



Meeting of the Board of Directors

June 23, 2022
SPECIAL MEETING

Meeting begins at 9:00 a.m.

Estimated Ending Time 11:30 a.m.

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

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ZERO WASTE SONOMA

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In accordance with Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 the Board of Directors meeting will be held virtually.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY NOT ATTEND THIS MEETING IN PERSON

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Email public comment: To submit an emailed public comment to the Board please email leslie.lukacs@sonoma-county.org and provide your name, the number(s) on which you wish to speak, and your comment. These comments will be emailed to all Board members and can be provided anytime leading up to and throughout the meeting.



Agenda

Item

1. Call to Order
2. Call to Order Regular Meeting
3. Agenda Approval
4. Public Comments (items not on the agenda)

Consent (w/attachments)

- 4.1 Minutes of the May 19, 2022 Regular Meeting
- 4.2 May, June, and July 2022 Outreach Calendar
- 4.3 Resolution No. 2022-15, Making Findings and Determinations Under AB 361 for the Continuation of Virtual Meetings
- 4.4 Grant Purchase Approval and Budget Adjustment
- 4.5 FY22/23 Budget Adjustment - CalVolunteers Youth Workforce Development Grant
- 4.6 Reauthorization of Resolution for CalRecycle Grant Applications

Regular Calendar

5. Cold Creek Compost Informational Presentation and Discussion[Lukacs]
6. Boardmember Comments – NO ACTION
7. Executive Director Report – VERBAL REPORT
8. Staff Comments – NO ACTION
9. Next ZWS meeting: July 21, 2022
10. Adjourn

Consent Calendar: These matters include routine financial and administrative actions and are usually approved by a single majority vote. Any Boardmember may remove an item from the consent calendar.

Regular Calendar: These items include significant and administrative actions of special interest and are classified by program area. The regular calendar also includes "Set Matters," which are noticed hearings, work sessions and public hearings.

Public Comments: Pursuant to Rule 6, Rules of Governance of the Sonoma County Waste Management Agency/Zero Waste Sonoma, members of the public desiring to speak on items that are within the jurisdiction of the Agency shall have an opportunity at the beginning and during each regular meeting of the Agency. When recognized by the Chair, each person should give his/her name and address and limit comments to 3 minutes. Public comments will follow the staff report and subsequent Boardmember questions on that Agenda item and before Boardmembers propose a motion to vote on any item.



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To: Zero Waste Sonoma Board Members
From: Leslie Lukacs, Executive Director
Subject: June 23, 2022 Special Board Meeting Agenda Notes

Consent Calendar

These items include routine financial, informational and administrative items and **staff recommends that they be approved en masse by a single vote.** Any Board member may remove an item from the consent calendar for further discussion or a separate vote by bringing it to the attention of the Chair.

- 4.1 May 19, 2022 Meeting Minutes
- 4.2 May, June, and July 2022 Outreach Calendar
- 4.3 Resolution No. 2022-13, Making Findings and Determinations Under AB 361 for the Continuation of Virtual Meetings
- 4.4 Grant Purchase Approval and Budget Adjustment
- 4.5 FY22/23 Budget Adjustment – CalVolunteers Youth Workforce Development Grant
- 4.6 Reauthorization of Resolution for CalRecycle Grant Applications

Regular Calendar

5. Cold Creek Compost Informational Presentation and Discussion

On May 26, 2022 and on June 13, 2022 Martin Mileck, Founder, Owner, and President of CCC, sent a letter to the ZWS Board of Directors requesting an agreement amendment to increase the tip fee and increase our committed material delivery tonnages. **Staff recommends the Board receive a presentation from Cold Creek Compost (CCC) requesting an agreement amendment for receiving and processing Sonoma County's Residential organic material and give direction to staff on how to address CCC's request.**



Minutes of the May 19, 2022 Meeting

Zero Waste Sonoma met on May 19, 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 – Evelyn Mitchell
City of Petaluma – Rhianna Frank
City of Rohnert Park - Pam Stafford

City of Santa Rosa - John Sawyer
City of Sebastopol – Diana Rich
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 8:30 a.m.

