



Date: March 20, 2018

Re: Request for Letter of Support

Dear Friends of Sonoma Compost Company,

The past two years have been a difficult time for local compost and soil sustainability/health in Sonoma County. Particularly now, after the fires, the need for a compost site is greater than ever. Sonoma Compost has been very active in fire recovery efforts, working with local partners to place watershed-protecting straw wattles and hoping to measure the impacts of these tactics in preventing the spread of toxics.

Sonoma County and the cities within are currently out-hauling all of the organic materials that are picked up at the curb or dropped off at the county landfill and transfer stations. Out-hauling adds significant cost to ratepayers and significantly increases our greenhouse gas emissions. Sonoma Compost has actively pursued new sites for re-localizing our organics processing, since even before we were forced to shut down due to causes beyond our control.

It is with great enthusiasm that Sonoma Compost has identified a possible new solution to handle our organics stream locally in Sonoma County that will also generate renewable energy and create benefits to other municipal operations. Sonoma Compost has worked with colleagues, reBio, BIOFerm and SCS Engineers, on a proposal that has been submitted to the Sonoma County Waste Management Agency on January 16, 2018. Our group covers a vast range of knowledge and experience, and we have chosen a new name for our partnership, **Renewable Sonoma**. When our bid is accepted by the Agency, our team will implement a state of the art, high quality compost and energy recovery system that will once again close the sustainability loop of organics processing in Sonoma County.

The City of Santa Rosa issued a Notice of Intent to Negotiate with Renewable Sonoma to use a site that they own adjacent to the Laguna Treatment Plant on Llano Rd. Renewable Sonoma was one of four recipients of a letter to use the City's property as a future compost site. There are many synergistic benefits of this site being utilized for compost operations and green energy production. Renewable Sonoma is uniquely positioned to maximize environmental protections of the site while producing high quality and affordable compost and renewable energy.

Some highlights of the project benefits:

- Out-hauling of green can curbside collections from Sonoma County will stop.
- High quality, mature compost and mulches at affordable prices that you relied upon will be available to the public once again.
- Renewable Sonoma's project will create many synergistic benefits with the Laguna Treatment Plant.
- The location of the Laguna Treatment Plant is central in Sonoma County, creating ease of access.
- Renewable Sonoma supports and provides education on soil health and carbon farming.
- Renewable Sonoma has a strong environmental ethic and will develop a state of the art facility that will exceed all air, odor and water quality regulations.

Will you consider writing a letter of support for Renewable Sonoma? A letter directly to the Agency will be appreciated.. Let the elected leadership of our County know why you think specifically Sonoma Compost/Renewable Sonoma is needed now!

Please address the letter to:
Patrick Carter, Executive Director
Sonoma County Waste Management Agency

Email the letter to Patrick.Carter@sonoma-county.org
Please send your letter of support to us at office@sonomacompost.com

It will be very helpful to have a letter from you or your organization to show that we have a significant network of supporters and a history of positive community-building in the region.

Thank you for your consideration, and please feel free to contact us for more information.

Yours truly,



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Owners, Sonoma Compost
Principals, Renewable Sonoma