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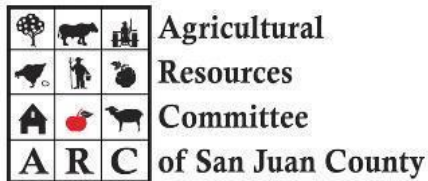
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**To:** Christine Minney; Jamie Stephens; Cindy Wolf  
**Cc:** Mike Thomas; Sophia Cassam  
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Dear County Council,  
Please find attached the ARC's recommendation concerning docket request 21-0001.

Thank you,  
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## Memorandum

To: Christine Minney, County Council  
Jamie Stephens, County Council  
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CC: Mike Thomas, County Manager  
Planning Commission

From: San Juan County Agricultural Resource Committee (ARC)

Date: September 13, 2021

Subject: Docket Request 21-0001

### Background

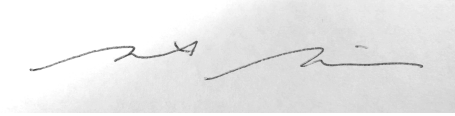
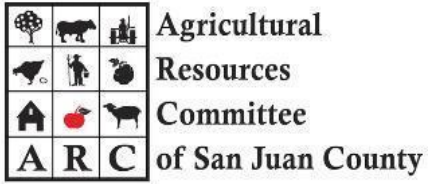
San Juan County Planning Commission reviewed Docket Request 21-0001 (Commercial Composting) - Allow commercial composting by Provisional/Conditional use permit in the Agricultural (AG) Resource land use designation. The Planning Commission recommended that this be added to the DCD future work as a number two priority.

### Recommendation

The ARC recommends that Council follow the recommendations of the Planning Commission and add Docket Request 21-0001 to the DCD future work as a code project to allow commercial composting on Agricultural Resource land.

This docket request is in alignment with the Comprehensive Plan Land Use policy recommendation submitted by the ARC on 10/9/2019: "Encourage the recycling and beneficial use of island biomass and retention of nutrients through innovative zoning that allows composting and biochar production." The ARC hosted Listening Sessions where we asked the question, "What barriers do you [Agricultural Producers] face, and what do you want organizations that support agriculture to be working on?" Twenty percent of participating farmers responded "access to local compost".

On Behalf of the Agricultural Resource Committee,



Meike Meissner, ARC Chair

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