



Minutes of the November 20, 2019 Meeting

The Sonoma County Waste Management Agency met on November 20, 2019, at the City of Rohnert Park Council Chambers, 130 Avram Ave, Rohnert Park, California.

Board Members Present:

City of Cloverdale	Marta Cruz	City of Santa Rosa	John Sawyer
City of Cotati	absent	City of Sebastopol	Henry Mikus
City of Healdsburg	Larry Zimmer	City of Sonoma	Madolyn Agrimonti
City of Petaluma	Patrick Carter	County of Sonoma	Susan Gorin
City of Rohnert Park	Pam Stafford	Town of Windsor	absent

Staff Present:

Executive Director: Leslie Lukacs
Counsel: Ethan Walsh
Staff: Xinci Tan, Karina Chilcott, Sloane Pagal
Agency Clerk: Thora Collard

- 1. Call to Order Regular Meeting**
Regular meeting was called to order at 8:34 a.m.
- 2. Agenda Approval**
- 3. Public Comments (items not on the agenda)**

Greg Eicher, Laguna Water Treatment neighbor, commented on opposition to proposed location of compost facility.

Alan Tose, provided status update of Stage Gulch Organics

Renaud des Rosiers, Amy's Kitchen, commented on disappointment with non-inclusion of compostable plastics in the feedstock

Consent (w/attachments)

- 4.1 Minutes of the September 18, 2019 Regular Meeting
- 4.2 September, October, November, and December 2019 Outreach Calendar
- 4.3 Fiscal Year 2019-2020 1st Quarter Financial Report
- 4.4 Amendment to Memorandum of Understanding for C&D Facility Testing Services
- 4.5 Correspondence/Letters of Support

Public Comments:

None.

Motion: For approval of all items on the consent calendar

First: City of Sebastopol - Henry Mikus

Second: City of Healdsburg – Larry Zimmer

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

AYES -8- NOES -0- ABSENT -2- ABSTAIN -0-

Motion passed.

Regular Calendar

5. Presentation of Zero Waste Initiatives and Timeline Given by Sonoma County Zero Waste Task Force [Lukacs]

Informational presentation was given by Sunny Galbraith and Dan Noble. No board action required.

Public Comments:

Renaud des Rosiers, Amy's Kitchen, commented that we need to be forward looking with our zero waste goals and look at functional alternatives when we are banning single use options.

6. Annual Presentation of Waste Activities by Republic Services [Collard]

Informational presentation was given by Rick Poewells. No board action required.

Public Comments:

Fred Stemmler, Recology Sonoma-Marin, commented on successful and cooperative relationship with Republic. Changes at the transfer stations are a direct result of compliance issues.

7. Annual Work Plan Progress Report [Chilcott]

Informational presentation was given by staff. No board action required.

Public Comments:

None

8. Summary of Ad Hoc Compostable Products Committee Meeting and Follow-Up Staff Findings [Tan]
Presentation given by staff.

Public Comments:

Pat Mitchell, neighbor Laguna Water Treatment facility, spoke in opposition of the proposed compost facility location.

Alan Tose, Stage Gulch Organics, commented that their system is designed in quadrants so it has the ability to segregate streams.

Matt Whitfield, World Centric, commented that thin film PLA is a product in the waste stream that needs to be dealt with. Would like the ability to businesses to self-haul their waste stream to bring compostable products to a facility that accepts them.

Renaud des Rosiers, Amy's Kitchen, commented that taking a broad stance against compostable plastics is moving away from zero waste by forcing those materials into a landfill.

Motion Board approves staff recommendations to 1) advocate for better statewide policy on compostable product labeling; 2) Define Sonoma County's acceptable organic feedstock as yard debris, food scraps, and fiber-only compostable products; and 3) Request that compostable plastics be accepted as a feedstock if/when a) proficient labeling standards are enacted and b) they are recognized as an acceptable organic feedstock by the NOP. Renewable Sonoma will be directed to incorporate flexibility for these materials to the design of the organics processing facility.

First: County of Sonoma – Susan Gorin

Second: City of Healdsburg – Larry Zimmer

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

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Motion passed.

9. **Boardmember Comments** – NO ACTION

None.

10. **Executive Director Report** –NO ACTION

Executive Director gave verbal report.

11. **Staff Comments** – NO ACTION

None.

12. **Next SCWMA meeting:** December 18, 2019

13. **Adjourn 10:50 am**

Submitted by: Thora Collard