

## ***Turning Possibilities into Sustainable Results...***

*...working together to build sustainable compost markets in your region in California!*

## ***If You're a Member of USCC, Use this Application to Upgrade Your California State Chapter Involvement and Investment through ACP!***

### ***But Why?***

The Association of Compost Producers (ACP), [www.healthysoil.org](http://www.healthysoil.org), is the official state chapter of the US Composting Council, [www.compostingcouncil.org](http://www.compostingcouncil.org). If you are a member in good standing with the USCC, then *you are automatically a "Basic" member of ACP*. However, California is the 10<sup>th</sup> largest economy in the world, and more than 10% of the U.S. economy. We have the largest agricultural economy of any state in the U.S., by a factor of two over the next largest, Texas. In addition, we have the leading, and some might say "excessive", environmental regulations of any state in the Union. For all these reasons, California composters will want to *invest in compost market expansion and sustainability* through the activities of ACP, as their state representative. ACP engages continuously in activities that increase the volume and value of compost used in this state. We work collaboratively to constantly *expand markets* (quantity and quality of compost), while helping to *break down the barriers* to increased compost use, which include - lack of user knowledge, low standards and communication, negative public opinion and industry damaging legislation & regulations.

### ***ACP Mission:***

The Association of Compost Producers (ACP) is a non-profit association of public and private organizations dedicated to increasing the quality, value and amount of compost being used in California. We do this by promoting activities and regulations that build healthy soil with compost, benefiting people and the environment. ACP members work and invest together to increase compost markets and improve compost product & manufacturing standards. The association provides education and communication on compost benefits & proper use through support of scientific research and legislation aligned with developing and expanding quality compost markets. ACP is the official state chapter of the US Composting Council.

## ***Upgrade your State Chapter Investment Today!***

***Enhance Your Current Basic Level to a Supporting Level of Membership, And Receive Greater Benefits than Your Current Level of Investment ...***

### **Basic Member Benefits:**

- **Monthly newsletter, state representation** to USCC and a representative on ACP Board

### **Supporting Member Benefits:**

- **Monthly Member Meetings:** Participation in ACP monthly *supporting member* meetings to interact, collaborate and work ongoing with your compost producer colleagues.
- **Market Expansion Programs:** Leverage your organization's marketing dollars, by pooling your dues investment with other composters to help expand overall compost awareness and use.
- **Professional Involvement and Consultation** with ACP staff to support your organization's compost producing and end-use market expansion efforts.
- **Organizational Assistance:** Cost effective strategic and tactical California compost market expansion services from ACP's experienced members and professional staff.
- **Professional Representation** at the California State level on compost projects by ACP paid staff.
- **Participation in State Funded Projects:** Be technical advisors to State funded compost market expansion projects in which ACP members and professionals are engaged.
- **ACP Board Participation:** Potential for being elected to the State Association Board of Directors and guide the strategy and tactics of the policies and initiatives of ACP

## ACP Supporting Membership Investment:

Your dues provide funding for professional ACP staff activities that expand California compost markets, monitor and influence relevant regulations, and promote the compost product use and the compost industry as a whole. As a USCC Member in good standing, you are automatically a **Basic** member of ACP. Please use this application to *expand your investment* in growing California compost markets, by making a relatively small annual investment, scaled to your organization's size, through your official California State Chapter, the Association of Compost Producers.

Your organization type, the amount of compostable organics generated, compost produced, and/or compost that your organization sells, will determine your level of membership — *your compost market expansion co-investment* — as shown in the following table:

### California State Chapter Supporting Annual Investment Levels†

| #  | Member Level                            | Compost Production or Sales Level | Your Current USCC; ACP "Basic" (90% to USCC 10% to ACP) | ACP "Supporting Member" (100% to ACP)† |
|----|---|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| 1  | Large Business                          | >100,000 tons/year                | \$1,000   | \$5,000                                |
| 2  | Medium Business                         | > 25K <100 tons/year              | \$500   | \$2,500                                |
| 3  | Small Business (composter/chip & grind) | <25,000 tons/year                 | \$250   | \$1,000                                |
| 4  | Small Business (Associate)              | Non Composter                     | \$250   | \$500                                  |
| 5  | Large Government                        | >100,000 tons/year                | \$500   | \$10,000                               |
| 6  | Medium Government                       | > 25K <100 tons/year              | \$250   | \$5,000                                |
| 7  | Small Government (composter)            | <25,000 tons/year                 | \$250   | \$2,500                                |
| 8  | Small Government (Associate)            | Non Composter                     | \$250   | \$1,000                                |
| 9  | University & Non-Profits                | Non Composter                     | \$250   | \$500                                  |
| 9a | Individual (non-voting)                 | Non Composter                     | \$100   | \$200                                  |
| 9b | Students (non-voting)                   | Non Composter                     | \$25  | \$50                                   |

† **Please Note:** These amounts are **annual** member investment based on your organization's size. You have the option of paying the ACP amount in one lump sum each year, **or** being billed and paying monthly for  $\frac{1}{12}$  of that amount, i.e. \$83.33 per month, for each \$1,000 of annual dues.



# Supporting Membership Investment Application

## Applicant Information

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| Company Name:            |        | Check One (Organization Type):   |  |
|                          |        | <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Business <input type="checkbox"/> Other |  |
| Mailing Address:         |        |  |  |
| City:                    | State: | ZIP:   |  |
| Name of Primary Contact: |        | Phone No.:   |  |
| E-Mail Address:          |        | Fax No.:   |  |
| Additional Contact:      |        | Phone No.:   |  |
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## Operation Size (Check One)

(by tons of total compostable or composted green, food waste, animal manure, or biosolids material handled per year)

| Check One | Size of Organics Generation, Processing or Marketing Operation |
|-----------|--|
|           | 1. Large (>100,000 tons)                                       |
|           | 2. Medium (, >25,000, <100,000 tons)                           |
|           | 3. Small (<25,000 tons)  |
|           | 4. Associate (Company Type: _____)                             |
|           | 5. Individual/Professional/Student                             |

## Project Interest – Which projects would you like your annual dues or additional funding to be put towards? (see "ACP - Steps" Monthly Documents, or Annual Reports for project types)

| Project | Priority |
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By signing below the New Member Representative is agreeing to pay annual membership invoice based on the size of the company or government entity they represent. Monthly meetings are held the 4th Wednesday of each month at member or affiliate locations announced each month. *Member participation and leadership is strongly encouraged.*

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| Signature of New Member Representative: | Date: |
| Signature of ACP Representative:        | Date: |

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