

## Minutes

### AB 939 LOCAL TASK FORCE REGULAR MEETING Thursday, February 10, 2022 Public Zoom Video Meeting and Call-in Option

#### I. Welcome & Introductions

Meeting called to order at 1:34

Liz Bortolotto – Chair  
Stu Clark – 4<sup>th</sup> District Rep  
Brandon Hart – TPW – Integrated Waste  
Glen Morelli – TPW – Integrated Waste  
Leslie Lukacs – Zero Waste Sonoma  
Xinci Tan – Zero Waste Sonoma  
Celia Furber – Recology  
Joey Hejnowicz – City of Santa Rosa  
Portia Sinnott – Zero Waste USA  
Hugo Mata – Soluna Outreach Solutions  
Max Bridges – League of Women Voters  
Alyssa Messer – 3<sup>rd</sup> District Rep  
Sunny Galbraith – 350 Sonoma County  
Michael Siminitus – Waste Busters / Sudbusters  
Terry Taylor - WeAct

Moment of silence for will Bakx

#### II. Approval of draft minutes from December 9, 2021 meeting

Passed unanimously; those that were not in attendance abstained.

#### III. Proposal of an Amendment to the County Non-Disposal Facility Element (NDFE)

- Recology update from the Environmental Manager
- No capital expense except some repaving and other expenses, they would need to increase staff, increase in recycling rates
- The material currently going that they are trying to make availability for- it is just a transfer station before it is sent to a recycling center. Most of it is taken to the recycling facility in Santa Rosa and San Jose.
- Proposal to tons per day at the Petaluma BLV South Recology Marin increased to 220 tons per day accepted.

#### IV. SB 1383 (Local Assistance Grant, Compost Events, etc.), Xinci Tan

- Cal recycle released an application for this grant for the jurisdiction to use in implementation.
- Money has yet to come down, but ideally this will be approved by April

- Cal Recycle will need to know if there are any amendments to the proposed budgets in advance.
- Upcoming composting events throughout Sonoma County TBD. A

## V. Zero Waste Week, Leslie Lukacs

- Zero waste week will be in the last week of July.
- Collaboration and scheduling events with partners- movie screenings, trash and fashion show, compost training, Hugo doing Spanish outreach, Community Bikes will hold an event or class.
- It is not intended for us to be at every event. It is a way to reach out to the community (Windsor, Spanish speaking communities, etc.)
- This will lead up to the symposium, which is scheduled for 7/29/22
- Sunny Galbraith- she has student presenters who has been presenting to different community groups. Trying to reach Mayor and council members this evening
- Looking for keynote speaker recommendations and topics- Email Liz or a shared google doc to share idea (See folder for zero waste week)

## VI. Potential Work Plan Items for LTF in 2022 Continued, Stu Clark

- Subcommittee to focus on a particular subject or project
- Last meeting we discussed:
  - Buying guide for recyclability and compostability
  - Advocacy group for diversion projects
  - Advocacy to reach zero waste goals as infrastructure is not sufficient to meet that goal
- Support in raising some rates and helping the community see the value and meeting goals
- This would require extra volunteer time and commitment with task items assigned to the group items and work.
- Leslie Lukacs- The Biden infrastructure bill and pulled out components to recycling and 15M dollars being directed to infrastructure.
  - This can be a great collaboration with the LTF and role the members can play
  - Funding will trickle through in months
  - A sub committee will need to be in order for projects
  - Stu- Would be great to get information about which would look great for what resources we can direct people to. Time would need to be spend on research in order to make those recommendations.
- Considerations for an ad hoc working committee for investigation into the potential infrastructure plan funds (infrastructure plan fund committee)
  - Motion to create this committee approved.
  - Potential members- Terry (chair), Portia, Liz, Leslie, Stu, Alyssa (to join later)

## VII. SoCo Bioresource Management Collaborative, Dan Noble

- Postpone to the next meeting

## VIII. LTF Elections for 2022

- Chair – Portia nominated Liz Bortolotto for the Chair position

- Vice Chair – Liz nominated Celia Furber for the Vice Chair position
- Pro Tem Chair – motion to approve Mike Anderson
- Motion for members to continue their positions as listed, passed unanimously

## IX. Update on LTF Membership / Bylaws, Liz Bortolotto

- Should we broach the topic of when we would need to start meeting in person again?
- Potential for next meeting as a tour.
- County and other orgs still identifying policy and norms for transition to in-person
- Attrition may not clear if due to zoom or natural stressors
- Field trips may be a great avenue to explore for collaboration and education
- To be revisited in the future. If we do adjust the location in conjunction with a field trip, accessibility for the public should be kept in mind as this is still a public meeting.
- Outreach to create greater diversity in the group could be an avenue for exploration.

## X. Public Comments

None

## XI. Member Announcements

- Liz – February 26<sup>th</sup> Stony Point Rd. Adopt a Road cleanup and get together following
- Portia – NCRA Recycling Update scheduled for March 15<sup>th</sup> online and in person

## XII. Next Regular Meeting Date – April 14, 2022

## XIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:52 pm.