



RMWEA BIOSOLIDS COMMITTEE

March 13, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Brobst, Robert	USEPA
Heppler, Paul	City of Boulder WWTF/RRS
Johnson, Jim	MWRD
Kelly, Deanne	Tri-County Health
Larson, Tim	CDEP&E (WQCD)
Lonergan, Bob	Tetra Tech
Luna, Becky	Corollo

Medlock, Jim	City of Boulder WWTF/RRS
Michael, Arlisa L.	MWRD
Olson, Karen	Littleton/Englewood WWTP
Riedel, Chris	Plum Creek Wastewater Authority
Scharp, Mike	Parker Ag Services
Woodard, Tim	City of Westminster Big Dry Creek WWTF

1. March Operator School – March 17 – 21, 2014

Jim Johnson stated that Metro has experienced some trouble in trying to enroll their staff into the school. Jim Medlock informed the committee that 7 students have signed up to attend the class which includes the 4 members from Metro which has placed this course in a position to break even in reference to tuition to cost ratio. Jim also informed the committee that Robert Brobst would be presenting at the course and that CU will no longer be the parent sponsor of this course; the course is to be moved under the RMWEA in order to continue its 54-year tradition of providing this schooling cost effectively.

2. 2014 Biosolids Workshop – Status Update

Jim Johnson provided a list of potential facilities to the committee with their associated fees. After some discussion, the committee decided to use the Red Lion facility to host the seminar. Mike Scharp volunteered his staff to facilitate the seminar. Mike will forward the contract to Jim Johnson for signature. Mike's goal is also to have all presenters confirmed by June 1, 2014.

Facility: Red Lion Inn (Total est. Cost \$5441.00)

Location: Parker/I-225

Room Rental: Included with food

Audio/Visual: \$500.00

Food Cost: \$4050.00 (based on 100 attendees)

Admin/Gratuity: 22% - \$891.00

Parking: Free

If any members have contact information for potential speakers, they are to email the information to Mike Scharp at scharpm@aol.com. Currently Mike has three presenters confirmed.

3. The 2014 Goals – Update

1. Jim Medlock at the last committee-meeting volunteered to address one of the 14 points but has not yet picked one to work on. Mike Sharp stated that Luke Bond has completed 3 of the points and will send a list out to members as agreed in the February committee meeting with the 14 points and their status. Reviewers' please submit your comments to Bob Brobst.
2. The ABC biosolids certification testing will be conducted at the March Operator School and on July 10, 2014 from 12-4pm at Metro in the HR Training Room of the Technical Services Building.
3. Endangered species white paper – Brobst is not ready to address at this time.

4. Tri-Annual Review – Status

The hearing will be held on May 16, 2014 to complete the review and accept proposed modifications to the regulations. Parker Ag sought party status for this process while Metro submitted comments only.

5. EPA Changes – Delegation?

Robert Brobst informed the committee that he will be retiring in 4 years and noted the below changes that will be occurring within the EPA. Brobst suggested now is the time that the committee should look again at receiving delegation. Some members believed that the state should be a driver for this type of action since on previous attempts for delegation the state staff did not provide enough support. Tim Larson stated that he would check with the CDPHE staff to gauge their support with this directive. Brobst will keep the committee updated on EPA's status.

- a. The Biosolids Web page will be moved to the HQ home page by 09/14/2014
- b. Annual Reports will be sent to Region 7 for review starting 01/2015
- c. EPA will no longer issue Notice of Authorizations (NOAs) starting 01/2016
- d. General Permits will not be renewed as of 01/2018
- e. Brobst's position will not be replaced, effective late 2018

6. RMWEA Biosolids Web page – Update
Members reported that the web page has greatly improved and that it now contains updated information and forms relevant to the current events. Members suggested that since the EPA Biosolids web page will be merged with the EPA HQ page; that relevant biosolids documents from that page be placed onto the RMWEA Biosolids Web page.

7. TENORM
Mike Sharp informed the committee Steve Tolinton sent him an email stating that they are reviewing the comments submitted.

8. BDP Screw Press Demo, Stonegate WWTP on March 14 & 17, 2014
Please contact Mike Sharp if you would like to attend the demo.

9. YP Committee Events
Happy Hour
Thursday, March 13, 2014
4:30 – 6:30 pm
Interstate Kitchen & Bar, 1001 Santa Fe Drive, Denver
RSVP to Anni Santos at anni.Santos@tetrtech.com by Tuesday, March 11th

10. Colorado Farm Show Booth Staffing
Bob Lonergan suggested that the YP's could contribute members to assist booth staffing and will bring it up as a topic for discussion during their next meeting.

11. WEF Residuals and Biosolids Conference
Arlisa Michael informed the group that while making hotel reservations to attend the conference she was informed that block of rooms that were set aside for the conference were completely booked.
Austin Texas
May 18-21, 2014
Registration is Open

12. Open Discussion

- a. Reporter, Rachel Cernansky 5280 Magazine – Members discussed that Ms. Cernansky has been working on this 1500 word article for at least 2 years and that the biosolids section is only slotted for 750 words. Currently Ms. Cernansky has submitted no written questions to the committee for comment.
- b. Tim Larson informed the committee that he would be participating in an interview with a Boulder reporter to discuss the use of sterile urine as fertilizer in yards.
- c. Members discussed Littleton Englewood question in regards to the state's request that they use the Nebraska corn fertilizer algorithm rather than the CSU table for the calculation of a dry land corn crop N fertilizer recommendation. Members were informed that the CSU table is derived from the Nebraska guide and that the table in question is only applicable to a 80-bushel yield goal with no factor for yield adjustment. Members were also informed that the algorithm in the CSU guide is merely a stripped down version of the Nebraska guide and would better reflect the crop N amounts needed rather than using the table.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 10:00am, Thursday, April 10, 2014 at **Metro**, Administration Building, District Board Room.

***If you want to attend the next meeting via telephone, please notify either Jim or Arlisa by March 6th 2014 so arrangements can be made for your connection.

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