



## Minutes of the November 16, 2023 Meeting

Zero Waste Sonoma met on November 16, 2023, 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 –Susan Harvey  
City of Healdsburg –Evelyn Mitchell  
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 – Susan Gorin  
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 8:33 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 9:21 a.m.

### 3. Call to Order Regular Meeting

Regular session was called to order at 9:26 a.m.

Introductions

### 4. Agenda Approval

- Item 10 will be read first for the meeting.

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

None

### 6. Consent (w/attachments)

6.1 Minutes of the October 19, 2023 Meeting

6.2 October, November, and December 2023 Outreach Calendar

6.3 Zero Waste Sonoma FY 2023-24 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Statements

6.4 FY 23/24 Budget Adjustment For Food Recovery Organization Capacity Building Mini Grant Program

**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	AYE	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 -10- NOES -0- ABSENT -0- ABSTAIN -0-

**Motion passed.**

**Regular Calendar**

**7. Green Resolution Recognizing Green Mary**

**Board Comments/Action Items:**

- Many thanks to Mary for everything she and her team have done.
- Appreciates that Mary addressed coroplast signs. Campaign season is among us, and often candidates are using coroplast signs. Are there alternatives sign options recommended to those that are gearing up to run for elections?
- Healdsburg has a lot of events, and this is an important part of that.
- Love Green Mary’s mission.
- It is important to make sure election signs are reusable.
- Appreciates that when people come up to a bin and Green Mary staff are present, they are so willing to educate and help people. It’s important because people are more willing to do the right thing when they are at other places or at home.

**Public Comments:**

Leslie Lukacs – So proud of Mary and her accomplishments for what she has achieved in the last 20+ years.

**Motion:** To move resolution adoption of a Green Resolution recognizing Green Mary for their commitment to the community and the environment through the implementation of proactive waste management practices.

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

**Second:** City of Sebastopol – Sandra Maurer

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**Motion passed.**

## 8. FY 22/23 Work Plan Progress Report

**Board Comments/Action Items:**

- Learned that paint collected at the HHW facility is combined and repurposed into four different colors and distributed to jurisdictions per request.
- Can the public access this progress report on the website?
- Are the 2023 Zero Waste Guides still available?
- It is valuable to have a monthly email list to keep the public updated and educated.
- Amazed at the worldwide presence on the website. Do you know why that is?
- Impressed with the 553 mattresses collected for recycling. Such a great improvement.
- Likes to see that Zero Waste Sonoma is trying to be one step ahead to ensure that people are getting the proper things to the proper places at the proper time.
- Appreciates staff's outreach, it is essential.
- The compost giveaways are always warmly received.
- The information would be greatly appreciated by the Spanish speaking community.
- Are there more funds available for the water refill stations through the CCPP?
- Compliance with SB 1383 and AB 341 we saw enormous gains from 2022 to 2023, it's doing a lot of good for our community.
- Is there a process for applying for water refill stations/funding through the CCPP?

**Public Comments:**

None

## 9. Food Recovery Grant Presentation

**Board Comments/Action Items:**

- Can you explain your distribution process. How does it go from recovery to then distributed?
- Where does the food get distributed?

- If we know of an organization that needs service and we know of a food producer who has access should we reach out to staff?
- Does this program also work for recovering food from events?
- Glad to hear we are getting grants to help people, but what is disturbing is the fee for service once this runs out. It sounds like if folks are going to have to pay for this, they are going to do the wrong thing rather than the right thing. What can we do to ensure folks comply?
- There may be something from a legislative perspective that we can do to ensure people are in compliance.
- It seems as if this is an unfunded mandate. People can find loopholes by throwing edible food in the green bin rather than recovering it and distributing it for someone to consume. It feels as if there is a lot more work to be done in this arena.
- This program is so important and is a critical connection to our community.
- There may be opportunity to come up with a fee-based program or pilot to ensure that this will be a continuing effort once grant funds run out.

**Public Comments:**

None

**10. Authorization to enter into Purchase and Sale Agreement to acquire approximately 3.5 acres located at 5871-5895 Pruitt Ave, Windsor, CA**

**Board Comments/Action Items:**

- There is a tremendous need for a local option in Northern Sonoma County for disposal of household hazardous waste. This will be of great benefit to the public for easier access to dispose of these materials.
- This is a really great opportunity for all of us, especially in North County.
- This location in Windsor is very convenient. It is centrally located, and very easy to access off the freeway.
- Thankful for all the work that counsel and staff have done to get to this point. This will be a great fit for our needs that we have been trying to meet for several years.
- This has been a long time coming, North County was being underserved for the ease of household hazardous waste disposal.
- This is an investment in our community. Helping make people do the right thing, a lot easier than it has been.
- Appreciates all the hard work everyone has done on this. The staff has done a great job paying attention to detail and it is time to move forward.
- Happy we are moving forward on the promises we made on this.

**Public Comments:**

Felicia Smith – Expresses support for the acquisition for the property in Windsor. Zero Waste Sonoma has diligently worked on this project since 2016 to address the needs of the residents in North County. The establishment of the hazardous waste facility in Windsor is imperative to facilitate convenient and proper disposal of toxic materials. The prospect of having a local option for such crucial services is sorely needed. Strongly urges the board to approve this proposal for the benefit of our community.

**Motion:** A) To authorize the Executive Director to execute a Purchase and Sale Agreement, subject to specified terms and conditions summarized below, to acquire approximately 3.5 acres located at 5871-5895 Pruitt Ave., Windsor (“Property”).

B) To authorize the Executive Director to take all actions and execute all agreements and instruments required and recommended to facilitate and complete the proposed acquisition, including agreements for due diligence, escrow instructions, and related transactional documents, in a form approved by Agency Counsel.

C) Determine that the proposed acquisition of the Property is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”).

D) To approve the budget adjustment to approve appropriations from the Contingency Reserve and Debt Servicing Reserve to procure the property.

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

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

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**Motion passed.**

**11. Boardmember Comments –**

Xinci Tan and Debora Fudge attended the Gorgeous Garbage organics event in Healdsburg on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. They had a panel to discuss getting compost back into the County. Xinci did a great job educating folks on what the County is doing on an organics side of things. Hopefully we can have compost back in the County in the future.

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

**13. Staff Comments – NO ACTION**

**14. Next ZWS meeting: December 21, 2023**

**15. Adjourn: 10:48 am**

Submitted by: Amber Johnson