2. Closed Session

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Initiation of litigation pursuant to Sec. 54956.9(c) (one case)

3. Adjourn Closed Session at 9:14 a.m.

Call to Order Regular Meeting

Regular session was called to order at 9:14 a.m.
Introductions

4. Agenda Approval

5. Public Comments (items not on the agenda)

None

6. Consent (w/attachments)

- 6.1 Minutes of the April 21, 2022 Regular Meeting
- 6.2 April, May, and June 2022 Outreach Calendar
- 6.3 Resolution No. 2022-13, Making Findings and Determinations Under AB 361 for the Continuation of Virtual Meetings
- 6.4 Amendment to the Agreement for Short-Term Organics Materials Processing Services with WM Redwood Landfill, Inc.

Action Items:

None

Public Comments:

None

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

First: City of Cotati – Susan Harvey

Second: City of Rohnert Park – Pam Stafford

Vote Count:

City of Cloverdale	AYE	City of Santa Rosa	ABSENT
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 -8- NOES -0- ABSENT -2- ABSTAIN -0-

Motion passed.

John Sawyer arrived 9:18 a.m.

Regular Calendar**7. Approval AB 1276 Informational Presentation[Pagal]****Board Comments:**

- Does the County want to do enforcement?
- Who's responsible for education and enforcement?
- Small jurisdictions do not have code enforcement, so this can prove challenging.
- We need to be creative for education. Educate through business newsletters, chamber of commerce, elected officials, school districts, social media, letters with business licenses.
- Complaint based system.
- Environmental Health education.
- Can ZWS do presentations to Chambers, Economic Development Board, Councils, Schools?
- Can we incorporate this into Zero Waste Week?
- Can we offer stipends for student films?

Public Comments:

Dan Noble – Education to the schools is key. Learn by doing.

8. Zero Waste Week Resolution and Template Proclamation [Pagal]**Board Comment/Action Items:**

None

Public Comments:

May 19, 2022 – SCWMA Meeting Minutes

None

Motion: For approval of the Resolution Proclaiming Zero Waste Week and distribution of the Template Proclamation.

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.

9. Boardmember Comments – NO ACTION

10. Executive Director Report and Presentation – NO ACTION
Executive Director verbal report.

11. Staff Comments – NO ACTION
None

12. Next SCWMA meeting: June 16, 2022

13. Adjourn: 9:54 am

Submitted by: Thora Collard



Agenda Item #: **4.2**
Agenda Date: **6/23/2022**

ITEM: May, June, and July 2022 Outreach Calendar

May 2022 OUTREACH

Start date	End date	Start time	End time	Event
5/1/22	5/1/22	10:00 AM	5:00 PM	Bodega Bay Fisherman's Festival (Bodega Bay)
5/1/22	5/1/22	10:00 AM	4:00 PM	Fire and Earthquake Safety Expo 2022 (Cloverdale)
5/10/22	5/10/22	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	Graton Labor Center (Graton)
5/13/22	5/15/22	9:00 AM	5:00 PM	E-Waste Recycling Event (Healdsburg)
5/14/22	5/14/22	9:00 AM	5:00 PM	Mattress Recycling Event (Healdsburg)
5/14/22	5/14/22	11:00 AM	3:00 PM	Fix-it Clinic & Reuse Fair (Santa Rosa)
5/18/22	5/18/22	5:00 PM	8:30 PM	Wednesday Downtown Market (Santa Rosa)
5/19/22	5/19/22	9:00 AM	4:00 PM	Father's Day 27th Annual "Show & Shine" Car Show
5/25/22	5/25/22	5:00 PM	8:30 PM	Wednesday Downtown Market (Santa Rosa)

