

## Minutes

### AB 939 LOCAL TASK FORCE REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, August 14, 2020

Public Zoom Video Meeting and Call-in Option

#### I. Welcome & Introductions

Chair Ken Wells called the meeting to order at 1:32 pm.

Attendees: Ken Wells – Sierra Club, Liz Bortolotto – Education/Legislation, J. Glenn Morelli – County of Sonoma, Greg Carr – 1<sup>st</sup> district, Max Bridges – League of Women Voters, Joey Hejnowicz – City of Santa Rosa, Leslie Lukacs – ZWS Executive Director, Xinci Tan – ZWS, Sloane Pagal – ZWS, Trish Pisenti – County of Sonoma, Dan Noble – Association of Compost Producers, Sunny Galbraith – Sebastopol, Stu Clark – 4<sup>th</sup> District, Brandon Hart – County of Sonoma, Kristina Owens – Windsor, Celia Furber – Solid Waste Industry.

#### II. Approval of draft minutes from February 13, 2020

The minutes were approved with one change to be corrected in the regular agenda. Joey Hejnowicz made the motion to approve. Stu Clark seconded the motion. Max, Greg, Dan, and Kristina abstained from the vote as they were not at the meeting. All others approved.

#### III. Update on Adoption of Model Polystyrene Ordinance

Sloane Pagal provided the update. Windsor, Cloverdale, Cotati and Healdsburg passed the ordinance. Petaluma passed the polystyrene portion but not the disposable food service ware part of the ordinance. Cotati will have second reading, Sonoma will have first reading in the fall. The County Board of Supervisors will have the presentation/reading by the end of the year. Joey presented to the Santa Rosa Climate Action Subcommittee in July. It was positively received; the subcommittee asked for additional research on compostable products – Joey will bring the ordinance back to that group for a vote to send to council in the next few months. Kristina asked if ZWS is considering delaying effective date. Sloane responded that moving it from January 1, 2021 to January 2022 would be a good idea to ease the burden on restaurants and maintain a concerted effective date across Sonoma County, since it hasn't yet been adopted in each jurisdiction.

#### IV. Update on Adoption of Zero Waste Resolutions

Sloane Pagal provided the update. The minutes from February stated that all cities passed the resolution except Rohnert Park. At this time, the City of Sonoma, the County of Sonoma, and City of Santa Rosa are expected to adopt the resolution by the end of the year.

#### V. Integrated Waste Management Plan Review and Comment

Leslie provided background on the document and the overlap with the Electronic Annual Report (EAR). Greg Carr asked ZWS to consider long-term planning and technical studies to reflect scenarios for the future depending on solid waste and diversion trends in the next 20 years. He said that the LTF recommended this for the 2015 COIWMP but it wasn't completed. Leslie responded

that a subcommittee may be needed to address these tasks. The group was open to the idea however time constraints were later noted, as the LTF meets bimonthly and the ZWS Board of Directors must approve the final COIWMP document during the October meeting at the latest. Stu Clark asked for clarification on the procedure for revising the original document, and requirements per CalRecycle. Leslie said that the EAR replaces the original COIWMP. Ken noted that the NDFE section needs to be officially changed when any facility that's not a disposal site is opened or closed, and that all other sections are addressed in the EAR. Leslie said that Renewable Sonoma facility will be going through the NDFE. Stu asked for clarification on the NDFE process and documentation. Ken requested that the relevant and up-to-date documents be easily accessible on the ZWS website. Greg asked ZWS to consider redoing the COIWMP completely to reflect updates and long-term planning. Dan asked if this information is reflected in the EAR, and whether the EAR goes through the LTF. Leslie said the EAR is administrative and handled internally, but does address elements of the COIWMP. Leslie directed a question to the county regarding long-term landfill planning. Trish said that she sees a discussion between TPW, ZWS and the LTF with direction to the County. She continued with landfill life has remained at about 25 years for the last 3-4 years, but it's a good idea to start discussions around planning and the trigger points. Leslie explained that CalRecycle's cut off for landfill planning closure is 15 years, and reminded the group that the LTF is not only an advisory committee to ZWS but also the County Board of Supervisors. Greg mentioned that he thought the LTF needs to be able to review EARs to have a full picture. Ken disagreed and said that the COIWMP has evolved into these 5 year reviews, and doesn't believe EAR review is necessary to the advisory work. Regarding the landfill closure, he suggested a "roadmap for the plan" and emphasized the need to identify key players that should be part of these discussions. The comments solicited for the COIWMP draft were addressed, and there was no further discussion on Kristina, Terry, and Trish, and Leslye's comments. Stu began a discussion on Sections 4.3 and 4.6. Dan compared the 5 year document to a look in the rear-view mirror saying it doesn't seem to translate to future planning in the COIWMP. Leslie explained that prior to COVID, she had scheduled a series of strategic planning sessions with agency staff and board members. Though it was paused, she is now exploring options to hold these "retreat days" virtually with a facilitator. Ken suggested minimal staff time to complete the COIWMP as directed by CalRecycle, and to go to the board with strategic planning requests for the future. Stu agreed.

A plan was agreed upon. Zero Waste Sonoma will accept any additional COIWMP comments from the LTF with a deadline of August 20<sup>th</sup>. Leslie will update the document to reflect all changes and with consideration of the comments. Zero Waste Sonoma will send out a final draft to LTF members for concurrence, as well as a Zoom meeting invite on Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020. There will be a special meeting of the LTF to review the final draft on September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 1:30pm. Comments will also be accepted at the September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. The final draft with all revisions included will be presented to the ZWS board of directors at the October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 meeting, and submitted to CalRecycle upon approval.

## VI. SB 1383 Update

Xinci explained that she and Leslie are working with legal counsel to determine whether ZWS can enforce the legislation on behalf of the jurisdictions. She said that ZWS will also be revising the MOU, and that the SB 1383 working group continues to meet. Additionally, Xinci informed the

group that educational resources and the dedicated webpage are available, and continuously being updated, and that ZWS will notify commercial businesses about the new law in early 2021. Leslie mentioned that CalRecycle is getting pushback from different entities on enforcement, particularly because state agencies do not have to adhere to the same requirements as local jurisdictions which is problematic.

## VII. Legislative Update

Liz provided the update. Companion bills SB 54 / AB 1080 the “California Circular Economy and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act” is still active and awaiting a vote this month. Recology’s ballot initiative for 2022 is similar to this legislation, however it would also impose a 1 cent tax on all single use items. Deadline to submit petition signatures has been extended to September 28, 2020. Materials available at <https://camustlead.org/plasticsfreeca>

## VIII. Public Comments

None

## IX. Member Announcements

Ken Wells has decided to resign from the LTF. This was his last meeting. He will continue in his role with Sonoma Garbage Collectors and working with the City of Sonoma, and remain available to LTF members seeking institutional knowledge.

He will be replaced by the VP, Tara McRann or Liz Bortolotto.

## X. Next Regular Meeting Date – October 8, 2020

A special meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2020 to provide a final review and discussion of the 2020 COIWMP 5 year update.