



Minutes of the June 18, 2026 Meeting

Zero Waste Sonoma met on June 18, 2026, at the City of Santa Rosa Council Chambers, 100 Santa Rosa Ave., Santa Rosa, California.

Board Members Present:

City of Cloverdale – Andrés Marquez
City of Cotati – ABSENT
City of Healdsburg – Larry Zimmer
City of Petaluma – Patrick Carter
City of Rohnert Park – Emily Sanborn

City of Santa Rosa – ABSENT
City of Sebastopol – Sandra Maurer
City of Sonoma – Jack Ding
County of Sonoma – Rebecca Hermosillo
Town of Windsor – JB Leep

Staff Present:

Executive Director: Leslie Lukacs
Counsel: Ethan Walsh
Staff: Thora Collard, Kristen Scott, Xinci Tan, Katherine Cushwa, Courtney Scott, Sloane Pagal, Rajesh Jyothiswaran
Agency Clerk: Amber Johnson

1. Call to Order Closed Session 8:31 a.m.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Gov. Code § 54957(b)(1))
Title: Executive Director

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Gov. Code § 54957.6)
Agency designated representative: Ethan Walsh, Agency Counsel
Unrepresented employee: Executive Director

2. Adjourn Closed Session at 9:09 a.m.

3. Call to Order Regular Meeting

Regular session was called to order at 9:15 a.m.
Introductions

Rebecca Hermosillo arrived at 9:20 a.m.

4. Agenda Approval

5. Public Comments (items not on the agenda)

None

6. Consent (w/attachments)

- 6.1 Minutes of the May 21, 2026 Meeting
- 6.2 May, June, and July 2026 Outreach Calendar
- 6.3 Budget Adjustment to the FY 25/26 Budget for Organics Transportation and Processing

Board Comment:

None

Public Comments:

None

Motion: For approval of the consent calendar.

First: County of Sonoma – Rebecca Hermosillo

Second: City of Petaluma – Patrick Carter

Vote Count:

City of Cloverdale	AYE	City of Santa Rosa	ABSENT
City of Cotati	ABSENT	City of Sebastopol	AYE
City of Healdsburg	AYE	City of Sonoma	AYE
City of Petaluma	AYE	County of Sonoma	AYE
City of Rohnert Park	AYE	Town of Windsor	AYE

AYES -8- NOES -0- ABSENT -2- ABSTAIN -0-

Motion passed.

Regular Calendar

7. Agreement with The Compost Depot to Provide Technical, On-Site Composting Workshops

Board Comments/Action Items:

- Are there any proposed workshops located in Sebastopol?
- Can the workshops be available on the website once completed?
- Would this be copromoted like the eco-wise series workshops were?
- The jurisdictions would like to promote this; can we please get notice when the workshops go live?
- What proposed workshop location is closest to Cloverdale?
- Largely we are searching for farms, vineyards, or agricultural producers to attend these workshops.
- Would these sites be proposed as long term relationships?
- How will this information be reached to the farms who could benefit from these workshops?
- Suggestion to investigate locations further north to serve the communities.

Public Comments:

- None

Motion: Move to approve the Agreement to Provide Technical, On-Site Composting Workshops to The Compost Depot.

First: City of Petaluma – Patrick Carter

Second: City of Sebastopol – Sandra Maurer

Vote Count:

City of Cloverdale	AYE	City of Santa Rosa	ABSENT
City of Cotati	ABSENT	City of Sebastopol	AYE
City of Healdsburg	AYE	City of Sonoma	AYE
City of Petaluma	AYE	County of Sonoma	AYE
City of Rohnert Park	AYE	Town of Windsor	AYE

AYES -8- NOES -0- ABSENT -2- ABSTAIN -0-

Motion passed.

8. Informational Presentation from CRV Operators Regarding Recent Program Changes in Sonoma County

Board Comments/Action Items:

- There is a system like this in Windsor currently operating. It was a very difficult process to get this in operation. Please explain how this operation turns into a profit.
- With the option for donation, it is a real positive opportunity.
- With the partnerships you have made, why are there not more locations available?
- What are your most northern locations? Is there interest in opening more locations in the north?
- Are there geographic gaps for services in Sonoma County?
- How will this system provide assistance for those without access to smartphones?
- Do you feel it is necessary for legislators to make better regulations policies?
- Why are these recycling centers becoming more available?
- Has there been vandalism of the container or litter concerns? Have animals attempted to get into the systems or have they been affected by the addition of the container?
- Suggestion to push the word out on the donation aspect of UCPNB and use the jurisdictions to help with that.
- Have you spoken with the corporate grocers on distributing bags for crv redemption?
- Enforcement needs to be enhanced on the large grocers who will not collect or assist with collection.
- What can the jurisdiction assist with getting more of these up and running?
- Petaluma will be distributing the collection bags at city hall.
- Are there any plans for operation in the City of Sonoma?
- Is it possible that staff can be on site one day a week at the locations so that residents that do not have access to technology can use the container?
- What does the website look like for the users? Are languages other than English available?
- Have you connected with Sonoma County Economic Development Board for getting bags in stores?
- How does this system interact with the franchise agreements with the haulers?
- Do the bags need to contain separate materials? For example, cans in one bag?

- Where can folks get resources for assistance that have not used the system?
- Who is the target audience for the facility opening in Napa?

Public Comments:

- None

9. Boardmember Comments

- The Petaluma Fair begins today through Sunday.

10. Executive Director Report – VERBAL REPORT

11. Staff Comments – NO ACTION

12. Next ZWS meeting: July 16, 2026

13. Adjourn: 10:57 am

Submitted by: Amber Johnson