



## Minutes of the January 29, 2026 Meeting

Zero Waste Sonoma met on January 29, 2026, at Zero Waste Sonoma, 195 Concourse Blvd., Santa Rosa, California.

### Board Members Present:

City of Cloverdale – Andrés Marquez  
City of Cotati – Sylvia Lemus  
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, Xinci Tan, Katherine Cushwa, Courtney Scott, Sloane Pagal, Rajesh Jyothiswaran, Kristen Sales  
Agency Clerk: Amber Johnson

### 1. Call to Order Special Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

### 2. Agenda Approval

#### Board Comment:

None

#### Public Comments:

None

**Motion:** For approval of the January 29, 2026 special meeting agenda.

**First:** City of Sonoma – Jack Ding

**Second:** County of Sonoma – Rebecca Hermosillo

#### Vote Count:

City of Cloverdale	AYE	City of Santa Rosa	ABSENT
City of Cotati	AYE	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 -9- NOES -0- ABSENT -1- ABSTAIN -0-

**Motion passed.**

**3. Public Comment (items not on the agenda)**

None

**Consent** (w/attachments)

None

**Regular Calendar**

**4. Ratification of Emergency Organics Processing Capacity Agreements**

**Board Comments/Action Items:**

- What percentage is the applicable budget entirely?
- Cold Creek Compost asked us to reduce the number of trucks through Jan 31<sup>st</sup>. What is the update on their end?
- The written report mentioned an estimated 17 truckloads need to be shipped out daily to haul material. In the verbal report it was mentioned that it may have changed to 5 truckloads. Can you please clarify?
- How does it impact the financials if the truckloads were reduced to 5?
- What is the original budget for the organic reserve fund?
- Is there an insurance safety net in place for this?
- Please explain the limit exceeded and under what rule.
- What is the prior notification time for special meetings?
- How often do the haulers and transfer stations change their rates?
- Could this happen again in the future?
- How will the cost impact the residences?
- The agreements are for a set period but then go from month to month. What is the plan with those moving forward?
- Can we diversify our service providers when we prepare our new agreements?
- How many grinders are at Cold Creek Compost and what caused them to break?
- What is the repair time frame?
- How much do repairs like this cost?
- Thank you to staff and those involved for solving this quickly.
- What is the update on the county compost facility project? Is there a way to expedite the permitting and opening?
- Time is extremely valuable when it comes to opening the county compost facility.

**Public Comments:**

- Logan Harvey, from Recology, appreciates staff for their hard work on getting the material moved quickly. Also, very appreciative of the parties involved taking the material.

**Motion:** For the ratification and approval of the two agreements executed by the Executive Director.

**First:** City of Petaluma – Patrick Carter

**Second:** City of Healdsburg – Larry Zimmer

**Vote Count:**

City of Cloverdale	AYE	City of Santa Rosa	ABSENT
City of Cotati	AYE	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 -9- NOES -0- ABSENT -1- ABSTAIN -0-

**Motion passed.**

**5. Boardmember Comments – NO ACTION**

**6. Next ZWS meeting: February 19, 2026**

**7. Adjourn: 9:32 am**

Submitted by: Amber Johnson