

AB 939 LOCAL TASK FORCE

Public Meeting Minutes – October 9, 2025

12:30 PM – 2:00 PM | 400 Aviation Blvd, Greenhouse Conference Room | Santa Rosa, CA

Zoom: <https://sonomacounty.zoom.us/j/92320238206?pwd=sEUkXzXc6DBib4rwFSMQbhM3B90Vej.1>

Attendance

Present

Alissa Johnson – Resource Recovery

Alyssa Messer – 3rd District Rep

Amanda Rivers – Resource Recovery
Arthur Deicke – EPS
Bob Cipolla – Community Member
Brian Bauer – Resynergi
Chloe Ballard – City of Windsor
Catherine Dodd – Families Advocating
Chemical & Toxic Safety
Celia Furber – Recology
Dan Noble – Association of Compost
Producers
Greg Carr – 1st District Rep
Liz Bortolotto – Chair
Michael Anderson – Marketing and
Recycling Historian
Regina Guerra – Be The Earth

Samantha Stevens – LEA

Sloan Pagal – Zero Waste Sonoma
Stu Clark – 4th District Rep
Tiffany Seder – Sonoma County Public
Infrastructure

Absent

Annie Stuart – Clean Water Organization,
Member of Public
Courtney Scott – Zero Waste Sonoma
County
Danielle Walsh – Sonoma County LEA
Dylan Resig – Resynergi
Emily Harris – Recology
Jennifer Lyle – Sonoma County
J. Glen Morelli – TPW – Integrated Waste
Katie Cushwa – Zero Waste Sonoma

Kristen Sales – Zero Waste
Kyle LaRue – Director of Zero Waste and
Compliance
Leslie Lukacs – Zero Waste Sonoma
Leslye Choate – LEA
Luana Pinasco – 4th District Rep

Mark Soiland – City of Cotati
Representative
Rajesh Jyothiswaran – Zero Waste Sonoma
County
Renee Gundy – City of Santa Rosa
Taryn Obaid – Climate Change Organization
Tasha Wright – City of Santa Rosa (Water
Dept)
Trish Pesenti – Sonoma County
Xinci Tan – Zero Waste Sonoma

Agenda Items

1. Welcome:

Welcome & Introductions. The meeting was called to order, and attendees introduced themselves.

2. Approval:

Minutes from the August 14, 2025, meeting were approved. Motion by Mike Anderson, seconded by Stu Clark. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Guest Presenter, Regina Guerra, Be the Earth:

Regina provided an overview of Natural Organic Reduction, a sustainable alternative to burial or cremation. The process takes about eight weeks, producing one cubic yard of compost. Key points included lower emissions, moderate cost (\$5–8K), and CA legalization under AB 351. Members discussed licensing, environmental benefits, and public education opportunities.

4. Compost Coalition:

Presentation by Dan Noble was rescheduled.

5. Zero Waste Week:

Sloane Pagal shared updates on the 4th annual Zero Waste Week. 80+ events in Sonoma and Marin through October, including tours, workshops, and reuse fairs. A new Reuse Hub opens at Petaluma Outlet Mall. Campaigns funded via RMDZ will launch in October. Members discussed future coordination and outreach opportunities.

6. Artificial Turf Ad-Hoc Subcommittee:

Chloe Ballard reported on the Artificial Turf Ad-Hoc Committee's work. The discussion focused on waste and landfill impacts, emphasizing that recommendations remain within the solid waste scope. A motion was made to hold a special meeting on November 6, 2025, from 12–1 PM in the Greenhouse Conference Room to review the Ad-Hoc Committee's presentation before submission to Zero Waste Sonoma.

Motion by Alyssa Messer to hold a special LTF meeting to review the Artificial Turf Ad-Hoc committees' presentation, seconded by Arthur Deicke. Motion passed unanimously.

7. CA State Legislative Review:

Alyssa Messer presented updates on state legislation relevant to solid waste and microplastics. Members noted the pending microplastics bill and potential amendments regarding glitter and related products.

8. Public Comments:

Brian Bauer (Resynergi) shared updates on company operations and relocation plans within California.

9. Member Announcements:

Liz Bortolotto announced a roadside cleanup on Sunday as part of Zero Waste Week. Arthur Deicke invited members to visit goats at the reuse fair. Chloe Ballard shared updates on the Windsor artificial turf presentation and provided a link for members.

10. Next Meeting:

A special meeting will be held November 6, 2025, from 12–1 PM to review the Artificial Turf Ad-Hoc Committee's presentation.

The next regular meeting is December 11, 2025 from 12:30-2:00.

11. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Alyssa Messer, seconded by Stu Clark. Motion passed.