

Organic Materials Ordinance Update - Public Workshop #1 Q&A

Number	Question	Answer
1	on the Tiering Overview, is the "except food materials" in off-site import allowed? supposed to be "accept"?	<i>Answered live</i>
2	Where would community composting (3 bin system) fall in the tier system (exempt)? Thinking of how Food2Soil's and Solana Center's models can expand. Also from resident to resident, similar to what ShareWaste's app in Australia is doing.	Smaller community composting we are considering under "exempt", however, we are looking at the community garden wiht as cross reference to the threshold of 100 cubic yards.
3	is the slide corret 2.800 or 2800 Cubic Yards?	This is a threshold level (cubic yds)for a baseline, depending on the agricultural operators, we will consider lowering or making higher. We are considering a possible increase to 5,000 cubic yards.
4	is the question per year?	At any given time, until we get to retail sales which are annual thresholds
5	if folks subscribe to a community composting service who then gives finished compost to subscribers would that be allowed? or only up to the 25%-50% threshold?	<i>Answered live</i>
6	In the Tiering Overview, are you saying that to accept food scrap from off-site, a permit is required?	<i>Answered live</i>
7	Is this the appropriate forum to submit public comment on what we'd like to see if the ordinance or more of a Q&A based on the slides only?	<i>Answered live</i>
8	On the tier slide: Does this mean that the medium tier can only sell 1/2 of their total product? Does this conflict with the notification tier that allows 100% of product to be sold.	<i>Answered live</i>
9	Currently A70 does not allow import of animal waste. A70 properties are close to existing residential uses. How will the County control the odor from the operations?	<i>Answered live</i>
10	Any limit to amount of material given away for free?	<i>Answered live</i>
11	Food scrap has most nutrients. If you require a permit to compost waste in composting	<i>Answered live</i>

12	Why would finished compost giveaway back to the participants in community composting be restricted to 25%? Getting finished compost back to participants is a great way to encourage participation and a way to close the loop on the cycle	<i>Answered live</i>
13	Oops. Ignore my last Q.	
14	Doesn't this make the process more restrictive than the current rules?	<i>Answered live</i>
15	If the Compost is fully processed on small Tier. then put into Pots with a plant can it be then sold?	That is a great question....we will need discuss and have a answer on our website.
16	Is grocery store produce (like from their unprocessed fruits and veggies) acceptable from off-site without a permit?	
17	Curious what composters are supposed to do with the remaining 50% if they can't sell it?	They will be using it onsite but also have an option to create a revenue process. We are interested in the amounts and volumes.
18	Small, 2800 cu yds will occupy essentially all of one acre. Is this small as per your drawing?	This threshold is "at any given time", with an annually threshold, we expect that over the course of the year composting will come and go or incorporated on-site.
19	Can you define in-vessel activities once again?	In-vessel takes many sizes and technical operations, from small to large....some smaller are up to 5 cubic yds and larger ones up to 100 + cubic yards,....will depend on your size of ag operations.
20	Have you worked these permit types with the Water Board? For a small permit type that is over the counter only would there not need to be water board applications/approval as well? Same for the LEA?	<i>Answered live</i>
21	Training requirement for certain tiers to ensure BMPs for odors/issues/etc?	Yes....we are considering having a training component for all levels
22	If the Exempt tier is allowed to import offsite material, and give away or sell any compost, then that tier will enable most community composting activities. It would also then align with CalRecycle's exemption.	<i>Answered live</i>
23	Please outline your concerns with "processed foods."	<i>Answered live</i>

24	Have you visited the operation in Lakeside in Slaughterhouse Canyon? How will the County control the odor when this type of operation is close to residential areas? I have smelled the odor miles away from this operation.	<i>Answered live</i>
25	Thanks.	Please continue to reach out to us as we develop the organic materials ordinance
26	How about sharing vegetatvie food scraps from neighbor to neighbor? Australia has a great website, ShareWaste, where those who have food scraps are connected with local neighbors who want the scraps. Hoping something like this can be model and replicated in the unincorporated area.	<i>Answered live</i>
27	I think Solana or Food2Soil would have some good data on how easily "processed food" breaks down or if they cause .difficulties/	Yes....we have been getting information from Food2 Soil and others to frame our ordinance, we have found processed foods is problematic with other depts...but we are willing to consider
28	The updated ordinance is reducing restrictions on composting in ag areas. Are there any updates that would be requiring composting in residential areas? Or would that be a future update?	This information is for agricultural areas. This information can be used as a guide for other composting in the future, however residential is not captured in the current element. We are excited to hear your ideas on this. Residential backyard composting that you generate at your home is allowed currently by the ZO and is not changing at the present time
29	not a question, fyi:	
30	https://sharewaste.com/share-waste	
31	Composting rightfully assumes a significant portion of the organics diversion conversation. How does the County weigh the benefits of anaerobic co-digestion at scale vs. large-scale composting?	We have outlined in our options the in-vessel allowances.
32	Do you understand that A70 and A72 parcels are essentially large residential lots in the unincorporated areas.	<i>Answered live</i>
33	It would be interesting to see some sort of pilot project for multi-family dwelling units, to help encourage larger complexes to utilize community composting.	<i>Answered live</i>

