

Meeting Minutes
AB 939 LOCAL TASK FORCE REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, February 8, 2024
12:30 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.
2300 County Center Drive, La Plaza A, Room A212
Santa Rosa, California 95404

Zoom link:

<https://sonomacounty.zoom.us/j/95452631348?pwd=amRpWng4Ykc4YkhCRWV3WEtEb2RxZz09>

<u>Absent (In alphabetical order)</u>	<u>In attendance (In alphabetical order)</u>
<p>Brandon Hart – TPW – Integrated Waste/ Sonoma</p> <p>Brian Bauer- Resynergi</p> <p>Casey Fritz- Zero Waste Marin</p> <p>Emily Harris- Recycology</p> <p>Jennifer Lyle, Sonoma County</p> <p>Katie Cushwa- Zero Waste Sonoma</p> <p>Leslye Choate- LEA</p> <p>Luana Pinasco- Committee member</p> <p>Patti Moore- PRCC</p> <p>Pheobe Schenker- Reuse Alliance</p> <p>Portia Sinnott, Zero Waste USA</p> <p>Terry Taylor- town of Windsor</p> <p>Trish Pisenti- Sonoma County</p> <p>Dan Nobel- Association of Compost Producers</p> <p>Alyssa Messer – 3rd District Rep</p> <p>Leslie Lukacs – Zero Waste Sonoma</p> <p>Aryam Blanco- Sonoma County Environmental Health</p>	<p>Celia Furber- Recology (zoom)</p> <p>J. Glen Morelli – TPW – Integrated Waste</p> <p>Liz Bortolotto – Chair, Clean Water Rep</p> <p>Lisa Mekis- Carpet Recycling Program</p> <p>Max Bridges- League of Women Voters</p> <p>Samantha Stevens- County of Sonoma/LEA</p> <p>Sloane Pagal- Zero Waste Sonoma</p> <p>Stu Clark – 4th District Rep</p> <p>Xinci Tan – Zero Waste Sonoma (by phone)</p> <p>Taryn Obaid - Marketing</p> <p>Megan Hernandez – Napa Valley ZW Collective</p> <p>Bob Cipolla – Berrybrook HOA</p> <p>Kyle Larue- Director of Zero Waste and Compliance at CCNB</p> <p>Gregg Carr- 1st District Rep</p> <p>Kristen Sales – ZWS</p> <p>Xinci Tan – ZWS</p> <p>Renae Gundy- City of Santa Rosa (zoom)</p> <p>Michael Anderson- Marketing and Recycling Historian</p> <p>Hugo Mata- SOS and LatinX Hub</p> <p>Arthur Deicke- EPS</p> <p>Amber Johnson- Zero Waste Sonoma</p> <p>Luana Pinasco – District Rep</p> <p>Dino Zanolini – Soiland Co Inc.</p> <p>Tasha Wright – City of Santa Rosa (zoom)</p> <p>Alissa Johnson – SCRR (Zoom)</p> <p>Courtney Scott - ZWS</p>

Item
I. Welcome & Introductions
<p>II. Household Hazardous Waste Update – Courtney Scott</p> <p>SOLAR PANEL COLLECTION EVENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant from CalRecycle for Residential Solar Panel Recycling for 6 collection events • Next one is Sonoma in April, and Healdsburg in May • Have had 4 so far in Petaluma and Santa Rosa, 38 for reuse and over 100 for recycling • Working with CCNB to host events

- Working with Habitat for Humanity for resale the panels that are still in working condition. Panels are donated to Habitat, and they are sold to the public.
- Panels are containerized at CCNB then sent to ERI in Fresno. Non-working panels get crunched mechanically then the metals, glass, and other materials get separated
- Panels should have minimum 50% capacity for reuse
- DTSC has approved 4 companies for recycling in CA, but not all companies ARE recycling here → more efficient recycling methods are being used out of state
- Aside from this program there are no options for recycling these residential panels in Sonoma County. They are considered Universal waste.
- Learning a lot through this pilot program which will inform us how to proceed with a permanent program. Seems to be a bigger need for the recycling as opposed to reuse where there are already markets available.

ZWS OWNS NEW PROPERTY IN WINDSOR

- ZWS is now owners of property in Windsor that will eventually become an HHW facility
- The planning and permit process will take time and we are considering how we might also collect other hard to recycle materials, and offer workshops, etc. in the future

ZWS IS CONSIDERING CO-SPONSORING AN EPR BILL ON MARINE FLARES

- Senator Blakespear of San Diego is sponsoring this bill
- ZWS staff is bringing this item to the Board next week for discussion and direction
- Stu Clarke asked if this ordinance would apply to used or unused marine flares, and Courtney said she will look into it
- Coast Guard will not accept expired marine flares so this cost falls to the owner, the municipality, and in our case locally, ZWS
- Cost as low as \$13 to purchase new, and cost to dispose is \$400-500
- There is an LED option that is very bright and approved by coastguard for night time use, but not daytime use. No safe daytime option for boaters for LED Marine Flares

III. Approval of draft minutes from December 14, 2023, meeting

Mike Anderson- identified some typos in past minutes, and motion to approve with changes. “pays” “optical” item 7, and motioned to approved

Mike Anderson seconded

Motion passed with aye votes from all who were in attendance

IV. Elections for 2024, Chair, Vice Chair, and Chair Pro Tem

- Stu motioned to keep all positions the same for 2024
- Seconded by Art Deicke
- All in favor
- Celia thanked Liz for her service as chair

