

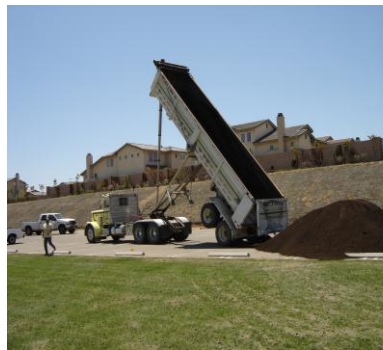


# 2011 Annual Report

## *Executive Summary Only*



**Production**



**Delivery  
for  
Agriculture**



**Application**



**Landscapes**



**Environmental Protection**

### ACP MISSION

The **Association of Compost Producers** (ACP) is a non-profit association of public and private organizations dedicated to increasing the quality, value and amount of compost being used in California. We do this by promoting activities and regulations that build healthy soil, benefiting people and protecting air, water and soil.

ACP members work and invest together to increase compost markets and improve compost product & manufacturing standards. The association provides education & communication on compost benefits & proper use through support of scientific research & legislation aligned with developing and expanding quality compost markets.

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**1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**1.1 Overview of ACP 2011**

Moving into 2011 we all were working our way through the deepest recession since the Great Depression in the 1930's. 2011 began seeing a slow recovery, reflected in our California compost industry. Even with the State and local budget cuts, ACP:

- Made major regulatory collaboration gains
- Acquired over 100 new members from US Composting Council (USCC),
- Began development of a new ACP Compost Marketing Kit, and
- Was awarded two research & demonstration grants from the Air Board and Water Board totaling approximately \$0.5 million.

Overall, it was a very active year for launching of new, and continuation of, its many initiatives.

Highlights of the last year are contained in this Executive Summary, and for those who want to know more details, you can find them in this report and the report appendix documents. This Annual Report, therefore, provides a comprehensive overview record of ACP in 2011. These summary highlights are presented here in the same order that they are explained in more detail in body of the report. The association's accomplishments included:

1. **Compost Market Expansion Projects:** Statewide, we co-sponsored compost market expansion project leadership of:
  - **ICAW:** International Compost Awareness Week at the national and state level.



- **Marketing Kit:** Launched a first ever tool for assembling our accumulated knowledge on compost marketing.

2. **ACP Membership:** Expanded our membership activities through:

- **Over 120 Additional New Members:** Acquired from our becoming the California State Chapter of the US Composting Council.
- **New Two Tier Membership:** Promotion of new "Basic" & "Supporting" two tier membership system, based on dues contribution within ACP.
- **Meetings & Newsletters:** Eleven member meetings and nine newsletters produced.



3. **Compost Legislation & Regulations:** Extensive legislative and regulatory involvement. Specifically:

- **Air Rules:** Finalizing two major air rules for San Jacinto Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) - Rule 4566 and South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) - Draft Rules 1133.1 & 1133.3, and the forming of ongoing industry working group with SCAQMD.
- **Water Rules:** Began a working group and working paper on the Water Board Statewide Order affecting all compost facilities in California.



- **Green & Food Material Rules:** Began working group and working paper on the CalRecycle Title 14 & 27 comprehensive revision issues and process affecting all California green material and food scrap composters.



Sustainable Landscape Program Grant with the San Diego County Water Authority and other partners, including City of San Diego, County of San Diego, Surfrider Foundation and California American Water.

4. **Compost Education:** Multiple conference and workshop presentations at:
- Conferences: USCC, BioCycle, California Resource Recovery Association.
  - Workshops: Compost Operator Training Course; California Organics Recycling Coalition Annual Planning; and many Air, Water and CalRecycle workshop participation and engagements.



*One of the main purposes and accomplishments of any ACP gathering is the opportunity to meet regularly and discuss issues with colleagues within the compost industry. Those activities support and enliven the actual accomplishments captured in this Annual Report through 2011.*

5. **Compost Research:** Awarding and organization of two new grants to ACP, totaling \$0.5 million of grant and in-kind contribution money and value. Specifically:
- Air Project Grant: The SJVAPCD "Solar Powered Aerated Static Pile, Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) Reducing Compost Demonstration Project Grant award, and

Most importantly, all the ACP members, and especially its Board of Directors, deserve high praise and acknowledgment for their ongoing *vision, time and financial support* of the implementation of ACP's mission in the past and previous years (see leadership and Supporting member list in Appendix 3.2). Without their clear intention and support, this important compost producer industry association would not exist, and we would not be making the positive movement in the direction of expanding quality compost production and utilization in California.