34	With small and medium allowing for off-site import. Does that mean facilities will be able to charge for tipping?	<i>Answered live</i>
35	Are these changes directly connected to the County CAP revision that's underway, or is this independent? Will the GHG impact of the diverted waste be calculated and go toward the CAP reductions? Thanks!	<i>Answered live</i>
36	Not having worked with the planning counter as a customer, I don't know what "Registration Only," "Over the Counter," and "Director Approval" might entail. I'm guessing these indicate level of preparation and hurdles needed. But will these require, for example, certain distance from residents. Basically, I'm wondering the burden of the different Permit Types	We will craft a one sheet registration and zoning permit with site requirements, setbacks, buffers, etc.
37	Farms composting thier own materials onsite and using compost onsite will remain a Use by Right, correct? But if they sell/ give away some material that would kick them into the Exempt tier and would require the submit a form?	<i>Answered live</i>
38	Will any of these regulations effect/apply to the Maritime Industry?	We are considering other uses and operations....great questions but are being considered.
39	Maritime Industry, means that you will consider fish and shells?	We haven't looked at the "Maritime Industry" inclusion specifically yet. We have used most of the definitions that CalRecycle has. In the case of Seattle and Washington we did see some of the regulations. We will have to do more research into that. Fish would fall into the food category.
40	I'm noticing that the "Exempt" tier mentions no off-stie import is allowed. Typically community composting would fall within this threshold of 100 cubic yards and participants are bringing materials from off-site.	<i>Answered live</i>
41	Thank you. Yes we are always looking for ways to streamline or waste.	thank you....keep reaching out us.
42	Great job on the presentation!	
43	100 cu. yds is equivalent to 10 dump trucks. Does this mean a neighbor will be allowed to have this amount of material on his lot by right?	100 cubic yards is what we allow right now. The trucks that are from most haulers are 400 cubic yards.
44	Sorry....What does "maritime industry" refer to?	Fish or shell fish processing, packaging, etc.

45	Please consider a separate tier or consideration for pre-processing, for example, with bokashi, to handle processed or post-consumer foods	<i>Answered live</i>
46	Thanks for a good meeting!	
47	Can you talk about manure and how the ordinance may allow farmers and/or those who have/want this material to compost and/or land apply it?	<i>Answered live</i>
48	Great suggestion Jessica on bokashi!	<i>Answered live</i>
49	Would maritime industry waste be allowed to be moved to backcountry rural areas - when it would be a completely foreign element in the rural environment?	<i>Answered live</i>
50	Is there room to consider the experience/expertise of the group managing the material?...distinct from the site specifications	<i>Answered live</i>
51	Can you clarify the definition of "in-vessel?" Do the organics need to fully finish the composting process within the vessel? There's an interesting small-scale model locally.	<i>Answered live</i>
52	At the state level, there are exclusions for R&D and pilot projects. Have you considered this?	<i>Answered live</i>
53	Would ag facilities that currently dispose of their waste on site be able to move their waste to other open area lots in the community because a landowner decides to take on the waste because there is a financial opportunity?	<i>Answered live</i>
54	As you've currently considered it, what are the limitation of off site import? Not material type but is it the owner would need to collect elsewhere and bring in? Only accept donated materials?	<i>Answered live</i>
55	Does the team have any idea on fees for each tier? Would they be one-time or would they be renewed?	<i>Answered live</i>
56	organic waster only	
57	Can you please release the questions once addressed so we can see them?	These questions and answer will be posted to the organic website...within a few days

58	Excellent presentation and information. I don't have a question but will reach out to you directly to discuss some input as staff is looking to amend zoning and regulatory code.	
59	Are you serious that an operation of 10 acres is a mom and pop operation?	<i>Answered live</i>
60	Your presentation slides and discussion are very well-organized. I really appreciate the effort you've gone to prepare a clear workshop and facilitate a great dialog.	
61	Are there any restrictions on where community composting sites could be located? For example, Ramona has a large development (The Estates) but there is plenty of space to facilitate a few of these hyper-local, small-scale operations.	<i>Answered live</i>
62	There are many vacant lots in neighborhoods next to houses....these vacant lots could be destinations for organic waste, yet next to neighbors. Please consider volume/odor impact when opening vacant lots as possible locations for organic waste	<i>Answered live</i>
63	In Lakeside there are residential areas surrounding large parcels which are A70 and currently agricultural. How will the permitting be established in consideration of the odors and other impacts, ie flies?	<i>Answered live</i>
64	Thanks for allowing us to participate!	
65	OK...here's my dream: composting on the skirt of closed landfills and then bioremediating the contaminated land. Very difficult to get traction on this. I've been talking about it for 8 years. Please keep this in mind. There are County-managed lands throughout the region -- two in Encinitas, for example.	
66	Thank you, Tyler and Greg! Michael, good to "see" you again today.	Thank you for your participation!
67	Thank-you for hosting tonight's great meeting! Glad to see the community engaged. Have a good night	
68	Great meeting. Thank you.	

