



Minutes of August 21, 2025 Meeting

Zero Waste Sonoma met on August 21, 2025, 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 – Susan Harvey
City of Healdsburg – Larry Zimmer
City of Petaluma – Patrick Carter
City of Rohnert Park – Emily Sanborn

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

Staff Present:

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

1. Call to Order Regular Meeting

Regular session was called to order at 9:10 a.m.

Introductions

JB Leep has a sudden contagious illness that did not occur until after the agenda had been posted. Per the Brown Act he has requested to participate in the meeting remotely. JB Leep has stated that there is no one present in the room with him at his location. He will participate in the meeting with his audio and visual technology on and working for the duration of the meeting.

Board Comment:

None

Public Comments:

None

Motion: To approve JB Leep to participate in the meeting remotely with his audio and visual on for the duration of the meeting.

First: City of Cotati – Susan Harvey

Second: City of Rohnert Park – Emily Sanborn

Vote Count:

City of Cloverdale	AYE	City of Santa Rosa	ABSENT
City of Cotati	AYE	City of Sebastopol	ABSENT

City of Healdsburg	AYE	City of Sonoma	AYE
City of Petaluma	AYE	County of Sonoma	AYE
City of Rohnert Park	AYE	Town of Windsor	ABSATAIN

AYES -7- NOES -0- ABSENT -2- ABSTAIN -1-
Motion passed.

2. Agenda Approval

3. Public Comments (items not on the agenda)

- Janice Karrman ran for district 3 city council seat in the November 5, 2024, general election. Attended the City of Santa Rosa special meeting session regarding the appeal of a gas station associated with a park and apartments. It was denied by the City of Santa Rosa planning commission in April. It was later appealed. She would like to commend Caroline Bañuelos and Victoria Fleming for voting no on the appeal.

4. Consent (w/attachments)

4.1 Minutes of the May 15, 2025 Meeting

4.2 June, July, August, and September 2025 Outreach Calendar

Board Comment:

None

Public Comments:

None

Motion: For approval of the consent calendar.

First: City of Cotati – Susan Harvey

Second: County of Sonoma – Rebecca Hermosillo

Vote Count:

City of Cloverdale	AYE	City of Santa Rosa	ABSENT
City of Cotati	AYE	City of Sebastopol	ABSENT
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

5. California Volunteers Youth Service Corps: Budget Adjustment and Grant Agreement between Sonoma County Waste Management Authority (SCWMA) and Conservation Corps North Bay (CCNB) [Sales]

Board Comments/Action Items:

- Do we have examples of the nonprofits that have assisted with the food that was gleaned?
- Thank you for the work with CCNB. The students really appreciate the employment and skills learned.

Public Comments:

None

Motion: To approve an adjustment to the FY 25/26 Budget, adding \$1,024,210 in grant funds from CalVolunteers to implement the Youth Service Corps program. In addition, approval of the grant agreement between SCWMA and CCNB for use of the CalVolunteers Youth Service Corps program, for a total of \$1,020,005.

First: City of Cotati – Susan Harvey

Second: City of Sonoma – Jack Ding

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City of Cotati	AYE	City of Sebastopol	ABSENT
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.

6. Request for Proposals to Conduct Technical Assistance for Education on Disposable Food Service Ware Ordinances in Sonoma County [Pagal]

Board Comments/Action Items:

- What is the outreach goal for technical assistance?
- How will the number of businesses contacted be determined?
- When business outreach has been completed, has there been follow up to see what progress has been made?
- Has there been outreach campaigns to advertise this program as complaint based?
- Jurisdictions may be willing to post on socials.
- How do we measure the success of this?
- If a business operator was interested in learning more, can they reach out through the online form?
- How can we encourage businesses for a job well done?
- Really appreciate the opportunity to develop a case study of five food service providers who switch from single-use food service ware items to reusable alternatives.

Public Comments:

None

Motion: To approve the public distribution of an RFP to Conduct Technical Assistance on Disposable Food Service Ware Ordinances in Sonoma County.

First: City of Cotati – Susan Harvey

Second: County of Sonoma – Rebecca Hermosillo

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City of Cotati	AYE	City of Sebastopol	ABSENT
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.

7. Boardmember Comments

- Thank you to Sloane Pagal and Phoebe Schenker from Reuse Alliance for bringing the first repair fair to Cloverdale in March of 2026.
- Thank you staff for organizing and scheduling the June 19, 2025, special meeting. The tour of the Central Landfill and Recology Sonoma Marin MRF was very educational.
- Reuse Alliance is opening a storefront reuse and repair fair in the Petaluma Outlet Mall soon.
- The reusable purple cups and water refill stations were used at the Petaluma fair in June. Approximately 1,600 cups were washed and reused during the fair. The Petaluma music festival also used about 1,800 cups shortly after. We are planning to continue using these reusable cups for future events to keep waste out of the landfill.

8. Executive Director Report – VERBAL REPORT

9. Staff Comments – NO ACTION

10. Next ZWS meeting: September 18, 2025

11. Adjourn: 9:48 a.m.

Submitted by: Amber Johnson