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For Discussion at the August 15, 2016 Stakeholder Meeting

Summary of Goals, Strategies, and Proposed Performance Measures Related to the Implementation of the Compost General Order

Resolution No. 2015-0054 directs State Water Board staff to work with stakeholders to develop performance measures related to the implementation of the Compost General Order (Order WQ 2015-0121-DWQ). The following is a summary of the ideas that were proposed at the June 14, 2016 and June 23, 2016 stakeholder meetings.

Goal #1: Protect Water Quality

Strategy	Implementations / Performance Measures / Actions
1.1) Evaluate the effectiveness of the General Order in protecting water quality.	1.1) (a) Track and report to the State Water Board by August 2017 the compliance approach from each of the enrolled facilities; (b) Track and report incidences of groundwater impacts; (c) Track and report water quality monitoring data.

Goal #2: Effective and Transparent Communication of Permit Requirements and Compliance Information between Regulators and Stakeholders

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2.1) Improve permit training and collaboration with regulators and stakeholders.	2.1) State Water Board to provide joint training to regulators and stakeholders for the implementation of the General Order.
2.2) Coordinate, to the extent legally feasible, compliance and enforcement activities amongst responsible state and local agencies.	2.2) (a) Conduct joint facility inspections where applicable and share inspection reports. (b) Report enforcement actions by responsible state and local agencies to the Office of Enforcement and appropriate agency staff and post completed enforcement actions through state and local agency websites.
2.3) Improve online user experience with simplified and clear messaging to make data easier to access.	2.3) Redesign and update the State Water Board compost webpage to improve access and communication of information.

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Goal #3: Promote Diversion of Organic Materials to Composting and Anaerobic Digestion Facilities and Engage in the Healthy Soils Initiative

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3.1) Evaluate current regulations, permitting processes, and enforcement authority with state and local agencies on land application of organic material and chip & grind facilities.	3.1) (a) Create pamphlets and provide fact sheets to inform stakeholders on environmental complaint process; (b) Conduct and track enforcement actions as needed.
3.2) Improve current reporting of movement of organic materials through CalRecycle's implementation of Assembly Bill 901 (AB 901).	3.2) Coordinate with CalRecycle to make information more publicly available on organic material movement through the implementation of AB 901 (composting and anaerobic digestion facilities and land application sites).
3.3) Permit new composting operations and anaerobic digestion (AD) facilities through streamlined permitting process (via General Order).	3.3) (a) Track and report to the State Water Board by August 2017 the number of facilities enrolled and information about each facility's compliance approach, plans, issues, and status; (b) Utilizing the State Water Board's GeoTracker information system to upload required documents (e.g. Notice of Intent, Technical Reports, monitoring reports, etc.). (c) Track and compare the amount of time that it takes to complete the enrollment process for the General Order versus issuance of an individual Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR).
3.4) Coordinate with other state and local agencies to incentivize and promote the use of compost (e.g. agricultural lands, rangelands, etc.).	3.4) Report to CalEPA (AB 1045) by January 1, 2017 on recommendations for leveling the playing field between industries (e.g. compost facilities vs. land application, chip and grind facilities, etc.) illegal dumping, number of facilities, how have the facilities chosen to comply with the General Order (high cost vs. low cost compliance option), increase of facilities.

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Goal #4: Assess Implementation Costs

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<p>4.1) Assess the cost of compliance with the General Order:</p> <p>(a) Evaluate the impact of cost of compliance with the General Order on the composting industry;</p> <p>(b) Assist the industry to identify sources of funding.</p>	<p>4.1) Gather and report costs of compliance data from the organics management industry:</p> <p>(a) Track and report if any facilities are closing or reducing/changing feedstock due to specific cost of compliance.</p> <p>(b) Provide information on the State Water Board's website pertaining to potential funding sources.</p>
<p>4.2) Evaluate approved engineered alternatives and costs.</p>	<p>4.2) Gather and report approved engineered alternatives and associated costs from organics management industry.</p>