



THE USCC CALIFORNIA STATE CHAPTER

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## COMPOST PRODUCER ACTIONS

### ACP Steps February 2011

The ACP Next Steps, are outlined each month and posted on our website, at the top of the ACP documents page: <http://www.healthysoil.org/acpinitiativesresults/acpdocuments.html>

The projects that we engage in include:

- ACP Administration and Membership– including implementing the work for USCC state chapter
- Agriculture Compost Market Expansion Task Force Conferences & Presentations
- Compost Research Actions/Proposals Sustainable Landscape Conversion Initiative
- Local Economic Clusters (w/Green Building Taskforce)
- And: Compost Legislative Tracking & Input to Working Groups

Please contact Dan Noble (619-992-8389; danwyldernoble@gmail.com) if you would like to participate on any of the specific ACP Working Groups that are implementing one or more of these compost market expansion initiatives.

### ACP 2011 Strategy—February 23rd, 2011

This week, ACP Members are holding their first Strategy/Planning Workshop as a new formal State Chapter of the US Composting Council.

**Annual Statewide ACP Strategy Planning Workshop**

*Held for the First Time in Two Locations at once, and Online!*

*9-11:30 am, (1.5 lunch break), 1-2:30 pm wrap up*

**Inland Empire Utility Agency (Chino, CA) & Calrecycle (Sacramento, CA) & Online**

**Wednesday, February 23, 2011, @ either of two physical locations and/or a virtual webinar**

IEUA (Chaffey Rm, 6075 Kimball Ave., Chino, CA 91710), *AND*, Cal-Recycle (Rm 1110; 1001 I St., Sacramento, 95812-4025

#### Association of Compost Producers

A non-profit organization 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 & regulations that build healthy soil, benefiting people & the environment. ACP members invest together to increase compost markets and improve compost & 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.

## ACP 2011 Strategy—February 23rd, 2011 (continued)

### Associate Compost Producers

#### *The USCC California State Chapter*

We hope to see you at one of the locations or online!

#### Space is limited.

Reserve your Webinar seat now at:

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/264997385>

Annual Statewide Strategy Planning Workshop

**Title:** *Associate Compost Producers-US*

**Date:** Wednesday, February 23, 2011

**Time:** 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM PST

After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the Webinar.

#### System Requirements

PC-based attendees

Required: Windows® 7, Vista, XP or 2003 Server

Macintosh®-based attendees

Required: Mac OS® X 10.4.11 (Tiger®) or newer

### AGENDA (will include):

Introductions ( 10 min)

Accomplishments Review (15 min.)

Current Initiatives In Process (15 min.)

Main 2011 Possibilities Topics - Strategic and Tactical Objectives (2.5 hrs.): a) Brainstorm Initiatives, and b) Outline Directions in following areas:

Regulations (air, water, solids, fertilizer, energy)

Market Development (agriculture, landscape, restoration)

Grants

ACP Members

With USCC (e.g. ICAW)

Others Partnerships

ACP 2011 Priorities - ED Directions (30 min)

## GreenSource Network— Sustainable Landscape Cluster Launched

ACP ED, Dan Noble, representing local composters in the San Diego Region, has helped organize and implement a "Sustainable Landscape Cluster", under the organization and branding of a local green business network called "GreenSource Network" ([www.network.greensourceweb.net](http://www.network.greensourceweb.net)). The Sustainable Landscape Cluster is a San Diego based landscape industry consortium that transforms actual landscapes and cultural practices by converting private and public landscapes using its "5 Point Program" of:

**Integrated Management:** *Of a unique, integrated team of leading sustainable landscape professionals and organizations.*

**Classes:** *Developing leading-edge education methods and systems that build off of the "Sustainable Landscaping for Dummies" by Owen Dell, and "Waterwise Plants for the Southwest," by Nan Sterman (project principals).*

**Marketing & Outreach:** *Implement marketing, PR and outreach strategy and implementation tactics by sustainable market development professionals via local media and online.*

**Onsite Coaching:** *Identify, secure and manage locations for conversion (on the order of 100's of sites per year).*

**Site Metrics & Accountability:** *Establish and implement a web based collaboration accountability metrics system for program design and evaluation built via Ecolayers.com*

What are Sustainable Landscapes?

