

AB 939 LOCAL TASK FORCE MINUTES
Thursday, February 13, 2024
12:30 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.
2300 County Center Drive, La Plaza A, Room A212
Santa Rosa, California 95404
Zoom link:

<https://sonomacounty.zoom.us/j/95452631348?pwd=amRpWng4Ykc4YkhCRWV3WEtEb2RxZz09>

<u>Absent (In alphabetical order)</u>	<u>In attendance (In alphabetical order)</u>
<p>Amber Johnson- Zero Waste Sonoma Arthur Deicke- EPS Bob Cipolla- Community Member Dan Nobel- Association of Compost Producers Dylan Resig- Resynergi Greg Carr- 1st district rep Jennifer Lyle, Sonoma County Katie Cushwa- Zero Waste Sonoma Leslye Choate- LEA Max Bridges- League of Women Voters Michael Anderson- Marketing and Recycling Historian Renee Gundy, city of Santa rosa Stephen Zollman- Sebastapol city Tasha Wright- City of Santa Rosa (Water Dept) Trish Pisenti- Sonoma County Sloan Pagal- Zero Waste Sonoma</p>	<p>Alyssa Messer – 3rd District Rep Amanda Rivers- Resource Recovery Celia Furber- Recology Danielle Welsh J. Glen Morelli – TPW – Integrated Waste- Kristen Sales- Zero waste Kyle LaRue- Director of Zero Waste and Compliance Leslie Lukacs – Zero Waste Sonoma Luana Pinasco- Committee member Liz Bortolotto – Chair Mark Soiland- City of Cotati Representative Shawn Viara Stu Clark – 4th District Rep Terry Taylor- town of Windsor Xinci Tan – Zero Waste Sonoma Taryn Obaid- Climate Seat</p>
Item	
1. Welcome & Introductions	
2. Approval of draft minutes from December 12, 2024 meeting Motion: Stu Clark Seconded: Alyssa Messer Motion Passed	
3. Elections for LTF Board positions for 2025 CHAIR: LIZ VICE CHAIR: DAN CHAIR PROTEM: CELIA Motion: Mark Soiland Seconded: Alyssa Messer Motion Passed	
4. Presentation by CCNB on new recycling project – Kyle LaRue Presentation: -Working with Megan Hernandez to collect plastic wrap and PET liner from wineries. They are collecting and has been taking off. As part of our grant we can continue to fund this work for free. There are 15-16	

partners who have signed up. It has been Napa focused but this has included a Santa Rosa site. This is available M-Th 7:30 AM-3PM. They also collect e-waste, tires, carpet, etc. the pick up service has more demand than capacity at this time, but they are looking at bringing on staff overtime. This has been particularly helpful to the wineries.

Question:

Are any of the pickup customers in Sonoma County- there are 4 and they are encouraging wineries to use the drop off site.

Is there a minimum for drop off- general guideline is 2 rolling carts worth of glass for pick up. There are different sizes of palettes and they have been reused and repurposed. There are some that are not reusable.

Is it all colors of glass and do labels matter- all colors and it doesn't matter that labels are still on.

What kinds of glass bottle can be dropped off- any kind of glass bottle or aluminum cans. This includes breweries being able to drop off glass bottles. For them, there is not a minimum quantity for anything other than glass.

Do you have a bailer? they don't have a bailer at this time.

Are you partnering with Trex- yes and the cardboard recycling is going to golden bear recycling

Is this exclusive to wineries right now- It is not. there are a few other businesses but it is primarily wineries.

Are you sharing the weights from the materials shared from the landfill- he is not seeing any shipments other than glass. As soon as they start sending shipments from other materials then they could share it with us.

What are the specs for the plastic they are willing to take- as long as it is clear, dry, and not food contaminated then they are able to take it. Foodbank and grocery stores have a tone of that type of plastics. There is also another business downtown that is trying to track their plastic wrap and recycle it. It is the suitcase shop on fourth street. If they are bringing it to the site, then there is no limit on the type of materials. The glass component is just for the pick up. The pick ups will be hard to scale up because of the coordination and labor involved. The problem with the debri box is that there is no way to unload it.

5. Update on ZWS projects – Leslie Lukacs

Presentation:

-There are 5 new board members which is significant for the agency (previous board members had been with the agency for sometime). Zero waste Sonoma 1:1 training and the board meeting is open to all and will provide an overview of who Zero Waste is and an overview of the strategic plan.

-In 2025 work plan: new approved projects include: new technical assistant RFP to continue education and outreach regarding the disposable food ware ordinance and we want to work with businesses to move from zero waste to reusable; also want a pilot program to support businesses to move from single use disposable, repair/reuse workshop grant, RFP for management of one repair fair event per year per jurisdiction. Overall there is a bigger focus going into reuse.

-There are strides in development of the HHW facility. This is going to be a drop off center for hard to recycle products. The idea will be that offices will be moved to this new property and this is where there will be a multipurpose room for education outreach. This is a general, high level overview of what we are working on right now. They are fine tuning those drawings right now and going through the permitting process

-A grant was given with CCNB at existing e waste events regarding a solar recycling pilot. Data from the event is showing CCNB collecting around 100 solar panels at each event.

