

# Biosolids Thermal Conversion RFI Update

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### 2019 Strategic Plan: Biosolids Management Policy Paper

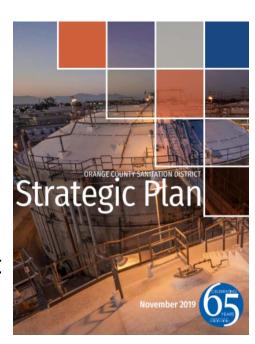








- Recognized
  - Growing interest for organics management
  - Rising concerns: emerging contaminants such as polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)
  - Biosolids Master Plan: emerging market opportunities
- Issue a request for information (RFI)
  - Research and evaluate available emerging market
  - Biosolids-to-energy options or other biosolids recycling operations
  - Potentially develop scope of work



### What is BTC?

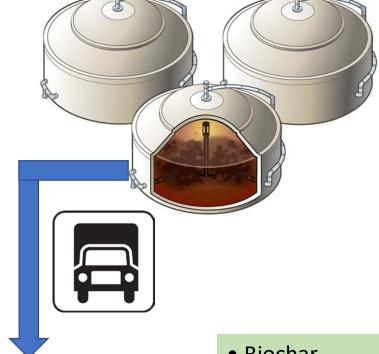








- Onsite Anaerobic Digestion (Current Practice)
  - Solids (sludge) to Biogas
  - Methane Recovery
  - Biogas to Electricity
- Offsite Biosolids Thermal **Conversion (BTC)** 
  - Biosolids (post digester treatment)
  - Pyrolysis, Gasification, Oxidation
  - Biosolids to Electricity, Biochar, and Oil



High

Temperature

(>400°C)

- Biochar
- Bio-oil
- Gas to fuel process
- Electricity
- Ash for cement

# State Water Board-ordered PFAS Sampling











# Project Phasing & Considerations

Phase 2

**Evaluate** 

Performance











Haz Waste Landfill List



Gather
Information
& Establish
Options

PFAS Sampling

1-2 Small Tonnage
 BTC contracts - PFAS
 destruction demo

Phase 3

Assess Needs

- PFAS Regulatory
   Framework
- Decide how to best mitigate risk
- Potentially update Biosolids
   Master Plan

#### Phase 4

#### **Implement**

 Potential larger scale BTC contract if needed to meet regulations

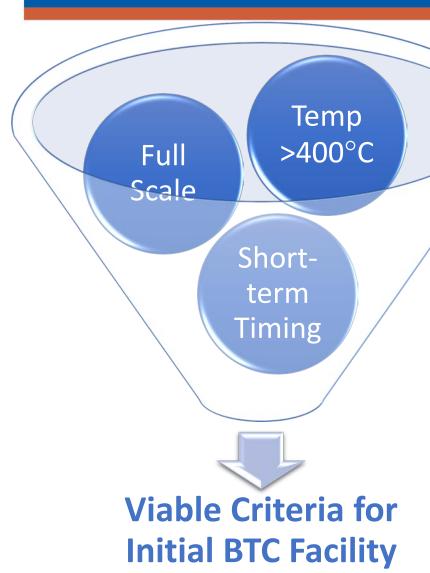
### **BTC RFI Completed**











#### **5 Respondents**

- 4 with appropriate thermal temperatures
- 3 with proven scalable technologies
- 2 with short-term demonstration opportunities that are already funded to minimize OCSD risk

# **Availability Timeframes**









RFI Responses	Notes	Short-term Availability	Long-term Availability
Anaergia Pyrolysis	<ul> <li>June 2021 Pyrolysis commissioning</li> <li>Only 60 miles from OCSD</li> <li>Faster expansion with existing permits</li> </ul>	150 tpd 4 trucks	~300-600 tpd 50-100% of OCSD tonnage
		Non-Guaranteed tons, easier contract = Low Risk	Guaranteed tons, harder off-ramps, commissioning
Holloway Gasification - Pyrolysis	<ul> <li>All permits expected by December 2020</li> <li>Construction begins by Q3 2021</li> <li>~200 miles from OCSD</li> <li>Expansion opportunities (300 tpd ea.)</li> </ul>	up to 100 tpd 4 trucks	~250-400 tpd 50-67% of OCSD tonnage  Guaranteed tons, harder off-ramps, commissioning

#### **OCSD Biosolids Production:**

## **BTC Next Steps**