#### Why are they Important?

- **Site Auditing & Design:** The Best Industry Expertise
- **Landforms and hardscapes:** Provide water retention, capture and conservation
- **Soil - compost/mulch:** For healthy living water holding soils
- **Plant choice** – including water efficient plants, trees, and edible landscapes
- **Urban Forest integration** – higher value more livable neighborhoods, to communities to natural areas
- **Gray water - Rainwater sourcing:** using local water and conserving imported drinking water
- **Traditional irrigation:** increase water conservation of drinking water
- **Wildlife interfaces:** landscapes that encourage and support wildlife
- **Maintenance:** using renewable energy, organic inputs and minimizing pollution and energy use

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## GreenSource Network (continued)

### *Benefits of using Sustainable Landscape Professionals on Your Landscape & Gardens:*

- *Builds healthy living soil by adding organic matter*
- *Conserve energy and water*
- *Provide natural, organic nutrients to enhance plant growth*
- *Increase favorable water infiltration and retention*
- *Reduce soil erosion and nutrient leaching*
- *Encourage wildlife habitat*

In addition, at the recent US Composting Council Conference, we learned about other important initiatives regarding "sustainable sites" that use building healthy soil with compost as the foundation to this emerging new cultural practice on local landscapes:

#### Sustainable Landscape

Sustainable Sites Initiative – By the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA), [www.sustainablesites.org](http://www.sustainablesites.org)

Sustainable Sites BMPs (from the business people and scientists who pioneered the use of compost for erosion control and low impact development), [www.thesustainablesite.com](http://www.thesustainablesite.com)

Other important references for this work include:

Bay Friendly Landscapes Guidelines, [www.bayfriendlycoalition.org](http://www.bayfriendlycoalition.org)

Sustainable Landscape for Dummies, [www.owendell.com](http://www.owendell.com)

Construction Sites, [www.buildingsoil.org](http://www.buildingsoil.org)

Compost for Landscape & Environmental Enhancement – (produced as part of the Caltrans Project that ACP provided leadership and technical advice from 2005-2007) Manual from [www.CalRecycle.ca.gov](http://www.CalRecycle.ca.gov)

Sustainable Agriculture - Soil Food Web, [www.soilfoodweb.com](http://www.soilfoodweb.com)

## COMPOST LEGISLATION

### AB 856 (Caballero) Fertilizing Material: Organic Input Material

Existing law generally regulates fertilizing materials, as defined, and provides for the licensure of individuals who manufacture or distribute fertilizing materials. This bill would include organic input material, as defined, within the definition of fertilizing material, i.e. ***including compost***.

Matt Cotton, IWM Consulting, presented a brief overview of this law at the ACP California USCC State Chapter Breakfast meeting. In addition, ACP is in collaboration with OFCA (see "Compost Overs" in this Newsletter) and our members will determine what the next actions we should take. More information can be found through ACP as this issue continues to unfold this year, or on the <http://www.cdfa.ca.gov> website.

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## ACP Coordination & Participation in SCAQMD Proposed Rules 1133.1 & 1133.3—Green Material Handling (chip & grind) and Composting

On February 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011, ACP members led a special workshop (and strategy session, Feb. 8) as well as provided testimony to the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) on Proposed Rules 1133.1 (revision of the chip & grind rule of 2003) and 1133.3 (new rule) for Green Waste Composting to control ozone causing VOC emissions from compost piles of greater than 10,000 ton per year facilities. About 20 people attended and participated in the workshop/strategy brainstorming session, and most all of them, plus others, attended the Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> hearing at the SCAQMD in Diamond Bar, CA.

Matt Cotton, of Integrated Waste Management Consulting, provided the opening comments as well as provided a general letter to represent all of the composters. His comments included the following points:

- Industry very much support “total clean air package for renewable carbon management”
- 98% of the industry together and agreed that these are draconian
- Not effectively shutting down composters to the “benefit” of uncomposted uses of green material
- Ratio of Chip & Grind to composters is not a correct number
- Profile: >50% of VOC in first 14 days – How material is used, is relevant.
- How to measure VOC (with/without flux chambers?) – need cheap & effective method
- Mitigation strategies for VOC profile (costs)
- Enclose in building & air treat
- Tarp & air treat – derive the appropriate data (run tests in parallel)
- Chemical/Biochemical treatment
- No market with mitigations (significant cost disadvantage, 1/4 \$ for what you make) – Kevin Barnes numbers & Videos
- Comment Deadline move beyond Feb.