V. Guest presentation: Megan Hernandez, Napa Valley Zero Waste Collective

- **Presentation:**
 - Trex and Wine Service Co-Op is collecting, baling and storing clean, dry and non-biodegradable plastic wrap at two Napa Valley locations from any winery that wants to participate
 - There are some Sonoma Valley wineries dropping off at their Napa warehouse
 - Trex will pick up full 53’ truckloads and pay per pound of plastic
 - The co-op has balers
 - Trex has a system for people without balers to contribute
 - 1 pallet = 1 lb of plastic wrap
 - 1 million cases worth of bulk wine = 48 bales
 - 53’ truck = 40 bales @ 750-1000 lbs each = \$4200-5600/truck
 - Main plastic sources → bulk wine, barrels, cased wine and other goods
 - Megan wants to find a Sonoma County solution. Requires space for storage and baling, but it’s a simple program to run

- PET Label Liners: long plastic sheet/sticker
- Currently in discussions with Avery Dennison & UPM Raflatac about their PET liner recycling programs Avery Dennison has a Fairfield drop-off location (participants have to pay a fee for gaylords)
- UPM Raflatac will do a “milk run” to pick up ideally 40,000 lbs in 24 gaylords. Min run of 8.
- 1,000,000 bottles = 83,000 cases = ¾ gaylord
- Many challenges and opportunities to expanding the program both in Napa and Sonoma Counties
- megan@bayardfoxselections.com

VI. Landfill Expansion Stakeholder Workshop – Glenn Morelli, Public Infrastructure – Integrated Waste

- Delayed due to trying to define what this overall project is going to look like
- All regional facilities are part of our local materials management system
- Intricacies of this project are complex and require more time to determine
- Expecting a stakeholder workshop in summer 2024
- Glenn will provide another update on this at the next LTF meeting
- Gregg – wondering if there is any thought to look at alternative landfill sites outside of the current location in case there are issues?
- Glenn: Environmental review and permitting are extremely difficult.
- Stu: the existing central site has a good amount of expansion capacity so that’s an important consideration
- Glenn: working with ZWS to increase opportunities for recycling is a continual effort alongside the landfill expansion

VII. Update on Compost Facility / Compost Hubs – Xinci Tan, ZWS

Presentation:

- Republic wants to install a depackager at Central Landfill to take out the packaging before that organic material gets sent to Richmond compost facility
- Republic was awarded a grant for this Mega Thor preprocessing machine to remove plastic and packaging from the food.
- Stu: The material that comes out of this machine can go to a wastewater treatment plant to become a soil amendment product, or possibly it would go to RNG instead. The depackager results in a much cleaner product with more options for what to do with it. The facility is going through a permit review for this change.
- Xinci: residential material is already clean compared to commercial, so not necessary to send all green material through Mega Thor
- Samantha Stevens – permit for this machine is almost ready for LEA approval, which is needed before Republic can purchase the Mega Thor
- Stu: building permit review is still needed, plus air permitting – and these are time consuming and challenging. Republic has already started air permit process.
- Compost Facility – Xinci
 - Sonoma County Airport site – at the beginning of January the BoS approved an agreement with SCS engineers to do t
- Compost hubs – Xinci
 - The contracts between ZWS and compost facilities allow for an allotment of finished compost for Sonoma county residents.
 - Xinci is trying to move away from the one-day compost giveaway events because they are not always accessible to everyone, and cars often idle while they wait.
 - Instead there are plans to make more permanent sites where the public can go and get compost and also help loading it if needed.
 - One compost hub will be in Cotati and one will be at the CMOSC, and there are other sites being considered for the future. These sites can also be educational to help residents understand the importance of keeping their green bin material free of contamination

VIII. Update on Infrastructure Committee, Trip to Resynergi in Santa Rosa on 2/16

- Resynergi is a local company that takes in waste plastic and reduces it to molecules. A form of chemical recycling. A thermal conversion technology with no air and no oxygen. Pyrolysis but through microwaves and not open flame. End product is a liquid for food grade plastic product or fuel.
- This is an open tour – RSVP to Terry Taylor
- There was a recent Press Democrat article on this topic on January 14
- Liz will send out the tour information to the LTF

IX. Public Comments

- No public comments

XI. Member Announcements

- Xinci – has been working as part of SB 1383 there is a paper procurement requirement that jurisdictions purchase minimum 30% recycled content paper products. Has been working with county departments to adhere to this requirement.
- Celia – Zero Waste Symposium is on May 2, 2024 at Somo Village in Rohnert Park
- Celia – Recology is hiring for a Waste Zero Specialist
- Sloane – the next Repair Fair is on 2/17 at the SR Central library from 10am-1pm
- Max – rotary is having a drawing for a big trip to Croatia or fishing trip to Alaska

XII. Next Regular Meeting Date/Suggestions for Agenda Items

April 11, 2024

XIII. Adjournment

Art Diecke- motion to adjourn

Max Bridges - seconded

Meeting Adjourned at 2:03

*PUBLIC COMMENTS: Members of the public desiring to speak on items that are within the jurisdiction of the Local Task Force shall have an opportunity during each regular meeting of the Local Task Force. When recognized by the Chair, each person should give his/her name and address and limit comments to 3 minutes, with the discretion of the Chair to modify that time limit.