



## Minutes of the October 19, 2023 Meeting

Zero Waste Sonoma met on October 19, 2023, at the City of Santa Rosa Council Chambers, 100 Santa Rosa Ave., Santa Rosa, California.

### Board Members Present:

City of Cloverdale –ABSENT

City of Cotati –ABSENT

City of Healdsburg –Larry Zimmer

City of Petaluma – Patrick Carter

City of Rohnert Park – Emily Sanborn

City of Santa Rosa – Renae Gundy

City of Sebastopol – Sandra Maurer

City of Sonoma– Jack Ding

County of Sonoma – Trish Pisenti

Town of Windsor – Debora Fudge

### Staff Present:

Executive Director: Leslie Lukacs

Counsel: Ethan Walsh

Staff: Xinci Tan, Thora Collard, Kristen Sales, Katherine Cushwa, Courtney Scott, Sloane Pagal, Amber Johnson

Agency Clerk: Amber Johnson

### 1. Call to Order Closed Session 8:35 a.m.

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (Sec. 54956.8)

Property: 5885 Pruitt Avenue Windsor, CA 95492

Agency Negotiators: Leslie Lukacs, Ethan Walsh

Negotiating Parties: David M. Carroll, John M. Shea II

Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

### 2. Adjourn Closed Session at 9:27 a.m.

### 3. Call to Order Regular Meeting

Regular session was called to order at 9:31 a.m.

Introductions

### 4. Agenda Approval

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

### 6. Consent (w/attachments)

6.1 Minutes of the August 17, 2023 Meeting

6.2 August, September, October, and November 2023 Outreach Calendar

6.3 Zero Waste Sonoma FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22 Audit of Financial Statements

6.4 Second Amendment to the Agreement for Compostable Materials Transport Services with Recology Sonoma Marin

6.5 Third Amendment to the Agreement for Short-Term Organic Materials Processing Services with Cold Creek Compost, Inc.

6.6 Resolution Authorizing the Agency’s submittal of a Regional Application for the SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program

**Board Comment:**

None

**Public Comments:**

None

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

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

**Second:** County of Sonoma – Trish Pisenti

**Vote Count:**

City of Cloverdale	ABSENT	City of Santa Rosa	AYE
City of Cotati	ABSENT	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 -8- NOES -0- ABSENT -2- ABSTAIN -0-

**Motion passed.**

**Regular Calendar**

**7. Notice of Intent to Acquire approximately 3.5 acres located at 5885 Pruitt Ave, Windsor, CA**

**Board Comments/Action Items:**

- Happy to see work being done on this, ready to move forward.

**Public Comments:**

None

**Motion:** To approve the notice of Intent to acquire approximately 3.5 acres located at 5885 Pruitt Ave, Windsor, CA

**First:** City of Rohnert Park – Emily Sanborn

**Second:** City of Sonoma – Jack Ding

**Vote Count:**

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City of Cotati	ABSENT	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 -8- NOES -0- ABSENT -2- ABSTAIN -0-  
**Motion passed.**

## **8. Annual Presentation of Waste Activities by Republic Services**

### **Board Comments/Action Items:**

- Were diversion targets met under the MOA?
- What caused the diversion goal to fall short?
- Why did greenhouse gases jump up in 2022?
- Is equipment being replaced?
- In the 2023 reporting we should see a reduction in greenhouse gases and increase in diversion?
- Will we be getting this report next year?
- What is the term beneficial reuse?
- How will the depackaging system work?

### **Public Comments:**

None

## **9. Regional Solid Waste Planning - Potential Expansion of the Sonoma County Central Disposal Site**

### **Board Comments/Action Items:**

- Can any other information be provided on the fees?
- Does the county own the land and is it away from the neighbors?
- Regarding a natural disaster, can you provide more detail relating to prevention and management?

### **Public Comments:**

Michael Siminitus – Has the potential of increase diversion to extend landfill life and associated costs of improving diversion been calculated? It seems there is potential to divert half of the inbound material if all materials are sorted in a dirty MRF, for example doubling the life of the landfill without expansion. Has there been a cost estimate for construction operation of a dirty MRF VS expansion of the landfill?

Phoebe Schenker – Is part of the negotiation of the MOA going to include the facilities and infrastructure onsite for reuse and increase diversion as part of this planning process?

## **10. Consideration of an Agreement with Cascadia Consulting Group, Inc. to Conduct Technical Assistance for Compliance with SB 1383 Requirements and Disposable Food Ware Ordinances in Sonoma County**

### **Board Comments/Action Items:**

- Are there metrics we are looking to hit for the number of businesses were trying to reach?

- Will time be spent equitably between all jurisdictions?
- How are you going to make sure you are reaching underserved communities?
- Thrilled to see the focus on equity.
- Is there a potential to extend this agreement?

**Public Comments:**

None

**Motion:** To approve the execution of an Agreement with Cascadia Consulting Group, Inc. to Conduct Technical Assistance for Compliance with SB 1383 Requirements and Disposable Food Ware Ordinances in Sonoma County

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

**Second:** Town of Windsor – Debora Fudge

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City of Cotati	ABSENT	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 -8- NOES -0- ABSENT -2- ABSTAIN -0-

**Motion passed.**

**11. Closed Loop Partners Reusable Cup Pilots in Petaluma**

**Board Comments/Action Items:**

- Where is the funding for this project coming from?
- Have you considered a project that lasts longer than 3 months?
- What types of cups will be offered? Cold and hot cups?
- Will there be a deposit for the cups?
- How will the return bin pickups be executed?
- Where will the cups be processed?
- How far away are we from piloting this in the school system?
- What are the next steps if the pilot is successful?
- Petaluma is interested in keeping this going, staff doesn't see this as a one and done program. Looking forward to seeing how the program goes and how to sustain it beyond the pilot. Very excited about getting this program kicked off.

**Public Comments:**

Marie Kneemeyer – Excited to see this program come to Petaluma. It would be very helpful to communicate what the next possible steps could be to keep this program going if this pilot is successful. If the program is successful, consider dine-in ware items. Will there be investment in local washing infrastructure for long term reuse programs? How are the partners selected? How do the reverse logistics work?

Michael Siminitus – Will the cups be offered at any events? Is the RFP still open for local washing infrastructures?

**12. Boardmember Comments – NO ACTION**

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

**14. Staff Comments – NO ACTION**

**15. Next ZWS meeting: November 16, 2023**

**16. Adjourn: 11:11 am**

Submitted by: Amber Johnson