-The SB 1066 Marine flare billed made it to the Governor's desk and did not pass, but it is a two year bill and they are waiting for a new bill number.

-Also on a committee looking at an ER bill for HHW and that is in progress.

-There are 5 compost hubs available year round. It is replenished year round. Zero waste moving away from compost events and more toward year round available hubs. More info at

<https://zerowaste.sonoma.gov/compost-giveaways>.

-Closed Loop Partners- we should be receiving a final report at the end of the month. There were 240k cups redirected from the landfill.

-Zero waste symposium- Will be May 1st and they are working on speakers and key notes

-Zero Waste week will be held in October 2025.

-CIWMP (every 5 years)- it is a report that CAL recycles requires every 5 years and addresses waste management conditions and community. It provides an overview of actions that will be taken to achieve diversion requirements, maintains 15 years disposal capacity, and statute request that elements comprising CIWMP reviewed every 5 years. The LTF has historically taken the lead on this and will most likely be due in the summer of this year.

-*Stu speaking to the experience*- there is a conversation about whether this process is still relevant to meeting SB33 and what the LTF is focused on. We can go through and update it like last time, but of course the LTF is here to support that process. It does not seem relevant to the real world.

-*Leslie*- Agree that is not as essential as it used to be, but now there is so much new legislation that requires reporting and we can review and answer some of the questions on this form.

Question:

-*Was there a subcommittee to tackle this in the past- there was not a subcommittee, it was just a standing item for months until it is done.*

-*Can this be sent to the ltf sooner rather than later if people are interested in reviewing- this sounds good. We will make a point of getting together and handling it to interested people and sending them back.*

-*Is there any discussion at the Cal recycle level since there are so many other plans and reports regarding SB33 and other things about abandoning the CIWMP- we have not heard anything but we can find out.*

-*Moving forward what is going on with the purple cup program- we did apply for funding through the federal grants and there is an administrative order to stop the federal funding of grants and the grants we applied for were paused. Some were put back online. It is a touch and go time with the federal administration coming in. At the US compost council conference, there is a lot of disruption in our industry. In a meeting on CPSC yesterday, their grant funds is on hold. The USDA grant is also on hold. There will be a ripple effect where projects using federal funds is put on hold. There is a current disruption.*

-*On the purple cup when will the final report be ready- at the end of the month and during the next meeting there can be an update on that.*

6. Update Conscious Container – Liz Bortolotto

Presentation:

-They stopped doing the refillable wine project. They could not find the funding. She did have contact with revino which has a different recovery process there.

-Sean updates regarding city of santa rosa: there are notices for those going out in Santa Rosa and out of city. For new clean Santa Rosa projects. They are still in the beginning planning stages of this, but they are looking to get more people on board and if there are ideas to expand and have events to bring harder to recycle materials to somewhere so it does not end up in the landfill or in waste. They are working on code enforcement about the spots and how to manage the compliance about the reusables. If you are interested in joining clean santa rosa, please reach out.

Question:

-*Are you thinking this is similar to the adopt the road project- It is. We can also use the current grand funds to support residential community clean up.*

-*Were you working with multitenant buildings to have a compost bin- yes- are there a suggestion on how this can be developed- we are currently working on this with the compliance team to find what kind of enclosures work and address compliance. They are working on this.*

-*Are you in touch with the county adopt a roadway program as well- not yet.*

7. Public Comments*

No public comments

8. Member Announcements and Comments

-Mark Soiland- No updates regarding compost and recycling as it relates to this group. Cities doing more storm water cleanups will help. Cities are getting ready to start maintaining these facilities and this means reincorporating compost and reinvigorate the medium so it can absorb the stormwater again. There is also a 2 million pile of shingles they are trying to recycle and as of now it is now considered environmental waste that has been delayed for 10 years. The state is now getting back on board and they are still

landfilling old roof materials. It is a big conquerable thing. They are working on a deconstruction ordinance that may be more strict than the state.

Question

- **When were you able to recycle the shingles-** 5% of the shingles collected from 2009-2013 was being used as part of an emerging program. However CA just stopped it and there needs to be a continuation of action. This may have been related to air quality and not performance issues. The state agencies have been moving the bar for requirements and this does create some frustration for compost businesses and stakeholders. There is some hope with CalRecycle that they will continue to lead to compost facilities being. There are red tape and technical processes that can create barriers to good programs. In the current timeframe, good projects have to recognize that it takes a lot of resources, time, and support to get things through.

-Stu Clark: the county is going through an update to his general plan. There is a good opportunity to work with permit Sonoma to get in alignment with our goals and matching the languages. Suggest including someone from the LEA along with Zero Waste who can speak to the state minimum standards and knowledge of the tiers process.

-Celia Furber- we have been partnering with art start for many years (they get warehouse space on the facility) and this is the year they are getting a residence area. There will be a call for (especially student) artist to apply and go through the materials that would have otherwise gone to the landfill. They want to inspire people through art and creative sustainability endeavors.

9. Next Regular Meeting Date/Suggestions for Agenda Items -

April 10, 2025

10. Adjournment

Motion: Stu Clark

Seconded: Alyssa Messer

Motion Passed

*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.