

AGENDA
AB 939 LOCAL TASK FORCE REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, December 8, 2022
1:30 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.
Via Zoom Conference

I. Welcome & Introductions

<u>Absent (In alphabetical order)</u>	<u>In attendance (In alphabetical order)</u>
<p>Arthur Deicke Brian Bauer- Resynergi Caren McNamara- Conscious Container Celia Furber- Recology Ellen Hathaway- Sierra Club Redwood Chapter Hugo Mata- SOS and LatinX Hub Jennifer Lyle, Sonoma County Joey Hejnowicz, Zero Waste Coordinator - City of Santa Rosa Katie Cushwa- Zero Waste Sonoma Kristen Sales- Zero waste Leslie Lukacs – Zero Waste Sonoma Leslye Choate- LEA Mark Soiland- City of Cotati Representative Michael LeRusso Portia Sinnot, Zero Waste USA Trish Pisent- Sonoma County Xinci Tan – Zero Waste Sonoma</p>	<p>Alyssa Messer – 3rd District Rep Aryam Blanco- Sonoma County Environmental Health Brandon Hart – TPW – Integrated Waste/ Sonoma County Public Infrastructure Dan Nobel- Association of Compost Producers Emily Harris- Recycology Greg Carr- 1st district rep J. Glen Morelli – TPW – Integrated Waste Kyle LaRue- Director of Zero Waste and Compliance Liz Bortolotto – Chair Max Bridges- League of Women Voters Michael Anderson- Marketing and Recycling Historian Sloan Pagal- Zero Waste Sonoma Stu Clark – 4th District Rep Sunny Galbraith – 350 Sonoma County, city of Sebastopol Tasha Wright- City of Santa Rosa (Water Dept) Terry Taylor- town of Windsor</p>

II. Approval of draft minutes from October 13, 2022 meeting

Dan Noble passed a motion to approve the minutes
 Terry Taylor seconded the motion
Motion to approve minutes passed

III. Presentation by eWaste Sonoma, Electronic Recycling Co. by Stephen Bishop

- Organization started in 2019 as an electronic recycling facility in Rohnert Park before moving to Santa Rosa Avenue
- Drop off facility open to the public and offer business pick up, data destruction/ erasure, recycle fluorescent lights
- When they began the goals of the organization was to take resources that the current facilities do not take.
- They are in the process of becoming a dismantler(currently sending resources to partner facility in LA to become a dismantler). Currently shifting from being a middle man to being a processor because the ultimate goal to try and get to close as 100% reuse as possible.
- Currently going through certification process.
- Hoping to double or triple what they are taking in from other recyclers.
- *Hours:*
 Monday – Friday: 9AM – 4PM

Saturday: 9AM – 1PM
Sunday: CLOSED
Address: 3227 Santa Rosa Ave, Unit A,
Santa Rosa, CA 95407

- *Website:*
 - www.ewastesonoma.com
 - stephen@ewastesonoma.com
- *Questions:*
 - *Why do you want to be a dismantler*
 - *Recyclers have cut in half over the last 10 years (possibly due to cost)*
 - *Their goal in becoming dismantlers is due to the environmental costs.*
 - *Why send it to them*
 - *They are using similar people to recycling*
 - *Ewastesonoma.com is the only thing they do and will likely not get lost in the shuffle and they do take some things at reduced fees*
 - *What is the market, where do these things go?*
 - *Some state programs (like for TV) the cost for dismantling is part of the cost of purchase.*
 - *They dismantle electronics, blenders, and there are some things they do pay to get rid of?*
 - *The board, the plastic, the glass- currently goes to recycler to take this apart and tears down, but goal is to get there as well*
 - *Are you a for profit/non profit? What is your most robust revenue stream?*
 - *For profit*
 - *If they can fix and resell then that will be their first step.*
 - *Biggest challenge is not many know about them as a resource*
 - *Not many are aware and though CA is aware of the importance, not much knowledge of what to do with these resources and the process (i.e. currently need to send bulbs off to different state and CA does not have that infrastructure)*
 - *Currently working on optimizing website and working on presentation to be given at schools (i.e. SSU) to get the name out.*
 - *They have tried collaborating with bigger businesses, but as they start to dismantle they may have more footing in supporting businesses in using that as a resource.*
 - *What else do they accept:*
 - *They take chords, CD's, floppy disks, VHS, and multiple other resources.*
 - *As you become a dismantler, would you make money on these separated materials*
 - *That is the goal and hope is to do the work in-house in CA.*
 - *If CA can create a way to handle this in house, that can keep this down safely and keep CA accountable*

