

**California Department of Food and Agriculture  
Dairy Digester Research and Development Program (DDRDP)  
Community Outreach Resources**

Background

Pursuant to requirements set forth in California Government Code Section 16428.86(a), (i.e. SB 859, Section 6), a project shall not receive funding through the Dairy Digester Research and Development Program (DDRDP) unless the applicant has demonstrated to California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) that the applicant has done all of the following:

- Conducted outreach in areas that will potentially be adversely impacted by the proposed project.
- Determined potential adverse impacts of the project.
- Committed to measures to mitigate impacts.

CDFA shall review the applicant's analysis identifying potential adverse impacts of the proposed project when making awards.

Services Provided

CDFA is partnering with California State University-Sacramento Consensus and Collaboration Program (CCP) to serve as a resource for potential DDRDP applicants to support community outreach efforts.

Applicants may contact CCP (information provided below) to schedule a telephone consultation with a CCP Community Engagement Specialist, or request assistance to conduct a community meeting.

Requests may be submitted via e-mail or phone to:

Dave Ceppos, Managing Senior Mediator  
Consensus and Collaboration Program  
College of Continuing Education – Sacramento State  
916-539-0350 (cell)  
916-278-5015 (desk)  
[dceppos@csus.edu](mailto:dceppos@csus.edu)

Please include the following information:

- Project Name(s)
- Cluster Name(s) if applicable
- Dairy Operation Name(s) and Location(s)
- Developer Name(s)
- Request for:
  - Consultation (Y/N)
  - Conducting a Community Meeting (Y/N)

Consultations and meeting assistance will be available on a first-come-first serve basis and based on schedule and resource availability.

CDFA has limited resources and funds available for community outreach activities; funds will be allocated to assist as many applicants/developers as possible. Based on the number of requests received and funding availability, each applicant/developer may be limited to assistance for one community meeting. If an applicant is proposing multiple applications or projects for a digester cluster, they are encouraged to include all the projects in the cluster in their request.

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