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"We Build Healthy Soil"

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THE COMPOST SOLUTION: A WORKSHOP FOR ALL OF US!

RIVERSIDE—September 12th, 2005 will mark the first of an ongoing series of collaborations and workshops aimed at using abundantly available recycled organics to solve current environmental problems. Titled "**The Compost Solution**" this collaborative workshop will show specifically how to use more recycled organics (mulch and compost) to solve many of California's vexing environmental, landscape, agricultural and watershed management problems.

Many solid waste, water and other environmental resource and regulatory agencies need to solve at least the problems of:

- *Meeting solid waste beneficial reuse targets*
- *Controlling erosion and stormwater runoff*
- *Achieving AB 939 diversion goals*
- *Conserving landscape water*
- *Enhancing agricultural crop yields, while also conserving water*
- *Understanding the right amendment for specific landscape and agricultural uses*
- *Addressing waste production or pollution discharge fines and costs*
- *Meeting regulations affecting compost production and use*
- *Restoring eroded stream banks and other sensitive lands*

Compost can be an important tool to solving all of these problems, and more. The challenge is having the most up-to-date knowledge, as well as knowing the right people to work with. **The Compost Solution** workshop will provide both.

The Compost Solution Workshop is a first-ever collaboration between multiple public, private, research and educational institutions, targeted at bringing together many of the people and entities who generate, manufacture, recycle, market, distribute, regulate and use recycled organics (for mulch and compost). A broad based coalition of organizations are developing and supporting **The Compost Solution** Workshop including:

- The Association of Compost Producers (ACP; www.healthysoil.org)
- University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE; <http://ucanr.org/CES.CEA.shtml>)

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- UC Riverside Extension program (UCREX; www.unex.ucr.edu)
- California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB; www.ciwmb.ca.gov/Organics)
- San Diego State University, College of Engineering (SDSU; www.engineering.sdsu.edu)
- California Organics Recycling Council (CORC; www.crra.com)
- Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District (RCRCD; www.rcrcd.com)

"This workshop, broadly supported by multiple environmental, educational and organics organizations, provides a unique, highly skilled and integrated approach to organics management strategy and compost use in California," said Dan Noble, Executive Director of the Association of Compost Producers (ACP). "This unique coalition of organizations provides innovative yet very practical approaches to managing organics from the generator to the user, and everyone in-between."

The workshop will be taught by about two dozen "faculty members" from the State's leading research, operations and marketing institutions. After an in-depth morning overview of "What Compost Can Do for You," i.e. the extensive variety of compost types, standards, production and many uses, two afternoon break-out sessions will be geared specifically for:

- 1) Compost producer and user communities, including topics of
 - Science of soil quality and soil health in California
 - Recent compost research, a survey overview of the State
 - Specific application standards and specs, e.g. landscape, erosion control, agriculture.
- 2) Recycling coordinators, regulators and environmental stakeholders, including topics of:
 - Reaching AB 939 goals, and beyond
 - A panel on organics production and use regulations
 - Compost facility permitting and issues update

To obtain an electronic copy of the program and registration form, contact Dan Noble, Executive Director of ACP (619-303-3694, dan@resourcetrends.com).

ACP (www.healthysoil.org) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to expand the value and volume of recycled organics by building healthy soil with compost. ACP members are public sanitation and water agencies and private composting and compost marketing companies involved in the production and marketing of recycled organics (organic mulch and compost).

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We Build Healthy Soil ... using The Compost Solution

Visit us at www.healthysoil.org to learn more about using composted organics to solve multiple watershed and environmental problems.