24<sup>th</sup>.

The comment letter that is being circulated and Due Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>, includes the following main points.

Other people who provided testimony included:

- Bob Fenstra, Ag Concepts, Inc.,
- Ron Aguinaga, Aguinaga Green
- Kevin Barnes, City of Bakersfield
- Bob Horowitz, Calrecycle.ca.gov
- Bob Chandler, Agromin
- David Rothbart, LACSD
- Tom Gardiner, "w/ industry"
- Linda Novack, Harvest Power, Inc.
- Michael Hardy, California BioMass
- Neal Edgar, Calif. Compost Coalition (Agromin, and number of other facilities statewide)
- Dr. David Crohn, UC Riverside, & ANR/UC Cooperative Extension
- Paul Blount, City of LA, Solid Resources
- Chuck Tobin, Burrtec Waste industry

Gary Coons, Burrtec, Permitting

Dan Noble, ACP ED, provided the following testimony:

- ACP focused on market development of compost (quantity and quality)

See our mission on [www.healthysoil.org](http://www.healthysoil.org)

○ Include all compostable feedstocks in our support (biosolids, food waste, green-waste and manure)

○ Want to underscore all the above comments, especially the need for accurate throughput and cost data

○ We believe the "Socio-Economic Analysis" is critically important to determining the impact, environmental, social

and economic (both positive and negative) of the industry, and want them to be sure to set a new president of socio-economic analysis for our industry, which is fundamentally "renewable carbon management"

○ Certainly composters manage all forms of renewable carbon & NPK nutrients for:

- Soil amendment
- Fertilizer
- Bioenergy
- Compost as a mitigation strategy:
  - ✦ Carbon credits
  - ✦ Water quality enhancement
  - ✦ Water conservation
  - ✦ Environmental restoration
  - ✦ Release of chemicals for beneficial reuse applications, not just ozone producing VOCs, but importantly:
    - ✦ Nitrogen (both NH<sub>3</sub> gas but especially, solubilization and conversion to nitrates 2NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> + 5O<sub>2</sub> + 2e<sup>-</sup> → 2NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-2</sup> + 4H<sub>2</sub>O)
    - ✦ Methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) for energy (vs. green house gas)
    - ✦ CO<sub>2</sub> management (which the Air Boards will likely also be regulating in coming years, and composters are central players in this)
    - ✦ Organic solids (esp. cellulose and lignin)
    - ✦ Water (conservation, purity, and atmospheric interactions with the forest and esp. urban forest)
    - ✦ As far as basic compost production economics, there is the "60/40 rule" in compost production (60% of income from tipping fee, and 40% of income from product sales). This is likely 90/10 to 10/90 at each individual facility and economics... but the "average is important". So economic assessments should include:

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## Rule 1133.1 & 1133.3 (continued)

- o Competitive tipping fees
- o All current and proposed rule processing, operational (management), analytical testing, storage and marketing costs
- o Competitive prices of products
- o This should be a dynamic assessment
- o ACP will look to see all of these important compost values included in your socio-economic analysis

ACP will work with SCAQMD 1133.1&1133.3 team to make sure this data is in and that it makes sense from the compost producer perspective

Thank you for the opportunity to present our ideas, we will also present them in writing, as well as be available to work with you one-on-one

The next steps for ACP in this process are:

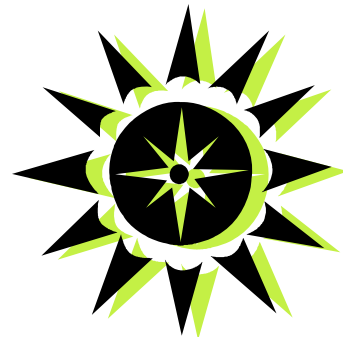
1. Write Letter to SCAQMD

2. Share with attendees & get Board Approval, and Send

3. Get onto the SCAQMD committee

Tie into ACP membership campaign

If you are interested in participating further in this, please contact Dan Noble, ACP ED (619-992-8389; danwyldernooble@gmail.com).