IV. Update on CRV changes, Sloane Pagal

- Submitted application packet to CA recycle
 - Adding Windsor and RP
 - Awaiting approval for the recycling center designation, and once that happens this can move to getting this up and running in the new year
- CRV and supermarkets
 - Supermarkets are still obligated to take back CRV materials and pay the deposit for cans and bottles

- Hard to give a blanket recommendation- some stores make it easier than other stores to return this (which is why trying to get more of these recycling center opens). One can try to bring it to a recycling sites if there is discomfort from the stores.
- There is a grey area around stores complying with completing the mandatory daily fee

V. Infrastructure Fund Subcommittee Update, Terry Taylor

- Updates:
 - The subcommittee is still active and have done several site visits. We are coming up with different requirements from different businesses. Looking particularly at different businesses who use recovered materials, re-sale, and organics businesses. .
 - We have gotten a lot of information from these sites visits and we may update the process of categorizing these business
 - We are still in the process of building recommendations and may look at a few more visits.
- Questions:
 - Clarifying if this is involved with the infrastructure funds:
 - We are using this term loosely, but over the course it has changed toward identifying needs and recommendations of these businesses

VI. Compost Productions, Marketing, Events, and Bioresources Management Actions & Trends, Dan Noble

- Updated:
 - Role is to also work with communities in implementing SB1383 which has brought us closer to circular economies
 - Recent Report on what the green side of industry has been doing and a brief overview of Compost Production, Marketing, Events as well as Bioresources Management Actions and Trends
 - Overview of the Disposal v. Regenerative Economic Model
 - Moving from 50% recycling of organics to 75%
 - We are hopeful to do this by 2025
 - In the visual for the emerging circular economy- concern is when the organic and inorganic recycled materials are mixed:
 - Can contaminate soil
 - glass and plastic is a problem when mixed with green materials- difficult to sift once mixed
 - A lot of the green side is addressing this
 - Focus here is related to soil.
 - Recent Healthy Soil roundtable on 12/5:
 - First round table that we hosted
 - Multiple participating organizations across CA and newer groups joining
 - This summit is where all the leaders get together to coordinate efforts in satisfying SB 1383
 - SB 1383 has been at the heart of the bioresource management industry in total. All of that is part of creating apart of a regenerative economy.
 - Getting investors to invest in this infrastructure, is challenging to do this.
 - It is very challenging to have this paradigm shift in this linear economy and many businesses still struggling with this change and also working on how to navigate and work with these resources.
 - There is a group going for 17 years called the California Resources Alliance Symposium, who we have been collaborating with.
 - Link to last month's 2022 California Bioresources Alliance Symposium is free and available
 - Focus was on building local regenerative circular economy.
 - These alliances go beyond local and we need to work with fellow stakeholders and we do need the finance.

- The infrastructure funds need to move to developing circular economy and not just in recycling infrastructure.
- Upcoming conference in January 2023
- Links to resources:
 - <http://www.noblebioresourcesinc.com/>
 - Compost Recycling Jan 2023: <https://compostconference.com/>
 - 2022 California Bioresources Alliance Symposium: <https://www.epa.gov/ca/2022-california-bioresources-alliance-symposium-program-and-presentations>
- Questions:

VII. Public Comments*

- No public comments

VIII. Member Announcements

- Sloane-
 - Having a special board meeting for Zero Waste Sonoma- Tuesday at 3:30. If you are on the email list, one will get a notification and the agenda.

IX. Next Regular Meeting Date/Suggestions for Agenda Items -
February 9th, 2022

X. Adjournment

Alyssa motion to adjourn

Max seconds

Meeting adjourned at 2:30

*PUBLIC COMMENTS: Members of the public desiring to speak on items that are within the jurisdiction of the Local Task Force shall have an opportunity during each regular meeting of the Local Task Force. When recognized by the Chair, each person should give his/her name and address and limit comments to 3 minutes, with the discretion of the Chair to modify that time limit.