June 2022 OUTREACH

Start date	End date	Start time	End time	Event
6/1/22	6/1/22	5:00 PM	8:30 PM	Wednesday Downtown Market (Santa Rosa)
6/8/22	6/8/22	4:00 PM	5:30 PM	Northwest Santa Rosa Library Teen Zero Waste Workshop (Santa Rosa)
6/8/22	6/8/22	5:00 PM	8:30 PM	Wednesday Downtown Market (Santa Rosa)
6/14/22	6/14/22	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	Graton Labor Center (Graton)
6/15/22	6/15/22	5:00 PM	8:30 PM	Wednesday Downtown Market (Santa Rosa)
6/17/22	6/19/22	9:00 AM	5:00 PM	E-Waste Recycling Event (Santa Rosa)
6/18/22	6/18/22	9:00 AM	5:00 PM	Mattress Recycling Event (Santa Rosa)
6/23/22	6/23/22	4:00 PM	5:30 PM	Rincon Valley Library Teen Zero Waste Workshop (Santa Rosa)
6/29/22	6/29/22	5:00 PM	8:30 PM	The Water Smart Expo (Santa Rosa)

July 2022 OUTREACH

Start date	End date	Start time	End time	Event
7/5/22	7/5/22	3:00 PM	4:30 PM	Sebastopol Library Teen Zero Waste Workshop (Sebastopol)
7/8/22	7/8/22	2:00 PM	3:30 PM	Roseland Library Teen Zero Waste Workshop (Santa Rosa)
7/15/22	7/17/22	9:00 AM	5:00 PM	E-Waste Recycling Event (Petaluma)



Agenda Item #: 4.3
Staff Contact: Walsh
Agenda Date: 6/23/2022
Approved By: LL

ITEM: Resolution No. 2022-15, Making Findings and Determinations Under AB 361 for the Continuation of Virtual Meetings

I. RECOMMENDED ACTION / ALTERNATIVES TO RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board adopt Resolution No. 2022-15, making findings and determinations under AB 361 for the continuation of virtual meetings.

II. BACKGROUND

On March 17, 2020, in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 suspending certain provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act in order to allow for local legislative bodies to conduct their meetings completely telephonically or by other electronic means.

The provisions in the Brown Act that were suspended by the Governor's Executive Order are contained in Government Code Section 54953(b)(3) and require that when teleconferencing is used, outside of a statewide emergency, that the following occur:

- An agenda is required to be posted at all locations, including any teleconference locations
- Each teleconference location must be identified on the actual agenda
- Each teleconference location shall be accessible to the public
- A quorum of the legislative body must be in the jurisdiction

With the Governor's Executive Order, the four above requirements were suspended, allowing councilmembers to not have to post an agenda at their teleconference location, not have to identify their location on the meeting agenda, not have to ensure public accessibility at the teleconference location, and the legislative body did not need a quorum in the jurisdiction. As the Board is aware, this allowed the Board meetings to be conducted by Zoom with Board members, staff, and the public all joining from remote locations.

The suspension of certain provisions of the Brown Act was further extended by the Governor on June 11, 2021 by the issuance of Executive Order N-08-21, which continued to allow for complete virtual meetings until September 30, 2021.

On September 16, 2021, the Governor signed AB 361, which allows legislative bodies to meet virtually provided there is a state of emergency declared by the Governor, and either (1) state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; or (2) the legislative body determines by majority vote that meeting in person

would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees. As a result, if Zero Waste Sonoma desires to have virtual meetings on or after October 1, 2021, it must do so consistent with the requirements of AB 361.

III. DISCUSSION

AB 361 preserves many of the provisions of the earlier executive orders, including the suspension of the four teleconferencing requirements noted above, while also adding new requirements to the management of remote and teleconference public meetings in order to better achieve the levels of transparency that the Brown Act demands. Specifically, AB 361 imposes two new rules on remote public meetings:

1. Local governments and agencies hosting teleconference meetings in lieu of traditional in-person public meetings must permit direct public comment during the teleconference, and must leave open the opportunity for public comment until the comment period for a given item is closed during the ordinary course of the meeting. The opportunity to make public comment must be of a sufficient duration so as to allow actual public participation. Zero Waste Sonoma already complies with this requirement, so it presents no change to our current practice.
2. Any action by the governing body during a public teleconference meeting must occur while the agency is actively and successfully broadcasting to members of the public through a call-in option or an internet-based service option. If a technical disruption within the agency's control prevents members of the public from either viewing the meeting of the public agency, or prevents members of the public from offering public comment, the agency must cease all action on the meeting agenda until the disruption ends and the broadcast is restored. Action taken during an agency-caused disruption may be challenged as a violation of the Brown Act.

