



## 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  
Town of Windsor - Deb Fudge

### 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

**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	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.**

**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 the public 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 financials 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