

# WEF Residuals and Biosolids Committee Meeting Specialty Conference Subcommittee

#### **2010 WEFTEC**

Ernest N. Morial Convention Center New Orleans, LA

> Monday, October 4, 2010 12:30 - 2:00 pm Room MCC 263

Greg Woodward, *Chair* Jeff LeBlanc, *Vice-Chair* 

#### **AGENDA**

- 1. Introduction & Welcome
- 2. Review of Minutes from 2010 Savannah Specialty Conference
- 2011 Sacramento Specialty Conference Update Mike Moore / Bob Gillette
   May 22-25
- 2012 Raleigh Specialty Conference Update Richard Tsang March 25-28, 2012
- Review of Proposed Conference Sites and Selection Process Greg Woodward
   The following conference sites have been identified:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Chair</u>
Phoenix, Arizona	2013	TBD – Need to identify this individual
Louisville, Kentucky	2014	TBD
Virginia Beach, VA	2015	TBD
Michigan	2016	TBD
TBD	2017	TBD

- 6. WEFTEC Technical Program Committee Coordination Report M. Moore /T. Williams
- 7. RBC Specialty Conference Programs Subcommittee Greg Woodward

The program committee includes:

- Research and Development Sudhir Murthy; Jim Smith
- Hot Topics Tim Shea, Bill Toffey, Mike Scharp
- Regional Issues Chair's Selection
- Thermal Process (potential two sessions) Jim Welp, Ben Wester, Bob Williamson
- Marketing of Biosolids Products Bob Pepperman, John Donovan
- Biosolids Case Studies Stories Dick Christy, Lita Laven, Lori Stone, Todd Williams, John Hoff, Dave Brewer
- Stabilization Technologies and Digestion (two sessions) K. Richard Tsang, Dave Oerke, Michele Hetherington, Dick Schlemmer, John Willis
- Management & Economic Competitiveness Lynne Moss
- Politics and Public Acceptance Steve Frank
- Land Application Systems Steve Wilson, Mike Scharp, David Quarles
- Odor Control & Pathogens Issues Matt Higgins
- International –
- Manufacturers Forum Paul Christy
- Regulatory Issues Bob Bastian
- Thickening and Dewatering Technologies Bob Gillette, Todd Warrix, Jim Medlock
- Facility Tours Chair
- Social Events Dick Christy, Mark Lang
- Ag Residuals / Industrial Kari Fitzmorris, Matt Higgins
- Sustainability / Renewable Technologies / EMS Bill Toffey, John Willis, Greg Woodward, Sam Hadeed, Mike Moore
- Microconstituents Todd Williams, Steve Wilson, Scott Carr, George O'Connor
- Opening General Session Chair
- 8. Review of YP Involvement for 2010-11 Greg Woodward
- 9. RBC Co-sponsorship Update Greg Woodward

Provide updates to the contacts listed below:

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ASCE		
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U.S. Composting Council	Stu Buckner	Todd Williams
BioCycle	Nora Goldstein	Diane Garvey
American Society of Agronomy		Nick Basta or George O'Connor

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ASME Incineration Group		
Farm Bureaus		
Air Quality Organizations		
Soil and Water Conservation Society		Diane Garvey
Solid Waste Association of NA		Matt Higgins

- 10. Other Old Business Greg Woodward
- 11. New Business Greg Woodward
- 12. Schedule of Next Meeting RBC Specialty Conference 2011 (Sacramento, CA) May 22 25, 2011
- 13. Adjourn



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## **2010 Specialty Conference**

Savannah International and Trace Convention Center Savannah, GA

Tuesday, May 25, 2010 4:00 – 5:30 pm Room 203

**Greg Woodward**, Chair **Jeff LeBlanc**, Vice-Chair

#### **MEETING NOTES**

- 1. Introduction & Welcome
- 2. Review of Minutes from 2010 Orlando, FL WEFTEC Conference Meeting There were no comments to the previous meetings minutes.
- 3. 2010 Savannah Specialty Conference Update John Willis/Lara Hughes

The Savannah Conference was a big success and special congratulations and a job well done should go to John Willis and his committee, along with WEF Staff.

