afoster@mwr.dst.co.us
 Dennis Schump – dennis.schump@greeleygov.com
 James Creaghe – creaghej@ci.louisville.co.us
 10. 2009/2010 Budget – Stefonick
 - ✓ Asked the Committee to be thinking about budget and programs anticipated for the 2009/2010 year.
 - ✓ Budget requests are due to the RMWEA Executive Committee by November 1st.
 11. RMWEA Free Training Event – Schump

- ✓ It was suggested that the Committee should give back to its members by offering a free training event which would include issuing credit units and a free lunch. This event would be limited to a specific number of attendees.
- ✓ This idea was considered by the RMWEA Executive Committee during the summer planning meeting.
- ✓ Schump will keep the Committee apprised of training event developments.

12. RMWEA Chair/Co-Chair Elections

- ✓ Election protocols and appointment periods will be discussed at the October meeting.
- ✓ Chair/Co-Chair, and Secretary nominations and elections will be held at the October Meeting.

Next Meeting

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

***If you want to attend the next meeting via telephone, please notify either Dennis or Nikki by October 14th 2009 so arrangements can be made for your connection.

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