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ASSOCIATION OF COMPOST PRODUCERS IS NOW A STATE CHAPTER OF THE US COMPOSTING COUNCIL

(Ronkonkoma New York - December 22, 2010) —The **US Composting Council** (USCC) Board of Directors voted to make the 15 year old; California focused **Association of Compost Producers** (ACP) an official "state chapter". USCC and its members in California will gain the benefits of:

- State representation from the largest state compost market in the U.S.
- ACP's 15 years of experience and relationships of representing composters within California
- Expansion of compost use volume and value in the California market
- CalRecycle working relationships developed by our members and professional staff
- A bridge from state compost market expansion to National support by USCC
- Tighter camaraderie both within California and between California and the rest of the country.

"We are happy to make this announcement before the next annual USCC conference which will be held in California in Jan. 24-27, 2011. ACP will be a positive force in not only expanding its representation of compost producers in California, as it has done throughout its 15 years history, but also continue to lead the industry in innovation and now a part of the emerging carbon markets unique to our state", said Jeff Ziegenbein, ACP President, USCC Board Member, and Deputy of Organics Operations for the Inland Empire Regional Composting Facility.

"Many of our members have been members of USCC, the national compost association, for many years, and coordinating the unique and multifaceted issues faced by composters if air, water and solid waste recycling in California with USCC. Compost, and other organics recycling methods, is almost a \$1 billion market in California. The enhanced coordination between the state and national levels that this State Chapter affords, will help us expand our message and use of the renewable, organic, carbon industry from the nation to our state as well as our state to the nation.", said Dan Noble, Executive Director of the Association of Compost Producers.

"California is not only the largest population and economy of any state in the U.S., it has the largest agricultural industry and landscape industry, the main compost markets, by a factor of two over the next largest state, Texas. We are happy to now have the association that has represented compost producers in this state officially working with our national association to continue to expand compost value and use in the country", said Dr. Stuart Buckner, Executive Director, USCC.

*The **US Composting Council** is a national, non-profit trade and professional organization promoting the recycling of organic materials through composting. The USCC is the only national organization committed to the advancement of the composting industry (www.compostingcouncil.org).*

*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. They do this by promoting activities and regulations that build healthy soil, benefiting people and the environment (www.healthysoil.org)*

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