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MRWMD Recognized as 2014 Award Winner for Zero Waste Energy SMARTFERM Facility

Received by California Resource Recovery Association in Dave Hardy Leadership in Organics - Facility Category

Lafayette, California - July 28, 2014 – Zero Waste Energy’s SMARTFERM facility and the Monterey Regional Waste Management District (MRWMD) have just been announced as 2014 Award Winner of the Dave Hardy Leadership in Organics - Facility Category by the California Resource Recovery Association (CRRA).

“With the development and successful operation of your “SMARTFERM” Anaerobic Digestion composting system you have moved not only your operation but our organics industry forward to a new place,” wrote the CRRA. “Your innovative organics management partnership and operation have provided an exemplary leadership example that we look forward to acknowledging.”

CRRA is an environmentally focused professional business organization for people involved in resource conservation through waste prevention, reuse, recycling and composting activities.

The [Monterey Regional Waste Management District \(MRWMD\)](#) has been composting for over 20 years and began its first landfill-gas-to-energy program in 1983. Opening in February 2013 at the MRWMD, the Zero Waste Energy SMARTFERM facility processes up to 5,000 tons per year (TPY) of source separated organics from local restaurants, generating 100kw electricity and 2,200 TPY finished agriculture quality compost. The electricity is sold to the neighboring regional wastewater treatment plant to help them achieve their strategic goal of getting off the utility grid. The compost is sold locally.

SMARTFERM is a state-of-the-art dry anaerobic digestion system for organic waste processing. The technology’s 21 day batch cycle diverts over 99% of organic waste, reduces greenhouse gases, reduces reliance on landfills and produces a clean, green energy and compost in a closed-loop cycle. SMARTFERM facilities can be designed to develop any amount of organic waste, from 5,000TPY and up and can include biogas-processing technology for combined heat and power (CHP) generation for both onsite use and export as well as compressed natural gas (CNG) for use to fuel waste transport vehicles.

Zero Waste Energy, LLC (ZWE) is a global project developer utilizing patented anaerobic digestion (AD) technology and resource recovery processes to solve pressing problems in the waste industry throughout North America. The company—founded in 2009 by an experienced group of innovative solid waste industry leaders---designs, builds, and operates integrated solid waste facilities that efficiently optimize waste diversion and generate renewable energy in an environmentally sound manner. Collectively, ZWE’s management team has over 100 years of experience in solid waste, recycling, composting and biogas recovery. For more information on Zero Waste Energy and the Marina facility, visit www.zerowasteenergy.com.

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