



Minutes of the November 21, 2024 Meeting

Zero Waste Sonoma met on November 21, 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 – Susan Harvey
City of Healdsburg – Larry Zimmer
City of Petaluma – Patrick Carter
City of Rohnert Park – Emily Sanborn

City of Santa Rosa – Shawn Kara
City of Sebastopol – Stephen Zollman
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: Thora Collard, Sloane Pagal, Kristen Sales, Courtney Scott, Katherine Cushwa, Xinci Tan
Agency Clerk: Thora Collard

1. Call to Order Closed Session 8:30 a.m.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Sec. 54957)
Title: Executive Director

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Sec. 54957.6)
Agency designated representative: Agency Counsel
Unrepresented employee: Executive Director

Adjourn Closed Session at 9:03 a.m.

2. Call to Order Regular Meeting

Regular session was called to order at 9:09 a.m.
Introductions

3. Agenda Approval

- Move item 8 first

4. Public Comments (items not on the agenda)

None

5. Consent (w/attachments)

- 4.1 Minutes of the October 17, 2024 Meeting
- 4.2 October, November, December 2024 Outreach Calendar

Board Comment:

None

Public Comments:

None

Motion: For approval of the consent calendar.

First: City of Cotati – Susan Harvey

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

6. Consideration of an Agreement with COAR Design Group for Architectural & Engineering Design Services for a New HHW Facility Located at 5871-5895 Pruitt Ave, Windsor, CA [Scott]

Board Comments/Action Items:

- Is design/bid/build the only option and were others considered?
- Felt Ad Hoc was underutilized for deciding on design/bid/build decision

Public Comments:

None

Motion: Staff recommends the Board provide direction for the Executive Director to execute the Agreement with COAR Design Group for Architectural and Engineering Design Services for a new HHW facility in Windsor with a termination date of January 1, 2029. Staff also recommends the Board approve the budget adjustment to fund this project.

First: Town of Windsor – Deb Fudge

Second: City of Cotati – Susan Harvey

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.

7. Green Resolution Recognizing Lunchette [Pagal]

Board Comments/Action Items:

- We really appreciate all the efforts of Naomi and Lunchette
- Very happy to see staff recognizing and elevating businesses

Public Comments:

None

Motion: Staff recommends the Board adopt a Green Resolution recognizing Lunchette Restaurant for their commitment to the community and the environment through the implementation of proactive waste management practices.

First: City of Petaluma – Patrick Carter

Second: Town of Windsor – Deb Fudge

Vote Count:

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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.

8. Annual Presentation of Waste Activities by Republic Services [Lukacs]

Board Comments/Action Items:

- Where do you plan to send food waste after sent through the de-packager?
- Will recyclable packaging be landfilled or recycled?
- Do you accept astro turf?
- What are the materials used for ADC?
- What is the total cost of the de-packaging system?
- Does the annual numbers include your new carpet recycling program?
- What is being looked at to increase landfill capacity?
- Are there other uses for the soil at the facility? How much of that soil is not actually going into the landfill?
- Where are the central MRF fines going?
- Are the food waste diversion numbers reflective of efforts or the economy? Can additional information be gathered to show the full depth of the numbers?
- Can schools get discounts for disposal of turf or other materials?

- Any chance we can get to increase education for landfill diversion and the progress we have made to the life of that landfill

Public Comments:

None

9. Presentation and Update from Sparkl Reusables [Pagal]

Board Comments/Action Items:

- Can the Spring Lake experience help you to pivot or use as a learning tool?
- Can you share a success story in the schools?
- Are you actively reaching out to schools?
- Referral options: Sonoma County Tourism and Sonoma County Economic Development Board
- Getting Cities to implement reusable programs with event permitting
- Sonoma Country Day School could be a good option
- City of Petaluma has enjoyed collaborating with Sparkl. Petaluma City Schools is looking to move away from single use in the next few years

Public Comments:

Duane Dewitt - Bellevue and Roseland School districts would be great areas to educate children. We need to be using recyclable plastics as much as possible.

10. Board Member Comments

- None

11. Executive Director Report – VERBAL REPORT

12. Staff Comments – NO ACTION

13. Next ZWS meeting: December 19, 2024

14. Adjourn: 10:28 a.m.

Submitted by: Thora Collard