In order to continue to qualify for AB 361's waiver of in-person meeting requirements, the Board must, within thirty (30) days of its first meeting under AB 361, and every thirty (30) days thereafter, make findings that (a) state or local officials recommend measures to promote social distancing, or that (b) an in-person meeting would constitute an imminent risk to the safety of attendees. State officials at Cal-OSHA have, through the adoption of certain regulations, recommend measures to promote social distancing throughout the State. Additionally, on September 22, 2021, Sonoma County Health Officer Dr. Sundari Mase has issued a recommendation to continue online meetings (teleconference meetings) as those meetings promote social distancing, and "present the lowest risk of transmission of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19." Dr. Mase recommended that if an agency holds in person meetings, a written safety protocol be developed and followed, requiring social distancing and that face masks be worn. Dr. Mase also recommended that for in person meetings, an agency consider holding meetings outdoors to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

The enclosed resolution makes the necessary findings for the Board, which is subject to the Brown Act, to continue with virtual meetings for the time being. As the Board meets on the

third Thursday of every month, it is possible that more than 30 days may elapse between consecutive meetings. AB 361 is silent as to whether special meetings are required on a more frequent basis to keep up with the 30-day renewal of findings requirement, although scheduling such meetings would ensure strict compliance. Alternatively, if the Board does not meet within thirty days after its prior meeting, the Board should make its renewed findings at the beginning of its next meeting prior to any other action or discussion. Board staff will return to the Board with a resolution every meeting to allow for the continuance of virtual meetings for so long as the Board and staff believes that virtual meetings are necessary.

It is important to that AB 361 does not require Zero Waste Sonoma to continue with virtual meetings, but simply gives the Board that option. If at any time the Board desires to return to in person meetings, the Board can agendaize that topic for discussion and direct staff to initiate the transition back to in-person or hybrid meetings. However, at this time, Board staff is recommending adoption of the resolution to allow the Board to continue to be held remotely in order to ensure social distancing consistent with the recommendations of state and local officials.

IV. FUNDING IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact for this item

V. CONCLUSION

Staff recommends that the Board adopt Resolution No. 2022-15, making findings and determinations under AB 361 for the continuation of virtual meetings.

VI. ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution Making Findings and Determinations under AB 361
2. 9/22/2021 Recommendation of the Health Officer: Public Meetings

A RESOLUTION OF THE SONOMA COUNTY WASTE MANAGEMENT AGENCY (ALSO KNOWN AS ZERO WASTE SONOMA) MAKING FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS UNDER AB 361 FOR CONTINUED VIRTUAL MEETINGS

WHEREAS, the Ralph M. Brown Act (Gov. Code § 54950 *et seq.*) generally requires local agencies meeting via teleconference, including through other virtual or electronic means, to provide public access at each location in which members of the legislative body are teleconferencing; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recently enacted Assembly Bill 361, Chapter 165, Statutes of 2021 (“AB 361”), which amended Government Code section 54953 to allow local agencies to meet fully virtually during a proclaimed state of emergency if state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; and

WHEREAS, the Governor issued a proclamation declaring a state of emergency on March 4, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, pursuant to section 8625 of the California Emergency Services Act, and this proclaimed state of emergency currently remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, the Board of the Sonoma County Waste Management Agency (also known as Zero Waste Sonoma) has considered the circumstances of the state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, state or local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing; and

WHEREAS, according to the Sonoma County Health Officer, the grounds for the social distancing recommendation include that online meetings (teleconference meetings) “present the lowest risk of transmission of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19”; and

WHEREAS, the continuation of virtual meetings will allow for full participation by members of the public until social distancing recommendations are lifted; and

WHEREAS, the Board of the Sonoma County Waste Management Agency desires to continue to hold virtual meetings pursuant to AB 361 and Government Code section 54953(e).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of the Sonoma County Waste Management Agency hereby finds, determines, and resolves as follows:

