Minutes of the February 17, 2022 Meeting

Zero Waste Sonoma met on February 17, 2022, via Zoom to hold a virtual board meeting.

Board Members Present:
City of Cloverdale – Marta Cruz
City of Cotati – Susan Harvey
City of Healdsburg – Ariel Kelley
City of Petaluma – Patrick Carter
City of Rohnert Park – Pam Stafford
City of Santa Rosa – John Sawyer
City of Sebastopol – Neysa Hinton
City of Sonoma – Absent
County of Sonoma – Susan Gorin
City of Healdsburg – Absent

Staff Present:
Executive Director: Leslie Lukacs
Counsel: Ethan Walsh
Staff: Xinci Tan, Sloane Pagal, Thora Collard, Courtney Scott, Kristen Sales
Agency Clerk: Thora Collard

1. Call to Order Regular Meeting
Regular session was called to order at 9:04 a.m.
Introductions

2. Agenda Approval

3. Public Comments (items not on the agenda)
None

4. Consent (w/attachments)
   4.1 Minutes of the January 20, 2022 Regular Meeting
   4.2 January, February, and March 2022 Outreach Calendar
   4.3 Resolution No. 2022-5, Making Findings and Determinations Under AB 361 for the Continuation of Virtual Meetings
   4.4 Updated Reserve Policy

Action Items:
None

Public Comments:
None

Motion: For approval of all items of the consent calendar.

First: City of Cotati – Susan Harvey
Second: County of Sonoma – Susan Gorin

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Vote Count for Items 4.1:
City of Cloverdale    AYE    City of Santa Rosa    AYE
City of Cotati        AYE    City of Sebastopol    ABSTAIN
City of Healdsburg    AYE    City of Sonoma        ABSENT
City of Petaluma      AYE    County of Sonoma      AYE
City of Rohnert Park  AYE    Town of Windsor      AYE

AYES -8- NOES -0- ABSENT -1- ABSTAIN -1-
Motion passed.

Vote Count for Item 4.2, 4.3, 4.4:
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 -9- NOES -0- ABSENT -1- ABSTAIN -0-
Motion passed.

Regular Calendar

5. FY21/22 Budget Adjustment [Collard]

Board Comments/Action Items:
• Clarification requested on the dollar amounts for the reserve balances

Public Comments:
Sam Salmon commented that the Board should prioritize in-county composting over other projects.

Motion: For approval of the FY 2021-22 Budget Adjustment

First: City of Cotati – Susan Harvey
Second: City of Santa Rosa – John Sawyer

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

AYES -9- NOES -0- ABSENT -1- ABSTAIN -0-
Motion passed.
6. Public Hearing for the Consideration of Organics Disposal Fee and ZWS Fee Increase [Collard]

**Board Comments/Action Items:**
- Education on organics should be a main priority.
- Assisted living communities will need direct focus for waste diversion education.
- Board is more supportive of small fee increases that are easier to justify than large jumps in fees.
- Board supports conservative approach to financial reserves and preserving balances for pending projects.
- More visual representations in staff reports could help the public understand the material presented. Presenting total fee increases to all rates, not just ZWS, will help the board see the whole picture.

**Public Comments:**

Sam Salmon – ZWS fee increase is less concerning than increases by the hauler and landfill operator. Again stressed the need for the Board to re-focus its attention towards in-county composting.

Dan Noble – Expressed support for ZWS and its programs and expressed his desire to help educate the public on making Sonoma County a circular economy.

Stu Clark – Supports staff recommendations. Commented that this modest increase allows ZWS to make a large impact with improved programs.

**Motion:** For approval of a $2.00/ton increase to the ZWS and a $2.75/ton increase to the organics tipping fee effective April 1, 2022

**First:** City of Petaluma – Patrick Carter  
**Second:** City of Rohnert Park – Pam Stafford

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

AYES -9- NOES -0- ABSENT -1- ABSTAIN -0-  
Motion passed.

7. Approval of the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Final Budget [Collard]

**Board Comments/Action Items:**

- None

**Public Comments:**

None

**Motion:** For approval of a FY2022/23 ZWS Final Budget
First: City of Cotati – Susan Harvey
Second: City of Santa Rosa – John Sawyer

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

AYES -9- NOES -0- ABSENT -1- ABSTAIN -0-
Motion passed.

8. Boardmember Comments – NO ACTION
Windsor received presentation from the students from Sebastopol and it was well received.

9. Executive Director Report – NO ACTION
Executive Director presented report.

10. Staff Comments – NO ACTION
None

11. Next SCWMA meeting: March 17, 2022

12. Adjourn: 10:18 am

Submitted by: Thora Collard