

(1) I just read the subject doc published on your web site and have the following question.

At the bottom of page 1, the 3rd bullet under Ineligible Costs suggests to me that on-site dehydrators and digestors are both excluded from participating in the Grant Program.

Based on my knowledge of both of these technologies, they clearly meet all the objectives of significantly reducing greenhouse gases and diverting food waste from our landfills as well as being able to quantify those reductions as required in the State's objectives.

Am I misreading this? Please help me understand that bullet point.

Thank you.

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(2) Thank you for the quick response.

I was hopeful when I sent this that it might be taken into consideration before finalizing the Grant & Loan Programs.

FYI, Orange County provided a \$ 400,000 Grant 3+ years ago to purchase 15+ dehydrators that were then placed in hotels and restaurants throughout the county as a pilot program. The program was implemented by Waste Management. I never saw a final report but I understand Waste Management was supposed to provide Orange County with one at some point in time.

Based on my calculations of the processing capabilities of those units, assuming 15 were installed, they would have diverted approximately 700 tons of food waste per year from CA.'s landfills. That significantly reduced the number of pickups required by a waste hauler thus keeping the trucks off the freeways and reducing their emissions as well the methane gases that would have been produced by that food waste in a landfill.

I am not suggesting that the Grant program pay 100% of the cost of the dehydrators as they did in Orange County for hotels, restaurants, convention centers, colleges / universities, etc. but possibly reimburse those venues some pro-rata portion i.e. 25% or 50% of the costs as an incentive to divert food waste from our landfills.

Please advise what other information I may provide for your consideration on the technology and equipment or the Orange County Grant program.

I am going to try to be on the webinar tomorrow but not sure I can be available for the full 3 hours due to other meetings. Again, the reason for following up in an e-mail at this time.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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- (3) Why wouldn't a plant-sized dehydration pilot project be considered under the Grant or Loan Program that could handle 50 to 100 tons per day of food waste be considered, if it reduces food waste by 90% on-site and produces a by-product that can be converted into a soil-like amendment and generates distilled, filtered water from the food waste that can be reused and recycled in CA.?

These plant-sized dehydration units have already been successfully designed and are installed in Asian countries. They can generally be fully operational within 9 - 12 months, without any concerns for odors, pests or leaching.

I am asking because I have two partners, one in southern CA. and another in northern CA., who are interested in pursuing such a project at that scale, 50 to 100 tons per day capacity.

However, if they will not be considered, I do not want to waste their time and mine putting a detailed plan together for submission.

Look forward to your response because I seem to be missing something, when this appears to meet the primary objective of diverting food waste from our landfills and reducing GHG emissions when food waste goes into our landfills and generates methane gases that are 20 times as potent as CO₂.

Thank you for your consideration.

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- (4) Can you tell me where and the time the meeting will be held in Ontario on Mar. 18th?

Thank you.

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- (5) I did have one more question.

Is the 25% match only for the Loan Program or does that apply to the Grant Program as well?

Thank you.

Have a Great Valentine's Day and weekend.

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