



## Minutes of the October 17, 2024 Meeting

Zero Waste Sonoma met on October 17, 2024, at the City of Santa Rosa Council Chambers, 100 Santa Rosa Ave., Santa Rosa, California.

### Board Members Present:

City of Cloverdale – David Kelley  
City of Cotati – ABSENT  
City of Healdsburg – Larry Zimmer  
City of Petaluma – Patrick Carter  
City of Rohnert Park – ABSENT

City of Santa Rosa – Shawn Kara  
City of Sebastopol – Sandra Maurer  
City of Sonoma – ABSENT  
County of Sonoma – Susan Gorin  
Town of Windsor – Debora Fudge

### Staff Present:

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

### 1. Call to Order Regular Meeting

Regular session was called to order at 9:05 a.m.  
Introductions

Susan Gorin arrived 9:10 a.m.

### 2. Agenda Approval

### 3. Public Comments (items not on the agenda)

None

### 4. Consent (w/attachments)

4.1 Minutes of the August 15, 2024 Meeting  
4.2 August, September, October, November 2024 Outreach Calendar  
4.3 Fiscal Year 2023-24 Year End Financial Report

### Board Comment:

None

### Public Comments:

None

**Motion:** For approval of the consent calendar.

**First:** City of Cloverdale – David Kelley  
**Second:** City of Petaluma – Patrick Carter

**Vote Count:**

City of Cloverdale	AYE	City of Santa Rosa	AYE
City of Cotati	ABSENT	City of Sebastopol	AYE
City of Healdsburg	AYE	City of Sonoma	ABSENT
City of Petaluma	AYE	County of Sonoma	ABSENT
City of Rohnert Park	ABSENT	Town of Windsor	AYE

AYES -6- NOES -0- ABSENT -4- ABSTAIN -0-  
**Motion passed.**

**Regular Calendar**

**5. Solid Waste Association of North America Western Regional Chapter Award [Lukacs]**

**Board Comments/Action Items:**

- Great to see staff recognized for all the work they have done and continue to do.

**Public Comments:**

None

**6. Proposed EPA Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grant Program Application -Expansion of Reusable Cup Program [Lukacs]**

**Board Comments/Action Items:**

- What was the cost of the pilot program for the City of Petaluma?
- Is there a budget or expected request amount for the grant application?
- What is the percentage of the cups that were not returned?
- Does this save the businesses money?
- If the grant application is successful, is there a plan for rolling this out?
- Would it expand from one jurisdiction to another?
- Is there an intention or plan to extend this program long term?
- Very impressed with the implantation of this program.
- We should be working in the background to figure out a strategy on how to fund this long term.
- As we explore the extension, please connect with the Sonoma County airport and any businesses that sell beverages.
- As a new resident, it is so impressive to see low contamination rates and infrastructure throughout the County.

**Public Comments:**

None

**Motion:** To authorize ZWS to apply for the EPA Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling (SWIFR) grant funds to expand the "Reuse My Cup" program beyond Petaluma and implement a reusable cup initiative throughout Sonoma County.

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

**Second:** County of Sonoma – Susan Gorin

**Vote Count:**

City of Cloverdale	AYE	City of Santa Rosa	AYE
City of Cotati	ABSENT	City of Sebastopol	AYE
City of Healdsburg	AYE	City of Sonoma	ABSENT
City of Petaluma	AYE	County of Sonoma	AYE
City of Rohnert Park	ABSENT	Town of Windsor	AYE

AYES -7- NOES -0- ABSENT -3- ABSTAIN -0-

**Motion passed.**

**7. Proposed EPA Community Change Grant Program Application - Reuse Hub [Pagal]**

**Board Comments/Action Items:**

- Would it be possible to install a commercial dishwashing facility in the property to extend the reuse cup program?
- Have you identified a reuse organization to partner with?
- How would this be different from existing reuse stores?
- Is there room at the HHW Pruitt Ave property in Windsor for this?
- Would you consider working with the haulers to bring in some of the items that are picked up as bulky items for reuse?
- It would be a good idea to explore setting up reuse collection at the transfer stations.
- If a property was purchased what would the plan be for the property after the three-year term of the grant?
- Has there been consideration of partnering with donation and reuse organizations and businesses?

**Public Comments:**

None

**Motion:** The Board authorizes ZWS to apply for funding through the EPA Community Change Grant (CCG) Program to support the development and implementation of a Reuse Hub in Sonoma County. The Reuse Hub will serve as a central facility for collecting, repurposing, redistributing, and repairing reusable materials, advancing our region's waste reduction and sustainability efforts.

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

**Second:** City of Cloverdale – David Kelley

**Vote Count:**

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

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

AYES -7- NOES -0- ABSENT -3- ABSTAIN -0-  
**Motion passed.**

**8. Board Member Comments**

- Healdsburg handed out compost countertop pails on October 12<sup>th</sup> as part of Zero Waste Week and it was a huge success.
- The Catalyst Fund has been working on funding for a food collection organization that will collect edible food and distribute to organizations that can store and distribute the food to those in need.

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

**10. Staff Comments – NO ACTION**

**11. Next ZWS meeting:** November 21, 2024

**12. Adjourn:** 10:23 a.m.

Submitted by: Amber Johnson