## COMPOST MEETINGS, RELATED PROJECTS & NEWS

### USGBC Council Meetings

For the upcoming meetings of your local **US Green Building Council Chapter meetings, classes and events**, please click through the council nearest you!

USGBC-Inland Empire  
([www.usgbc-ie.org](http://www.usgbc-ie.org))

USGBC-Los Angeles  
([www.usgbcla.org](http://www.usgbcla.org))

USGBC – Northern California Chapter  
([www.usgbc-ncc.org](http://www.usgbc-ncc.org))

USGBC-Orange County  
([www.usgbc-oc.org](http://www.usgbc-oc.org))

USGBC-San Diego  
([www.usgbc-sd.org](http://www.usgbc-sd.org))

It will be up to local composters to make sure that they are getting local credits for using compost on green building landscapes. Some-

times the points gained on “sustainable, water efficient landscapes” can make the difference in whether a particular project qualifies for the next highest LEED Certification, from Silver to Gold, or Gold to Platinum. *Note that the IEUA building where ACP meets is a LEED Platinum Certified Green Building!*





## US Composting Council Operator Training Workshop— March 7–11, 2011, Riverside, CA

*What does it take to run a successful composting facility?* Find out at the USCC's **Compost Operations Training Course!**

- 40-hr, 5-day course includes lectures, hands-on activities and field trips.
- Focus on the knowledge and skills to run a successful facility.
- Taught by leading composting professionals and educators.
- Good for composters of any

feedstock, equipment vendors, enforcement officials, consultants, or anyone who wants an in-depth instruction on the art and science of commercial scale compost production and marketing

For registration and more information <http://www.compostingcouncil.org/education/training.php>

**March 7-11, 2011**

**UCR Extension, 1200 University Ave. Riverside, CA 92507-4596**

*EARLY BIRD SPECIAL!* USCC members: \$699, Non-members: \$799

*After February 1, USCC members: \$774, Non-members: \$874*

USCC thanks our CA Partners: California Organic Recycling Council of CRRRA, University of California Extension, Association of Compost Producers and CalRecycle

## Cuyamaca College, Sustainable Landscape Conference—March 10, 2011

### Where:

Cuyamaca College Performing Arts Theater  
900 Rancho San Diego Parkway  
El Cajon, CA 92019

### When:

Thursday, March 10, 2011, from 6:30 AM to 5:30 PM

**Bob Perry**—Measuring the Sus-

tainability of Plants and Landscapes

**Nan Serman** - The Path to Sustainability Starts at Home

**Dave Shaw**—Drip Irrigation in Landscapes

**Storm Water Pollution Panel**—Moderated by San Diego Union-Tribune reporter Mike Lee

**Mark Wisniewski**—Is Urban

Forestry Sustainable?

**Nick DiLorenzo**—The Future of Sustainable Landscaping in San Diego

**AND MORE!**

This four-day global event on April 11-14, 2011 will take place in San Diego, California at the Town & Country Resort. Two preconference workshops will be held on Monday, April 11. Three tracks of concurrent Conference sessions along with a trade show featuring more than 50 exhibitors are scheduled on April 12 and 13, followed by an all day site tour on April 14.

2011 will bring together facility managers, developers, public

officials, investors, regulators, researchers, industry executives, equipment providers, haulers, advocates and other professionals from around the world dedicated to a common goal of successful and sustainable organic resource management. Global Conference sessions focus on that goal, discussing best management practices, infrastructure and programs to maximize diversion, conversion and utilization of organic wastes to yield compost, digester biogas, biofuels and other

high-value by-products. BioCycle magazine has a well-earned reputation for attracting participants who are ready to move projects forward and need to learn about the latest industry trends, projects and equipment in waste diversion, composting, organics recycling, renewable energy and sustainable community infrastructure.

For more information and to Register, see: <http://www.jgpress.com/global2011/index.html>

# “COMPOST OVERS”

## ACP Participation in Recent Conferences

In addition to the other activities above, ACP ED, Dan Noble, and many ACP members attended and/or participated in the conferences on behalf of promoting the role of compost in the following venues:

**ACP California USCC State Chapter Breakfast Meeting Set: Tues. Jan. 25, 2010.** Last month's ACP meeting was held from 7:00 am to 8:30 am at the USCC Conference. It was the first annual California State Chapter Meeting held at the USCC. The purpose of the meeting was to *"Discuss issues facing California Composters and to meet your new State Chapter, the 'Association of Compost Producers'"*.

