

## Minutes

### AB 939 LOCAL TASK FORCE REGULAR MEETING Thursday, October 14, 2021 Public Zoom Video Meeting and Call-in Option

Meeting Recording: <https://sonomacounty.zoom.us/rec/share/1QTV49r65TGqi1fqsgOFdAl-L4hkZB17UTSI71UXCbGtYAZ3qcXo8GhXXsRnupZe.oPQPSKunbGdKG5cG> Passcode: ^#g4V6xF

#### Welcome & Introductions

Meeting called to order at 1:31

Liz Bortolotto – Chair  
Jennifer Lyle – Sonoma County LEA  
Joey Hejnowicz – City of Santa Rosa  
Patty Moore – President of PRCC  
Jennifer Lyle – LEA Sonoma County  
Theresa Ryan – Sierra Club  
Todd Sutton – Waste Sleuth  
Annie Sherman – Oliver’s Market  
Tasha Wright – City of Santa Rosa (Water Dept)  
Arthur Deicke – Science Advisor  
Sunny Galbraith – City of Sebastopol  
Celia Furber – Recology  
Brandon Hart - TPW  
Glenn Moreilli - TPW  
Leslie Lukacs – Zero Waste Sonoma  
Xinci Tan – Zero Waste Sonoma  
Paige Pedri – Zero Waste Sonoma  
Portia Sinnott – Zero Waste USA  
Mike Anderson – Marketing and Recycling Historian  
Chris Nottechamper – Republic Operations Mgr  
Brian Bauer – ReSynergi  
Alyssa Messer

#### I. [Approval of draft minutes from June 10, 2021 meeting](#)

Motion made by Celia Furber. Seconded by Mike Anderson. Passed unanimously; those who were not in attendance abstained.

#### II. [Legislative Presentation: Celia Furber, Recology](#)

- Celia presented an overview of the recent circular economy bills signed by the Governor Newsome in October:
- From the \$15 billion climate package sent to the Governor for signature, \$270 million was included to support circular economy including the passage of the following:
  - SB 343: Prohibits packaging from including the “chasing arrows” or other recyclability claims unless approved by CalRecycle standards.

- SB 619: Municipalities can get an extension to avoid fines in 2022 if they have not fully complied with new organics recycling regulations under SB 1383.
- Xinci pointed out she is not expecting any Sonoma County jurisdictions to apply for the extension.
- AB 652: Bans the sale or distribution of products for children, such as car seats and cribs, that use of toxic PFAS, beginning July 1, 2023.
- AB 881: Ends the classification of exported scrap plastic as "recycled". Low-value plastic exports must be labeled and tracked as "disposal." and will NOT count toward California's recycling goals.
- AB 962: By Jan 1, 2024, allows refillable beverage containers to be returned and washed for reuse as part of the state's redemption program, instead of being crushed.
- AB 1200: Prohibits disposable food packaging from containing added PFAS and requires cookware manufacturers to disclose the presence of PFAS.
- AB 1201: Ensures products labeled "compostable" are actually compostable. By Jan 1, 2024, CalRecycle will make determinations, and by Jan 1, 2026, will adopt regulations.
- AB 1276: Effective June 1, 2022 – Prohibits restaurants from providing single-use foodservice ware, condiments, or plastic straws unless the customer requests it.
- Additional recently signed bills:
- AB 707: Provides significant financial incentives for consumers and service technicians to return old mercury containing thermostats to collection points. Also requires shipping boxes for transportation and proper disposal be provided at no charge to HHW facilities, wholesalers, and retailers.
- AB 818: Requires that premoistened, nonwoven disposable wipes manufactured on or after July 1, 2022, to be labeled clearly and conspicuously with the phrase "Do Not Flush" and a related symbol, as specified.

### III. Update on Disposable Foodware Ordinances – Xinci Tan, ZWS

- The County of Sonoma adopted the Disposable Food Service Ware and Polystyrene Foam Model Ordinance on 9/28/21
- The only jurisdiction that has not yet adopted the ordinance is Rohnert Park. To our knowledge, no date is scheduled for the City Council to review it.
- Sebastopol will be voting on an amendment to their existing ordinance to prohibit PFAS and align with Santa Rosa's food ware ordinance, specifically requiring reusables for dine-in customers. Council meeting scheduled for 11/2/21.
- Santa Rosa's ordinance will be going into effect Jan 1, 2022, requiring all dine-in restaurants to use re-usables.
- Zero Waste Sonoma is offering REUSABLE FOOD WARE GRANTS. Local food and beverage service providers can receive grants up to \$250 for reimbursement for eligible reusable foodware expenditures. <https://zerowastesonoma.gov/reusable-foodware-grant>
- Public is welcome to submit complaints about businesses who are not complying with the ordinance and also for recognizing the businesses that go above and beyond to promote zero waste practices.

- <https://zerowastesonoma.gov/waste-policies/disposable-food-service-ware-and-polystyrene-model-ordinance-forms?locale=en>
- Zero Waste Sonoma Staff will be developing a program to highlight businesses in the community that are “Zero Waste Heros.” Details will be provided at a future meeting.

#### IV. Update pm ZWNB Adopt-A-Roadway Project – Liz Bortolotto

- It is expected that the Adopt a Roadway sign will soon be installed on Stony Point Road for Zero Waste North Bay Group. Another cleanup day will be announced, likely in November before heavy rainfalls.
- The Next Zero Waste Northbay meeting will be November 3 from 3 pm to 4:30 pm
- Anyone interested may attend via Zoom:  
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73201462502?pwd=T0VJbnRjdnNVM3NDWEiSWRNYm92Zz09>  
 (Meeting ID: 732 0146 2502 Passcode: R3r85f)

#### V. Update on Non-Disposal Facility Element

- Atlas Tree Recycling Facility submitted a letter to the Agency requesting a change to the NDFE of our County Integrated Waste Management Plan (CoIWMP). No action required.
- Recology also submitted a change request for the NDFE for their South Petaluma Blvd. transfer station facility to increase the permitted tonnage from 99 to 500 tons per day. **This point may not have been noted at the meeting but the record should show that the proposed changed was shared with the group as an attached letter in the LTF agenda packet.**

#### VI. Public Comments

None

#### VII. Member Announcements

- Liz Bortolotto said that the Task Force members names will soon be on the County’s website. She stated that there were about 20 vacant seats that could be filled and that some outreach should be done to encourage new members.
- Portia Sinnott announced the annual “Gift Away” sponsored by Zero Waste Action Committee of Sonoma County on November 28, 2021. This fun event features higher end re-usable items appropriate for gift giving – more information to come.

#### VIII. Next Regular Meeting Date – December 9, 2021

- Next ZWNB Meeting is November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3:00 to 4:30 pm.

#### IX. Adjournment

Portia Sinnott made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Todd Sutton. The meeting was adjourned at 2:59 pm.