

## Inland Empire Regional Composting Facility





Urban Encroachment



Status of County Ordinances



Practical Ban

Ban on Class B

Class B Land Application Allowed



Developing Ordinances

No Regulations/Ordinances Enacted







## The Organics Management Strategy Final Business Plan August 2002

"A comprehensive strategy for implementing a coordinated, cost-effective approach to managing organics in a phased incremental manner consistent with sound public works engineering principles"



## The Key Business Plan Policy Objectives

- Reduce biosolids handling and transportation costs
- Reduce reliance on out-of-agency solutions;
- Cost effectively recycle organic wastes using environmentally safe enclosed facilities;
- Local use of the fertilizer products will be a first priority;
- Reduce local air and water pollution;
- Implement strategies that minimize diesel truck trips

## Out with the Old

Existing IEUA Composting Facility Decommissioned in 2006

IERCF – Constructed to Meet Rule 1133.2 Commissioned in 2007



## Inland Empire Regional Composting Authority

- 50/50 partnership with IEUA/LACSD
- Formed to gain control of biosolids management
- Gain control of costs and options





## **IERCF** Overview

- 2002 IEUA Develops Organics Plan
- 2002 IEUA/LACSD form Partnership (JPA)
- 2004 Purchased IKEA warehouse and started construction
- April 2007 began daily operations

# Facility Overview

### Indoor Composting Facility – The Green Project

- Provides an Essential Public Service for IEUA/LACSD
  - 100% IEUA Biosolids
  - 20% of LACSD Biosolids
- Largest Enclosed
  Facility in United States
- Designed to Meet (or Beat) AQMD Rule 1133.2
- Only AQMD Permitted Facility (1st of its Kind)
- 10-Acres of Fully Enclosed Composting Operations
- 3.1-Acre Biofilter for Emission Control



# **Facility Benefits**

- Regional Environment
- Local Community Organic Recycling
- Reduced Truck Traffic
- Elimination of Landfill and Land Application of Biosolids
- Compost to local communities
- Alternative local green waste diversion
- Powered by 1-MW of Renewable Solar Energy
- Recycled Water Used for all Industrial and Irrigation
- No Odor Issues or Complaints



WEST VALLEY DETENTION CENTER

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ERCF

Inland Empire Utilities Agency Water Reclamation Plant

1.4 MILES TO 1.10

ETIWANDA BEVO



6TH ST

RELIANT ENERGY POWER PLAINT





## **IKEA Before and After**



## **Construction Started 2004**









## Pug Mills in Receiving Building





Clockwise from top left, Building interior, screw conveyors, pug mill mixer in receiving pit, exhaust fan, exhaust system piping, and construction of biofilters.





## Operations

- Full throughput since
  December 2008
- ~590 tons/day biosolids from IEUA and LACSD along with other woody amendments
- Storage facility for seasonal fluctuations



## **Facility Description**



## **Aerated Static Pile Composting**





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Solar Panels generate 1 megawatt – 50% of the power required to operate the IERCF

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## Wind Power

# Minimum cut-in wind speed 8 mph for turbine power generation

Local area wind speed averages 13 mph



Wind Speed Class National Renewable Energy Laboratory Map



IERCF/RP4 in Class 3 Area (Avg. speed 13 mph)



## Source Test Scope & Methods

- Biofilter Sampling
  - 150+ Samples Collected
  - Testing Over 5-days
  - High & Low Flow
- Testing Methods
  - Ammonia Method 207.1
  - VOC Method 25.3
    - Complicated & Timely Test Process





## IERCF Biofilter emissions testing

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# Branding

- IERCA's SoilPro<sup>™</sup> brand has been filed for trademark
- Launched website <u>www.ierca.org</u>



# PREMIUM COMPOST BENEFITS

- Adds valuable organic matter improving soil structure
- Improves the moisture holding capacity of light, sandy soils
- Reduces the bulk density of heavy, clay soils increasing moisture infiltration and aeration, slowing soil compaction
- Reduces soil erosion and nutrient leaching
- Provides plant nutrition, improving plant vigor

### HOW MUCH PREMIUM COMPOST DO I NEED?

### ONE CUBIC YARD OF COMPOST COVERS:

648 sq. ft.	ц\$	1/2" depth
324 sq. ft.	ц\$	1" depth
162 sq. ft.	r\$	2" depth
108 sq. ft.	ц¢	3" depth

### CUBIC YARDS REQUIRED TO COVER 1,000 SQUARE FEET

1/2"	layer	ц>	1.5 yd <sup>3</sup>
1"	layer	ц¢	3 yd <sup>3</sup>
2"	layer	ц>	6 yd <sup>3</sup>
3"	layer	E\$	9 yd <sup>3</sup>

#### GUARANTEED MINIMUM NUTRIENT ANALYSIS

Total Nitrogen (N)
Water Insoluble Nitrogen*0.75%
Available Phosphate P2O5)
Soluble Potash (K2O)0.25%
Iron (Fe)

Nutrients are derived from composted biosolids (treated sewage sludge).

\*Slow release nitrogen

Soil Amendment Ingredient List Composted biosolids (treated sewage sludge), forestry products, yard trimmings, and stable bedding.

Information regarding the contents and levels of trace elements in this product is available on the internet at http://www.aapfco.org/metals.htm.

SoilPro Products Premium Compost is sold in bulk form, by the cubic yard or ton.

### MANUFACTURED BY:



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#### COMPOSTING PROCESS

The Inland Empire Regional Composting Authority (IERCA) manufactures SoilPro Products Premium Compost at its indoor state-of-the-art composting facility. At this high tech facility, advanced engineering principles are used to accelerate the natural degradation process – enabling a finished product to be produced in just 2 to 3 months. Ongoing monitoring of the system allows for a consistently high quality soil amendment to be produced.



SoilPro Products Compost Products are rich in organic matter and nutrients, both of which are essential components of productive soils. SoilPro™ Products Compost Products are excellent for amending depleted soils, enriching planting mixes, and enhancing the growth of turf and ornamental plant species.

The enclosed composting process, essentially "pasteurizes" the product, allowing SoilPro Products Premium Compost to boast that it is free of viable weed seeds and plant pathogens.

#### DIRECTIONS FOR USE:

Flower and Ornamental Garden Beds: Apply a 1 to 2 inch layer of SoilPro Products Premium Compost to the soil and incorporate it to a depth of 6 to 8 inches. Plant flowers and water. Condition the soil this way every year 2 to 3 years.

Trees & Shrubs: Dig a hole to the approximate depth of the root ball and two to three times as wide. Mix 1 part SoilPro Products Premium Compost with 3 parts soil obtained from the planting hole. Place the tree or shrub in the planting hole and apply amended soil around the root ball. Firm the soil occasionally and water.



New Turf Areas: Apply 1 to 2 inches of SoilPro Products Premium Compost to the soil and incorporate it to depth of 6 to 8 inches, apply seed, then rake and water. Topsoil Manufacturing / Upgrading: Mix 1 part SoilPro Products Premium Compost with 3 parts existing or purchased soil and blend uniformly.

Mulching: Spread a 2 to 3 inch layer around trees, shrubs, and flowers.

### NUTRIENT RICH, WEED-FREE, CONSISTENT, EASY TO USE...



...Compost perfect for your landscape, garden, or turf



## Outreach



## SoilPro Premium on a Park in the City of Paramount



## Fontana









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## Questions or Comments?