



Update Regarding a Potential Regional Organics Processing Facility and Preparation of an RFP

City Council/BPU Liaison Subcommittee
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Background

- **Oct 2015** In-county Compost Closed due to Stormwater Runoff Issues
- **May 2017** ZWS Issued RFP for a New Regional Organics Processing Facility
- **Aug 2018** ZWS Selected Renewable Sonoma to Provide Regional Organics Processing
- **Feb 2019** BPU Authorized an ENA with Renewable Sonoma for Lease of City Property
- **Dec 2020** BPU/CC Closed Session Conference with Real Property Negotiator

Preferred
Location

City's
Biosolids
Compost
Facility
(closed May
2020)

Preferred Location Aerial View



Recent Activity

- **May 2021** Renewable Sonoma ended Negotiations with ZWS and with the City
- **Sept 2021** ZWS Anticipated Release of Draft EIR for the Stage Gulch Project – ZWS still Considering Options
- Since negotiations ended, Staff have identified immediate and future operational needs for use of Biosolids Compost Facility.



Changing Environment

- Benefits originally envisioned from co-location of facilities did not materialize
- San Francisco Regional Board is reconsidering permitting of land application of biosolids in South County
- SB-1383 will likely increase demand for land application sites
- Need long-term in-county solution for City's biosolids



Recommendation

The Water Department recommends issuing a request for proposals to evaluate potential opportunities for Santa Rosa Water to utilize the closed Biosolids Compost Facility for operational purposes and forgo offering the site as a potential regional organics processing facility.



Recommended Next Steps

Board of Public Utilities

- Work with BPU to issue an RFP and evaluate potential long-term options

City Council

- Staff to provide written communication regarding potential future use of the site for operational purposes

