

Minutes

AB 939 LOCAL TASK FORCE REGULAR MEETING Thursday, December 10, 2020 Public Zoom Video Meeting and Call-in Option

Meeting Recording:

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I. Welcome & Introductions

Meeting called to order at 1:32

Liz Bortolotto – Education/Legislation, Tiffany Seder – Sonoma County LEA, Jennifer Lyle – Sonoma County LEA, Xinci Tan – ZWS, Chris Brokate – Clean River Alliance, Celia Furber – Solid Waste Industry, Terry Taylor – Town of Windsor, Brandon Hart – County Integrated Waste, Sloane Pagal – ZWS, Leslie Lukacs – ZWS, Greg Carr – 1st district, Dan Noble – Noble Bioresources/Association of Compost Producers, Rick Downey – Solid Waste Industry, Sunny Galbraith – City of Sebastopol, Kristyn Byrne, Will Bakx – Renewable Sonoma

February meeting will be selecting new chair, vice chair, and secretary

II. Approval of draft minutes from October 8 meeting

Chris motions to approve, seconded by Terry Taylor – approved by all.

III. Selection of LTF Meeting Secretary

No action taken. Sloane will take notes for this meeting.

IV. Update on Renewable Sonoma

Leslie - Zero Waste Sonoma is waiting for final tip fee number from Renewable Sonoma to move forward with negotiations. If the tip fee is significantly higher than what was initially proposed, then there will be concerns from the jurisdictions about the cost vs. hauling this material.

Will Bakx, Suez (engineering for AD), and Stu Clark is project manager.

Will Bakx – Lots of changes to leadership/personnel in the last year and hurdles to overcome. Both attorney for Santa Rosa and ZWS attorney require EIR in order to enter into contract. Also needed to redesign facility based on the site location. Renewable Sonoma will come back to ZWS Board with a predevelopment agreement that includes pricing/tip fee for the project in February or March 2021. Also hosting neighborhood meetings to address NIMBY issues.

V. Update on Conscious Container Pilot

Caren unavailable to provide update. Pilot was delayed but Sloane believes it is up and running now. ZWS has shared the post on their social media channels and ZWS newsroom. Caren will hopefully provide an update at the February LTF meeting.

VI. Update on Russian River Clean Team

3 major issues:

1) Mowing trash along with grass along roadways – any plastic becomes micro and cannot feasibly be removed after mowed. Possible action through CalTrans adopt-a-highway or trash pickup program before mowing, County supervisors implement trash pickup, adopt-a-roadway county program, storm drain permit law enforcement

2) Homeless trash mitigation – hoarders, moving the homeless – large amounts of trash left behind, discards from MRFs. Possible actions – identify hoarders, fence transfer stations (rejected), exit strategy for homeless, notify thrift stores and require secured recycled bins for problem sites, Santa Rosa Clean Streets Team

3) Uncovered loads by self-haulers. Possible actions – need enforcement at transfer stations, notify sheriff's department re: possible action.

Several committee actions to date and many organizations may be willing to get involved.

Greg suggests inviting Clyde Galantine to next meeting. Suggest doing a road cleanup program – identify problematic roadways. Corporation yards probably decide when mowing happens. Just need a handful of people to get out there and cleanup.

Chris says only asking the County for minimum of 2x year cleanup commitment in the spring before mowing and in the fall before the rain starts. Send out a mailer to ask folks to cleanup.

Terry Taylor – there's a group in Windsor that does cleanups, and SCRR comes out the next day to remove the bags. Does this once every 5-6 weeks.

Greg suggests bringing CalTrans representative for next meeting. Include information on the County / CalTrans website "Roadway Trash program" that would show the roads that need constant cleanup. Lockers with bags, trash pickers, gloves at public areas / parks for public to help cleanup.

Don't Trash California program fizzled out but maybe it could be revived and renamed Don't Trash Sonoma County etc. Keep America Beautiful. Branding program for this would be helpful.

VII. Update on Reuse Coalition

Sloane provided the update. First meeting of this group was November 12th and 15 people participated. Caren McNamara provided an overview of the Conscious Container pilot. Xinci provided an overview of the food recovery grant. Nicole Tai discussed deconstruction efforts in the Bay Area and an opportunity for Sonoma County reuse businesses to be listed on a Bay Area reuse map created by UCLA students. Fix it clinics will be a focus in 2021. Green Mary is interested in

supporting these efforts, in addition to other waste reduction activities as a pivot from event greening made possible by the creation of a not-for-profit entity that has received grant funding to do so. Reusable food service ware items are of interest to this group.

VIII. Public Comments

No public comments.

IX. Member Announcements

Dan Noble – one year ago the Regenerative Economic Task Force. Last month the group disbanded as they realized it was more of a research group rather than a task oriented group. They're still meeting

Dan Noble – next month is the virtual Compost Conference 2021 and it is ½ the price of the in person conference. www.compostconference.com

Celia Furber – Marie Kneemeyer will be the new public education manager starting in January.

X. Next Regular Meeting Date – February 11, 2021

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:47