Agenda Item #: 4.1

Minutes of October 15, 2026 Meeting

Zero Waste Sonoma met on October 15, 2026, at the Zero Waste Sonoma Board Room, 195 Concourse Blvd. Ste B., 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 – Dianna MacDonald
City of Sebastopol – Sandra Maurer
City of Sonoma – Jack Ding
County of Sonoma – Glenn Morelli
Town of Windsor – JB Leep

Staff Present:

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

1. Call to Order Regular Meeting

Regular session was called to order at 9:04 a.m.

Introductions

Andrés Marquez arrived at 9:16 a.m.

2. Agenda Approval

Motion: For approval of the agenda.

First: City of Cotati – Susan Harvey
Second: City of Sebastopol – Sandra Maurer

Vote Count:

City of Cloverdale – ABSENT
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 – Dianna MacDonald
City of Sebastopol – Sandra Maurer
City of Sonoma – Jack Ding
County of Sonoma – Glenn Morelli
Town of Windsor – JB Leep

AYES -9- NOES -0- ABSENT -1- ABSTAIN -0-
Motion passed.

3. Public Comments (items not on the agenda)

- None

4. **<u>Consent</u>** (w/attachments)

4.1 Minutes of the August 20, 2026 Regular Meeting
4.2 August, September, October, and November 2026 Outreach Calendar
4.3 Fourth Amendment to E-Waste Handling Agreement with Recology Sonoma Marin

Board Comments:

- None

Public Comments:

- None

Motion: For approval of the consent calendar.

First: City of Sebastopol – Sandra Maurer
Second: City of Cotati – Susan Harvey

Vote Count:

City of Cloverdale – ABSENT
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 – Dianna MacDonald
City of Sebastopol – Sandra Maurer
City of Sonoma – Jack Ding
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AYES -9- NOES -0- ABSENT -1- ABSTAIN -0-
Motion passed.

<u>Regular Calendar</u>

5. **Award of Construction Manager at Risk Contract to Swinerton Builders for the Household Hazardous Waste Facility at 5885 Pruitt Avenue, Windsor and Budget Adjustment [Lukacs]**

Board Comments/Action Items:

- Thank you for the presentation. Our past experience with Swinerton has been positive.
- Is the timeline accelerated because the building has already been constructed? If so, how does this affect the permitting process?
- Is the overall project cost lower due to the reduced number of subcontractors?
- What was the original cost estimate for the entire project?
- Given continued price increases, how do we plan to mitigate the risk of exceeding the budget?
- Do you anticipate that this project could result in increased fees for Sonoma County residents?
- Does the solar feasibility summary accurately reflect the projected costs and benefits?
- How long will the federal depreciation incentives remain available?
- Why is solar identified as a project risk?
- If solar is included in the project, would it be installed on both the canopy and the main structure? What is the reason for that approach?

- Thank you for putting together such a thoughtful and informative presentation.
- The resolution does not currently include the contingency. I would like to see the contingency included if the project is authorized today.
- It is exciting to see construction moving forward.

Public Comments:

- None

Motion: Award a contract a Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) Agreement with Swinerton Builders (Swinerton) for preconstruction services, in the amount of $406,198, for the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility Project located at 5885 Pruitt Avenue in Windsor; and delegate authority to the Executive Director to execute the contract and any other related or required documents; and Authorize a contingency up to 10%, in the amount of $40,620, for a total value of $446,818. With the amendment to the resolution to include the contingency fund.

First: City of Petaluma – Patrick Carter
Second: City of Cotati – Susan Harvey

Vote Count:

City of Cloverdale – Andrés Marquez
City of Cotati – Susan Harvey
City of Healdsburg – Larry Zimmer
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AYES -10- NOES -0- ABSENT -0- ABSTAIN -0-
Motion passed.

6. 2025–26 State Legislative Update [Lukacs]

Board Comments/Action Items:

- Thank you for the effort put into summarizing these updates.
- Regarding SB 501, is the expectation that larger retailers would be responsible for accepting the return of larger batteries?
- What is the background behind the proposed restrictions on nitrous oxide canisters? Would whipped cream dispensers still be permitted?
- There is concern that nitrous oxide canisters are being marketed to and targeted at children. What measures are being considered to address this issue?
- The marketing of tobacco vapes to children is particularly concerning. What role could local jurisdictions play in addressing this issue?
- How is enforcement being handled to prevent the illegal sale of these products?
- Regarding vape batteries, how would enforcement requirements apply to online retailers?
- What is the latest update on the marine flare bill?

Public Comments:

- None

7. Boardmember Comments:

- Cloverdale Grange community hub and thrift store is thriving with items for reuse. Unfortunately, people are starting to abuse the donations and drop off items without permission as well as taking frustrations out on volunteer staff. We are working on mitigating this.
- Sonoma has many events happening during Zero Waste Week.
- The Rohnert Park Reuse and Repair will be held on October 17th.

8. **Executive Director Report** – VERBAL REPORT

9. **Staff Comments**:

- National Reuse Day is on October 20th.
- Reuse Alliance is launching a new campaign called the Joy of Reuse. More info can be found on reusealliance.org.

10. **Next ZWS meetin**g: November 19, 2026

11. **Adjourn:** 10:11a.m.

Submitted by: Amber Johnson