



November 12, 2009

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Dear Mr. Mecham,

Staff at Metro have had several conversations with you and with Michael McKenzie-Bahr of Lane County and your team concerning the development of a Bio Fuels Energy facility in the Willamette Valley that might include the use of source-separated food waste from within the Metro region. This letter serves as confirmation that activities proposed by the Lane Council of Governments (LCOG) do not conflict with Metro's current activities or future plans with regard to the recovery of food waste.

One of Metro's responsibilities under the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan and Metro Code is the permitting and regulation of waste disposal, handling and recovery sites within the Metro region and facilities outside the Metro boundary that are permitted to receive the region's waste. Under the Metro Code, your concept of a Bio Fuels Energy facility that also accepts food waste from the Metro region would require a permit or license from Metro. Before an actual application for such a license is submitted, Metro cannot take a position on the feasibility of the operation or the likelihood of granting a permit to the facility.

As a concept, Metro is interested in the idea of any productive use of food waste that diverts it from the landfill into a better use. We are encouraged that LCOG is exploring the opportunity to develop an innovative approach for a problem that faces all governments in the Willamette Valley. Metro staff will provide LCOG's development and implementation team the information and assistance we can within the confines of our planning role and regulatory responsibilities.

Best regards,

Jim Desmond
Director
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