



Date: November 13, 2019
To: Zero Waste Sonoma Board Members
From: Leslie Lukacs, Executive Director
Subject: **Summary Report for the SCWMA Board Meeting on September 18, 2019**

Closed Session: There were no reportable action in Closed Session.

Consent Calendar: All Items listed below were approved.

- 4.1 Minutes of the August 21, 2019 Regular Meeting
- 4.2 August, September and October 2019 Outreach Calendar
- 4.3 Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Year End Financial Report
- 4.3 Correspondence

Regular Calendar

5 **LTF Permitting Presentation:** In August of 2018, the Sonoma County Local Task Force (LTF) on Integrated Waste Management took action to form an Ad Hoc subcommittee referred to as the LTF Permitting Issues Subcommittee. The purpose of the subcommittee was to identify barriers and impediments within the land use, regulatory, and other permitting processes which impact the timely and successful development of recycling, organics and other solid waste processing and/or end market infrastructure. A presentation of the Subcommittee's findings will be given.

6 **Compostable Products Report:** In August 2018, the Zero Waste Sonoma (ZWS) Board requested an analysis into the feasibility of accepting compostable food service ware in the new proposed compost facility as an alternative to single-use plastic products. In response, the Zero Waste Task Force created the Compostable Products Committee and tasked them to investigate the issue. Over the past year, the Committed researched other composting facilities in California and around the country where compostable bio-plastic products are accepted, spoke to industry experts, reviewed research papers, and produced three potential options for the ZWS board to consider:

- Only Unlined Fiber Products Accepted
- Single-stream; All BPI-certified Compostable Food Service Ware Accepted
- Dual-Stream; All BPI-certified Compostable Food Service Ware Accepted

The Board of Directors recommended forming an Ad Hoc Committee to review staff's recommendation to proceed with composting facility contract negotiations where the only materials accepted are food scraps, yard debris, and unlined fiber products containing no bioplastics.