*The Agenda was:*

**ACP introduction – Dan Noble (20 minutes)**

Who are we and Issues We Address

Major accomplishments

Meetings – full members, general meetings

**CA Hot Issues – (30 minutes)**

856 – Matt Cotton (10 Min)

Air issues (Air Workshop Write Up, Next Steps - Dan Noble) - 10 min

Others - (10 min)

Feedstock competition

Marketing

Economy

**Open Discussion on CA Issues (20 minutes) - Moderated by Jeff Ziegenbein**

**Join ACP – visit website for more information (10 minutes)**

Information on membership levels

Testimony from ACP Board Members and Other members

Issues that ACP should address in 2011 (besides what is in the "ACP Next Steps" are: according to some of the members who spoke up at the meeting:

**Matt Cotton** - Be more proactive in collaborating with CDFA on implementation of AB856.

**Lorrie Loder, Synagro** - Keep focused on the AB 32 implementation of the Mandatory Commercial Recycling implementation process, and how composters can both drive it and benefit from its implementation. (Lorrie will help track this and participate with this on behalf of ACP, as well as her company.

**Jack Write, Aguinaga Green** - In response to info requested from the Air Board request for more detailed financial information, ACP should coordinate and organize and communicate with composters exactly the type of information needed, and then the composters can provide that in a confidential matter.

These and other items will be brought up and discussed at the ACP 2011 Strategy Workshop on Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**CALGreen Building and Market Development Workshop, Feb. 17, 2011** - Dan Noble spoke on **"Construction and Post-Construction Uses for Compost and Mulch: Erosion control, land reclamation, landscape, agriculture uses for recycled organics"** at the CALGreen Building and Market Development Workshop, held on Feb. 17, 2011 at the Apple Valley Community Center, Presented by the Mojave Desert and Mountain Recycling Authority (City of Adelanto, Town of Apple Valley, City of Barstow, City of Big Bear Lake, City of Needles, City of Twen-

tynine Palms, City of Victorville, Town of Yucca Valley, County of San Bernardino). The main points of the presentation were:

Who are We?

ASSOCIATION OF COMPOST PRODUCERS *We Build Healthy Soils ... and Compost Customers!*

PROBLEM – Small Low Value Compost Markets

Compost Under Appreciated, Underutilized

Chaotic, Inefficient Organics & Compost Markets

SOLUTION – Building Sustainable Soil Markets!

Transition to Value Cycles:

Invest in Circular Organic Value Systems

Invest in Standards and Markets

Integration: Of Water, Carbon and Energy/Gas

Health Soil Markets: Sustainable..

Landscape

Environmental Restoration

Agriculture

*The full presentation can be found on the ACP website titled "Mojave Mrkt Dev ACP-Noble Final Slides 021711" at [www.healthysoil.org/Otherpresentation](http://www.healthysoil.org/Otherpresentation)*

**For more information beyond the presentations that can be found and downloaded at the specific web sites , and to participate in specific discussions on any of these issues, please join ACP to participate directly: <http://www.healthysoil.org/joiningacp.html>**



# ACP Affiliate Association News:

## Organic Fertilizer Association of California (OFAC) –Update February 16, 2011

### NEXT MEETING

The next OFAC Board/Membership meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 24, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. It will be held in the conference room of Monterey AgResources, 3343 E. Central Ave, (SW corner of Central and Willow), Fresno. Please let me know if you are attending.

This will be the Annual Meeting of the Organic Fertilizer Association of California. Per the bylaws adopted October 17, 2007 this is the official notice of the meeting as outlined in the bylaws.

### CDFA FERTILIZER ORGANIC INPUT REGULATIONS

The CDFA Fertilizer Inspection Program has published proposed regulations regarding the implementation of the AB 856,

Organic Inputs. The information is available at <http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/is/Regulations.html>.

