

## Cannabis Sustainability Work Group Minutes

2/28/19

Attendees: Sarah Boue, Sandra Elkind, Laura Getts, Bia Campbell, Elizabeth Lee, Amy Andrle, Jacob Policzer, Jake Mitchell, David Podorson, Marc Ross, Anne Marie Doyle, JJ Grzyb, Joe Grzyb, Josh Malman, Kaitlin Urso, Leslie McAhren, Tyler Ammerman, Grace Hood, Matt Gacioch, Meg Collins, Ben Gelt, Emily Backus, Jeremy Lauffenburger, Wes Thomason, Joe Megyesy, Matt Gettleman, Andrew Alfred, Nick Hice, Sammy Reifer, Andrew Livingston

- I. Introductions
- II. Presentation from Joe Grzyb on phase change technology applications for cannabis HVAC and root temperature stabilization
- III. Committee Updates:

### Events & outreach

2 kinds of events – educational for general interest and deep dives on the BMP guide/Policy

Planning 5 tentative events:

1. End April/early May – Sustainability showcase – flower, concentrates. Non-consumption
2. Holding space for Policy focused event – Q3 or Q4, VS could host
3. Community event around symposium – potentially garden event. October 3<sup>rd</sup>
4. September social event to drive Symposium ticket sales. Idea to combine food and cannabis grower to talk about cannabis as agriculture
5. Holding a date for BMP deep dive workshop – most likely June

### Symposium

Partners in each city for 4 nationwide events: Philly 5/10, SF 5/13, Boston 5/20, Portland in Sept.

Awards – considering name – Innovation Award – open to ideas

- Platinum, Gold, Silver
- Limit to production, operation and cultivation
- Need help with criteria and judging
- Have companies submit projects
- Categories; energy, waste, water, community relations, pest management, sustainable design

Want it to be open and inclusive

Consider dividing between large and small companies

Present awards at Symposium, probably during lunch

### BMP & Data

No new overall chapters in the Guide

Reflecting on format and digestibility – considering breaking guide into 3 docs, having exec summaries

Checking and updating references

Supporting data sharing activities – promoting existing and new tools

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RAQC is paying attention to cannabis – they want representation from cannabis at their May meeting. Kaitlin to provide meeting details.

Policy

Committee met and prioritized areas of action:

1. Composting – making composting easier and more affordable by allowing it to go directly to truck without mixing 50/50 with other wastes. We think this can be achieved through a rule clarification from MED.
2. Recycling – enabling a container take-back program and developing recycling education
3. Fibrous Waste – expanding definition of excluded fibrous waste to include fan leaves.

The committee also plans to develop some general recommendations for regulators outside CO, that give context and direction around sustainability impacts of certain regulatory choices.

Sandra - As a packaging company we would love to collect and reuse containers if it were allowed

IV. Wrap Up

General announcement - Sustainabis has partnered with an investment firm to fund Energy Efficiency projects; contact Jake Mitchell if you're interested.

Emily will create a single document with all committee meeting times listed. Also setting up a listserv for easier email communication amongst members.

Next All Group Meeting: April 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM