

**Minutes
AB 939 LOCAL TASK FORCE
PUBLIC MEETING
Thursday, June 11, 2026
12:30 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.
New location ZWS
Santa Rosa, California 95404
Zoom link:**

<https://sonomacounty.zoom.us/j/88273613349?pwd=5xvBM6slCEwrTrbOeZtnwh8vCdCKk5.1>

<u>Absent (In alphabetical order)</u>	<u>In attendance (In alphabetical order)</u>
Alissa Johnson – Solid Waste Industry Alyssa Messer – 3rd District Rep Arthur Deicke- EPS Ayram Blanco - LEA Bob Besso- Community Member Bob Cipolla- Community Member Catherine Dodd- families advocating for chemical and toxic safety fact Chloe Ballard- Town of Windsor Derek Trowbridge – Agriculture Industry Emily Harris- Recology Erik Billing – City of Sebastopol Jennifer Lyle, SPI Kristina Owens – Town of Windsor Kristyn Byrne – Recycling Organization Kyle LaRue- Education Representative Leslye Choate- LEA Luana Pinasco - 4th District Rep Mark Soiland- City of Cotati Representative Sloane Pagal- Zero Waste Sonoma Tasha Wright- City of Santa Rosa	Amanda Rivers- Resource Recovery Celia Furber- Recology Dan Nobel- Association of Compost Producers Greg Carr- 1st district rep J. Glen Morelli – TPW – Integrated Waste Leslie Lukacs – Zero Waste Sonoma Liz Bortolotto – Chair Marie Kneemeyer- Recology Michael Anderson- Marketing and Recycling Historian Portia Sinnot – Member of the Public Rajesh Jyothiswaran- Zero Waste Sonoma County Samantha Stevens- LEA Spring Maxfield - Santa Rosa Urban Arts Partnership, Reuseable Foodware Pilot Stu Clark – 4th District Rep Sydney Simonson- Sonoma Garbage Collectors Taryn Obaid- Climate Change Org. Tiffany Seder- SPI Xinci Tan – Zero Waste Sonoma

1. Welcome & Introductions

The meeting began with a discussion about signing in procedures and the need to administer oaths of office to board members, which had not been done since 2013. LTF Chair, Liz Bortolotto explained that this was required by the Brown Act and distributed papers for board members to sign and take the oath collectively. After the oath was administered, the group noted that there was no official note-taker for the meeting, though the session was being transcribed.

2. Approval of draft minutes from April 09, 2026, meeting
Motion to approve passed unanimously

3. Compost Coalition Update, Dan Noble

Dan reported on the California Compost Coalition's activities, including recent events at Old World

Winery and Captain Clay's Worm Farm, and plans for an upcoming Association of Compost Producers (ACP) compost caravan event in the North Bay region involving Marin and Napa counties. The discussion concluded with questions about the Stage Gulch composting project's status, where Dan clarified that while the project had completed an EIR, it was still undergoing CEQA review by Permit Sonoma.

4. Guest Presenter, Spring Maxwell, Reuseable Foodware Pilot

Spring Maxwell presented her initiative to implement reusable cups and dishes at events in Sonoma County, motivated by her 30-year history of organizing events and growing concerns about plastic waste. She outlined her plans to partner with local organizations like fraternal groups and Finley Center to provide washing facilities, leveraging existing resources rather than creating new products. Spring discussed her progress with Zero Waste Sonoma, including applying for a \$600 grant and plans to test the program at Railroad Square Music Festival with Recology and Green Mary. She focused on two main topics: reusable cup initiatives and SB 54 plastic packaging regulations. Spring discussed Zero Waste Sonoma's efforts to reduce landfill waste through reusable cups, including taking possession of purple cups from Petaluma and working with the fairgrounds for the upcoming Harvest Fair in October. The discussion highlighted challenges with proper sorting and storage of reusable items, with a reference to Michael Seminitis data noting that contamination rates reach 30% without on-site staff to manage the program.

5. SB 54 Update, Leslie Lukacs

Leslie provided a comprehensive update on SB 54, California's Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Act, explaining the requirements for single-use packaging to be recyclable, compostable, or source-reduced by specific dates through 2030. The law affects producers, recyclers, haulers, and local governments, with 95 product categories now requiring compliance. Key challenges discussed included determining reasonable end markets for materials, potential exemptions for certain items like poly-lined paper and meat absorbent pads, and concerns about how certain products meet the 60% recycling requirement threshold. Leslie identified the need for further collaboration between jurisdictions and haulers to address these complexities before the December 31st compliance deadline.

The meeting covered updates on recycling accountability. Leslie explained that SB54 holds producers accountable for recyclability claims, though producers are unhappy with the law and may file lawsuits.

Leslie will provide an update at the August LTF meeting regarding the SB 54 draft plan review and joint JPA comments/letter.

6. Marin LTF Update, Celia Furber

Celia provided an update on Marin County's Local Task Force (LTF), describing its structure with three subcommittees and ongoing work on landfill expansion issues. They function much like we do. One difference is that they have a committee that focuses on a letter writing campaign to push local legislators to enact zero waste policies.

7. RFQ for On-Site Composting Workshops, Xinci Tan

Xinci announced that Zero Waste Sonoma will award a \$45,000 contract to Compost Depot to provide technical composting workshops for farmers and vineyards, addressing regional composting

capacity issues. The proposal was accepted by Compost Depot. They proposed 8 sites for local composting.

8. LTF Recruitment to Broaden Representation

The group discussed challenges in recruiting diverse representation for the LTF, particularly younger members and representatives from underrepresented communities, with plans to address this topic in more detail at the next meeting on August 13th.

9. Public Comments*

No public comments

10. Member Announcements and Comments

No Member announcements and/or comments

11. Next Regular Meeting Date/Suggestions for Agenda Items -

August 13, 2026

12. Adjournment

Motion: passed unanimously

*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.