Please review these regulations and give me your input on them. Comments are due on March 7, 2011 and **OFAC (Steve Beckley, ED) needs your input by February 25.**

No hearing has been scheduled at this time, but it is my understanding CCOF has requested a hearing. They are passing the word on to their growers that this will increase the price of fertilizer used as organic inputs. There are other myths/rumors being put forth by other organic groups also regarding AB 856.

A meeting of the AB 856 Subcommittee has been scheduled for Wednesday, March

2, 2011 in Sacramento at CDFA Center for Analytical Chemistry, located at 3292 Meadowview Road, 95832 (916 262-1434). The meeting will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m.

The CDFA Fertilizer Inspection Program has the Organic Input Material Fertilizing Materials Registration Application online. Just as a reminder if your product is listed by OMRI or registered with State of Washington be sure you submit that information with the application.

Also the Organic Input Material Custom Blend Survey Form & Instructions is online. If you are doing custom blends for growers please review this form. The information is important as it will help determine how custom blends are regulated.

## International Compost Awareness Week! May 1–7, 2011

As part of ACP's State Chapter function for USCC, we will take the lead in promoting international compost awareness week in California. Based on a meeting with the USCC ICAW Committee, Chaired by ACP President, Jeff Ziegenbein, we will engage in the following steps:

- Draft & Circulate Communiqué for feedback
- Determine if Amy Hammes can/wants to assist.
- Send Communiqué
- Follow up on next steps:
  - Communiqué responses
  - Tie into membership campaign
  - Press Releases/Publicity
  - Participate in Events

The communiqué was drafted and the first edition will be distributed as follows:

**To:** Composters and Compost & Healthy Soil Enthusiasts in California

**From:** Association of Compost Producers, [www.healthysoil.org](http://www.healthysoil.org)

*A State Chapter of the US Composting Council, [www.compostingcouncil.org](http://www.compostingcouncil.org)*

**Re: Collaborating and Sharing your International Compost Awareness Week (ICAW) Activities in California in 2011**

**What:** ICAW is a multi-media publicity and education event that showcases composting and compost products. It features composting in your back yard or at large scale commercial composting facilities. Compost Awareness Week serves the important role of bringing the Compost! message to the attention of the public, businesses and other groups. Communities and government agencies, as well as members of the composting industry, utilize the week to

promote their specific Compost! message and programs.

**Why (or WIIFM ... What's in it for me?):** ICAW can help you cost-effectively promote your compost business and compost product sales, by leveraging all the good support materials available from USCC. By sharing and collaborating with other composters in our state, you can enhance the awareness, and use, of your quality compost produced and sold by you and your company.

**How:** There are many ways that you can participate

Poster & 2011 Theme:

- Promote this year's theme on posters and all your communications with business and more broadly throughout the community, e.g.



throughout the community, e.g.

- o City & County Governments
- o HOA's
- o Garden Clubs
- o Schools

#### ICAW Tools & Suggestions:

In addition to the Poster use the various documents provided on the USCC Website:

- o **Celebrate-ICAW-manual:** A 16 page manual choke full of great ideas that will support your efforts from now through ICAW in May!

o **Sample-Compost-Week-Proclamation-from-IEUA:** Use this example to create your own proclamations within your cities, counties, schools and other organizations

o **Resources-on-composting-at-home:** Find further resources online [Collaborate with Your Compost Colleagues in California:](#)

Give feedback on our ICAW Blog (at [www.healthsoil.org](http://www.healthsoil.org)) regarding -

- o What are you doing?
  - o How can we help you further
- Images & publicity that you are using

(please send images to [icaw@compostingcouncil.org](mailto:icaw@compostingcouncil.org) so they can be compiled and used to promote the program)

*"The ICAW program is "grass roots" in nature and allows a perfect opportunity to teach young and old about compost's ability to conserve water, protect groundwater and build beautiful landscapes. We look forward to seeing new posters each year as they always deliver new and interesting perspectives on the benefits of composting and recycling. Great job!"*

Jeff Ziegenbein  
Deputy Manager of Operations and Organics, Inland Empire Regional Composting Authority

ACP President of the Board

## ASSOCIATION OF COMPOST PRODUCERS

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"We Build Healthy Soil"



### OUR MISSION

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See many of you at USCC Conference and the next ACP Strategy Meeting! I look forward to seeing and working with you all at future meetings and workshops to further expand the quantity and quality of compost use in California!

Dan Noble

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