- Landscape Project Grant: The Integrated Regional Water Management Prop 84,

## 1.2 ACP Actions and Results: 2011

<b>Month</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Result &amp; Related Documents</b>
Jan.-Jun.	Marketing	<u>ICAW State Chapter Coordination</u>	ACP President, Jeff Ziegenbein, is also the USCC International Compost Awareness Week (ICAW) Chairman launched and completed the poster contest, prior to the USCC conference as well as we headed up the ICAW observation for the State of California. The copy is in "ICAW BioCycle Article -JZ&DN v.2.0 - 062411"
May-June	Regulations	<u>SCAQMD Draft Rule 1133</u>	Submitted a comment letter, and created a five points paper to negotiate on the draft rule writing, supported the final rule in documents titled: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ACP_PR1133_Ltr_051311.pdf</li> <li>• PR 1133.3 Big Five Changes-Recommended-061011.doc</li> </ul>
June	Membership	<u>New Member Applications</u>	Created membership tiers, "Basic" and "Supporting". Created two new applications to include and upgrade ACP membership. Titles: "ACP_New_Member_Application_2011", & "ACP_Investment_Application_2011"
July	Marketing	<u>ACP Marketing Kit</u>	ACP launched the first beginning draft of its "ACP Marketing Kit. Document titled, "ACP Marketing Kit No Pics- Aug 2011"
July	Regulations	<u>SCAQMD Rules 1133.1 and 1133.3</u>	Adoption of the Compost Air Rules that ACP worked on with South Coast AQMD: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SCAQMD Rule 1133-1 (clean).pdf</li> <li>• SCAQMD Rule 1133-3 (clean).pdf</li> </ul>
Sept.	Regulations	<u>SJVAPCD Rule 4566 Adoption</u>	The compost facility air pollution control regulation, Rule 4566, was adopted, title; "Rule4566CleanRule".
Sept.	Research	<u>Submitted Research Proposal for Valley Air TAP RFP</u>	Cover letter and grant proposal submitted by 8/18/12 deadline, titled "ACP_TAP_Proposal_cvrltr" and "SJVAPCD_TAP_ACP_PROPOSAL_FINAL"
Sept.	Research	<u>Award of Prop 84 Grant</u>	Sustainable Landscape Program Grant award, titled: "Prop_84_Implementation_Grant_SD Overview.pdf" and "FinalP84ImplementationR1AwardStatewide080511.pdf"
Oct.	Regulations	<u>Engage with State Water Board on Statewide Order</u>	Began process of collaborating with State Water Board on Statewide Order for Compost Facilities, titled: "Draft Concepts for a Statewide Order for Composting Facilities".
Oct.	Regulations	<u>Engage with CalRecycle Staff on Title 14 &amp; 27 Revisions</u>	Attended and engaged with CalRecycle Staff in Sacramento, CA, on their "Issue Paper - Final - Compost Reg issues for October 2011.pdf" 12 issues for revising compost regulations.

Dec.	Research	<u>Awarded Sustainable Landscape Program Grant</u>	Grant on Sustainable Landscape Program awarded in Dec. 2010, but not formerly getting started until Jan. 2012. Money not to be let until after June 2012. Documents titled: "Prop_84_Implementation_Grant_SD Overview" and "FinalP84ImplementationR1AwardStatewide08051".
Dec.	Regulations	<u>Final Testimony on Statewide Compost Order Rule Language Drafting</u>	Attended and presented at the Statewide Order Workshop, 12/12/11 latest Working Paper titled "ACP Water Board Statewide Order Working Paper 121211"
Dec.	Research	<u>Awarded Research Grant for Valley Air TAP Proposal</u>	Received Grant Award Letter after seeing the 12/15/11 press release; titled "PR New TAP Projects 12-15-11".
Dec.	Regulations	<u>Co-submitted Industry Working Paper and Group Comment Letter to Sate Water Board Staff</u>	Working Paper and Group Letter, submitted to Water Board Staff: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ "ACP Water Board Statewide Order Working Paper 121211"</li> <li>▪ "Final Group SWRCB Comment Ltr 022312.pdf"</li> </ul>
Dec.	Regulations	<u>Continuing working with CalRecycle Staff on Title 14 &amp; 27 Regulations</u>	Drafting and updating paper on Title 14 & 27 Revisions "Title 14&27 Issues-Working Paper-021412.doc"

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