1. The above recitals and true and correct and shall be the findings of the Board of Directors of the Sonoma County Waste Management Agency.
2. The Board of Directors the Sonoma County Waste Management Agency shall continue to meet virtually in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e) and without compliance with section 54953(b)(3) based upon the findings and determinations hereby made by the Board.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED, by the Board of Directors of the Sonoma County Waste Management Agency, on this 23rd day of June, 2022, by the following vote:

MEMBERS:

- - Cloverdale	- - Cotati	- - County	- - Healdsburg	- - Petaluma
- - Rohnert Park	- - Santa Rosa	- - Sebastopol	- - Sonoma	- - Windsor

AYES: - - NOES: - - ABSENT: - - ABSTAIN: - -

SO ORDERED

The within instrument is a correct copy of the original on file with this office

ATTEST: DATE: June 23, 2022

Clerk of the Sonoma County Waste Management Agency
In and for the County of Sonoma



County of Sonoma

Emergency Readiness, Response and Recovery



Emergency

September 24, 2021 10:38 AM

Recommendation of the Health Officer: Public Meetings

[En Español \[https://socoemergency.org/recomendacion-del-funcionario-de-salud-reuniones-publicas/\]](https://socoemergency.org/recomendacion-del-funcionario-de-salud-reuniones-publicas/)

Sonoma County Public Health Recommendations for Safely Holding Public Meetings

September 22, 2021

Each local government agency is authorized to determine whether to hold public meetings in person, online (teleconferencing only), or via a combination of methods. The following are recommendations from Sonoma County Public Health to minimize the risk of COVID-19 transmission during a public meeting of a legislative body held in compliance with Government Code section 54953(e):

1. Online meetings (teleconferencing meetings) are strongly recommended as those meetings present the lowest risk of transmission of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19.
2. If a local agency determines to hold in-person meetings, offering the public the opportunity to attend via a call-in option or an internet-based service option is recommended, when possible, to give those at higher risk of and/or higher concern about COVID-19 an alternative to participating in person.
3. If a local agency holds in person meetings, a written safety protocol should be developed and followed. It is recommended that the

protocol require social distancing – i.e., six feet of separation between attendees – and face masking of all attendees in compliance with [Order of the Health Officer of the County of Sonoma C19-25](#).

4. If a local agency holds in person meetings, seating arrangements should allow for staff and members of the public to easily maintain at least six-foot distance from one another at all practicable times.
5. Consider holding public meetings outdoors. Increasing scientific consensus is that outdoor airflow reduces the risk of COVID-19 transmission compared to indoor spaces. Hosting events outdoors also may make it easier to space staff and members of the public at least six feet apart.
6. Current evidence is unclear as to the added benefit of temperature checks in addition to symptom checks. We encourage focus on symptom checks as they may screen out individuals with symptoms but no fever and help reinforce the message to not go out in public if you are not feeling well.
7. Consider a voluntary attendance sheet with names and contact information to assist in contact tracing of any cases linked to a public meeting.

Dr. Sundari R. Mase, MD MPH

Health Officer of the County of Sonoma



Agenda Item #: **4.4**
Cost Center: **Organics**
Staff Contact: **Tan**
Agenda Date: **6/23/22**
Approved By: **LL**

ITEM: Grant Purchase Approval and Budget Adjustment

I. RECOMMENDED ACTION / ALTERNATIVES TO RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board approve of ZWS's expenditure of \$77,087 for 14,400 organics countertop pails on behalf of the 10 member jurisdictions using SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant funds.

II. BACKGROUND

When regulations for Senate Bill (SB) 1383 Short-lived Climate Pollutants were finalized in 2020, it became evident that implementation would require significant monetary investment. As a result, jurisdictions across the state requested that CalRecycle provide funding assistance. In January 2022, CalRecycle released a non-competitive, one-time grant program that allocated funds to jurisdictions based on their population size. Zero Waste Sonoma staff submitted a regional application on behalf of the 10 member jurisdictions and received a total of \$725,996 in April. Examples of eligible expenses include waste collection infrastructure such as carts and bins, education and outreach, equipment such as vehicles, and personnel.

