

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 25, 2011

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 921

Introduced by Assembly Member Allen

February 18, 2011

~~An act to add Article 3 (commencing with Section 42248) to Chapter 5 of Part 3 of Division 30 of the Public Resources Code, relating to solid waste. An act to add Article 6 (commencing with Section 510) to Chapter 3 of Part 1 of Division 1 of the Food and Agricultural Code, relating to agriculture.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 921, as amended, Allen. ~~Solid waste: compost. Agriculture water use efficiency: compost applications.~~

The California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 requires the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery to develop a program to increase the use of compost products in agricultural applications, including identifying federal, state, and local financial assistance and cooperating with appropriate federal and state agencies.

This bill would enact the Agriculture Water Efficiency with Compost Use and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Act of 2011, which would require ~~the department~~ *Department of Food and Agriculture*, ~~in consultation with the University of California Extension Service, to measure and monitor any increase in agricultural water efficiency resulting from the compost applications made pursuant to the incentives adopted by the State Air Resources Board pursuant to the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006~~ *in conjunction with the Department of Water Resources, to, through their existing programs, oversee a study or studies conducted by the University of California Extension Service, in*

partnership with local water districts, farmers, growers, and compost producers, to measure increases in water use efficiency through the use of compost in agricultural settings, and other potential benefits from the use of compost, with regard to climate change.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Article 6 (commencing with Section 510) is added
2 to Chapter 3 of Part 1 of Division 1 of the Food and Agricultural
3 Code, to read:

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5 Article 6. Agriculture Water Efficiency with Compost Use and
6 Greenhouse Gas Reduction Act of 2011
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8 510. This article shall be known, and may be cited, as the
9 Agriculture Water Efficiency with Compost Use and Greenhouse
10 Gas Reduction Act of 2011.

11 511. The department, in conjunction with the Department of
12 Water Resources, shall, through their existing programs, oversee
13 a study or studies conducted by the University of California
14 Extension Service, in partnership with local water districts,
15 farmers, growers, and compost producers, to measure increases
16 in water use efficiency through the use of compost in agricultural
17 settings, and other potential benefits from the use of compost, with
18 regard to climate change.

19 ~~SECTION 1. Article 3 (commencing with Section 42248) is~~
20 ~~added to Chapter 5 of Part 3 of Division 30 of the Public Resources~~
21 ~~Code, to read:~~

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23 ~~Article 3. Agriculture Water Efficiency with Compost Use and~~
24 ~~Greenhouse Gas Reduction Act of 2011~~
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26 ~~42248. This article shall be known, and may be cited as, the~~
27 ~~Agriculture Water Efficiency with Compost Use and Greenhouse~~
28 ~~Gas Reduction Act of 2011.~~

29 ~~42248.1. The department, in consultation with the University~~
30 ~~of California Extension Service, shall measure and monitor any~~
31 ~~increase in agricultural water efficiency resulting from the compost~~

- 1 applications made pursuant to the incentives adopted by the State
- 2 Air Resources Board pursuant to the California Global Warming
- 3 Solutions Act of 2006 (Division 25.5 (commencing with Section
- 4 38500) the Health and Safety Code).

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