

## **Manure into energy project on tap for Tulare Planning Commission**

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Tulare Planning Commission will hold a public hearing tonight regarding construction of an operation that will use cow manure to generate energy.

Colony Energy has applied to build anaerobic co-digester on about 14 acres of land southwest of the Tulare's waste-water treatment plant, north of Paige Avenue and east of Enterprise Street.

The co-digester would use cow manure, food processing waste and food waste to produce electrical and heat energy from bio-gas fueled engine-generators.

The project would include a comprehensive odor management plan and have two workers on site to handle about 25 trucks a day dropping waste off at the 24-hour operation, say staff in a report for today's hearing.

An environmental study of the project indicates the co-digester will have no significant effect on the environment, no negative impact on public health and fits with area zoning, and the conditional use permit should be granted.

But even if the Planning Commission green-lights the project, the company has to comply with several conditions including obtaining a permit from the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District.

## **State launches new crackdown on polluting trucks**

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Use a truck in your business? Better make sure it's up to snuff when it comes to emissions. That's because the state is launching a statewide, month-long enforcement campaign to spot polluting trucks.

The California Air Resources Board says the multi-agency campaign is to make sure that trucks are in compliance with air pollution laws.

"Our goal this month is to do everything in our power to make sure truckers know the rules and that they understand how to comply," says CARB Executive Officer James Goldstene. "All our diesel regulations were adopted with one thing in mind -- protecting public health. Focusing on enforcement gives us the chance not only to educate drivers on why the regulations are important but also to ensure that truck owners investing in cleaner equipment are on a level playing field with those who are not playing by the rules."

Working in conjunction with the California Highway Patrol and other allied agencies, CARB will deploy inspectors throughout the state, focusing on trade hubs, weigh stations, ports, rail yards and major points of entry into the state.

The campaign is also geared to provide advice and educational materials including information and fact sheets on how to follow regulations, maintain equipment properly, and grants and funding that may be available now and in the future to help purchase clean trucks and related equipment.

Truckers with questions can visit the CARB website at [www.arb.ca.gov](http://www.arb.ca.gov) and click on The Truck Stop.