The conference breakdown was provided by Lara Hughes:

Total: 675 Registered

643 On-Site

Breakdown: 313 Full Conference Workshops: A. 100

75 One-day Only B. 40

17 Students C. 25

50 Expo Only 82 Exhibitors

One procedural issue was with the electronic scanning for PDH/CEU credits. The electronic scanning was stopped early in the conference since there was not enough staff. WEF went back to using the paper forms as it has done in the past. This should be evaluated once again for the Sacramento conference.

2011 Sacramento Specialty Conference Update – Mike Moore / Bob Gillette
 May 22-25

The Co-chairs discussed their intent to resurrect of the "Hot Topics" session.

There will be Monitors in each conference room to assist and the Committee is working on obtaining an abundance of Monitors for the conference.

Encourage more municipal participation at the conference and it was discussed about the possibility of providing a discount for multiple attendees from the same municipalities.

The budget is being worked on and will be submitted shortly.

The social event is planned for the Railroad Museum. Buses will probably be needed although it is relatively within walking distance of the host hotel. There is strong desire to keep the cost down so more people will attend. The 'friends of biosolids' event was discussed and it could be done but probably not along with the WEF social event.

Note: in a follow up conference call regarding the Sacramento conference the concept of conducting committee meetings or special workgroup meetings in lieu of the two back to back sessions trying to increase attendance / involvement in these groups was made and should be considered for the program committee.

5. 2012 Raleigh, NC Conference Update – Richard Tsang

March 25-28, 2012

The Contract is all set.

The Conference will be at the convention center and the Host Hotel is the Sheraton. Room rates are a reasonable \$140/night. The Marriott will be the back-up hotel.

Richard has been working on all of the details to date.

There is a potential conflict with the YP/IWA conference that was discussed.

6. Review of Proposed Conference Sites and Selection Process – Greg Woodward The following conference sites have been identified:

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Further discussion and selection of a site for 2017 will be conducted at the meeting to be held during the WEFTEC in New Orleans.

There was much discussion regarding the viability of the Phoenix location for 2013. There is a possible issue due to the backlash of the proposed Immigration law in Phoenix and other sites in Arizona. There are also airline issues (costs/availability). The registration is also down for the WEF Collections Systems Conference. Lara Hughes to provide more detail at New Orleans meeting. An alternative location to Phoenix should be considered and will also be discussed at the WEFTEC meeting.

Should we proceed with the Phoenix location we will need a chair for the conference. Suggestions or volunteers are welcomed.

7. WEFTEC Technical Program Committee Coordination Report – M. Moore /T. Williams
The WEFTEC Program had five "strong" sessions specifically relating to Biosolids.

There were fewer abstracts but quality of abstracts is up.

Somewhat off-topic, there was discussion on a new WEF meeting planning process requirement. By July 1<sup>st</sup>, there needs to be an appointment from RBC to coordinate with WEFTEC preconference workshop planning. John Willis has volunteered to be RBC representative.

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There were 11 YP papers presented at the Savannah Conference. Discussion on possibly adding a YP to the Program Committee.

### 10. RBC Co-sponsorship Update – Greg Woodward

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ASCE		Richard Tsang	
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		Bob Dominik	
		Dave Taylor	
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American Society of Agricultural Engineers			
Solid Waste Association of NA		Matt Higgins	
National Food Processors Association		Bon Bastian	
Renewable Fuels Group?			

Each individual noted herein will be asked to speak with these organizations and extend an invitation to see where and how we can partner for future events.

WEF has received a proposal from USCC. Interested in Booth Swap and program recognition. Finish the template in June 2010.

11. WEF Position Statement Review = Sam Hadeed

WEF had asked for review of position statement on biosolids. Sam was not sure this was the best thing however in light of current discussion of biosolids being reclassified as solid waste that the emphasis to get this completed was present. Final comments are due by June 4<sup>th</sup> and these comments are for "show stoppers". There will be a paragraph for WEF's position on biosolids as part of solid waste, also the inclusion of bioenergy. Sam stated the position statement needs to reflect current thinking.

12. Other Old Business – Greg Woodward

No other old business.

13. New Business – Greg Woodward

No other New Business

- 14. Schedule of Next Meeting WEFTEC 2010 New Orleans, LA: Time and location to be announced. Watch the notices for WEFTEC as they come from WEF
- 15. Adjourn

# WEF RESIDUALS & BIOSOLIDS COMMITTEE **SPECIALTY CONFERENCE SUBCOMMITTEE Tuesday, May 25, 2010**

**ATTENDEES** 

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