Countertop pails are currently available from Recology Sonoma Marin (RSM) for their residential customers to pick up upon request. Because the cost of the pails are not included in the franchise agreements, with the exception of Santa Rosa, RSM has a very limited supply. The pails have proven to be very popular with residents, as they are easy to clean and allow for efficient transport of food scraps from the kitchen to outdoor receptacles. Sonoma County Resource Recovery (SCRR) and Sonoma Garbage Collectors do not currently distribute pails to their customers.

Staff from the majority of the member jurisdictions expressed interest in participating in a bulk purchase of organics countertop pails to procure a lower cost per unit. They specifically stated preference for pails with higher recycled content and manufacturing as locally as possible.

III. DISCUSSION

Staff reached out to a number of manufacturers for quotes. Several including EnviroWorld, Oxo, Minky, and Food52 did not respond, but staff did receive the following quotes listed in Table 1.

TABLE 1: Quotes received for organics countertop pails

Brand	Price/unit including shipping & label	Recycled Content %	Material	Source location	Time to Delivery
Ecovision	\$4.12	100%	Plastic HDPE	UK	3-4 months
SureClose	\$4.90	35%	Plastic HDPE	Ontario, Canada	2 months
Bamboozle	\$18.58	0%	Bamboo, cornstarch, and plastic	China	-

Although the customer service was still calculating time to delivery, staff ruled out Bamboozle due to its high price per unit. The choice was provided to jurisdictions between Ecovision and SureClose. Jurisdictions preferred SureClose due to its closer manufacturing location and faster time to delivery. SureClose was also the brand of pails that RSM has been distributing, and jurisdictions liked that there would be consistency. A picture of the SureClose pail is below.



During the application for the SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant, each jurisdiction submitted a budget allocating their funds into specific categories. Some jurisdictions chose to allocate more funds to purchasing countertop pails than others.

For the most economical price, Agency staff is requesting one full transfer load of 14,400 units. Healdsburg, Rohnert Park, and Windsor decided not to participate in the bulk purchase, but the allocation of pails for each jurisdiction is listed in Table 2 below. Agency staff have coordinated with RSM to receive the delivery, scheduled for early September. Distribution to each of the jurisdictions will be determined in the coming weeks.

TABLE 2: Number of pails for participating jurisdiction

Jurisdiction	Number of pails
Cloverdale	500
Cotati	2,000
Petaluma	1,080
Santa Rosa	3,300
Sebastopol	250
Sonoma	2,770
Sonoma County	4,500
Total	14,400

Since this grant was approved after the approval of the FY 22/23 budget, staff is asking the board to approve two budget adjustments. The first will be to complete the purchase of the pails in the current fiscal year and the second will be to increase appropriations in the new fiscal year for full grant implementation.

IV. FUNDING IMPACT

The total price for 14,400 pails is \$70,560, including shipping as well as printing and application of a custom label. State tax will be \$6,527, which brings the total price to \$77,087. There is no impact to the ZWS budget since all expenditures will be paid for through grant funds.

V. ATTACHMENTS

Resolution Approving Expenditure for Organics Countertop Pail
Quotation provided by SureClose Inc.

Dated: June 23, 2022

RESOLUTION OF ZERO WASTE SONOMA (ALSO KNOWN AS THE SONOMA COUNTY WASTE MANAGEMENT AGENCY) INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE RECENTLY APPROVED CALRECYCLE SB 1383 LOCAL ASSISTANCE GRANT IN FY 21/22 AND FY 22/23. ZWS ALSO APPROVES THE EXPENDITURE FOR ORGANICS COUNTERTOP PAILS IN THE FY21/22 BUDGET PERIOD.

WHEREAS, the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) created a one-time grant program to assist jurisdictions in complying with the SB 1383 regulations; and

WHEREAS, Zero Waste Sonoma submitted a regional application on behalf of the 10 member jurisdictions in January 2022; and

WHEREAS, CalRecycle awarded a total of \$725,996 to the 10 member jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the Board approves the increase in FY 22/23 budget appropriations to revenue account 78111-66111100-42358 in the amount of \$648,909 and expenditure account 78111-66111100-51249 in the amount of \$648,909 for the FY22/23 performance period; and

WHEREAS, the jurisdictions expressed interest in participating in a bulk purchase for organics countertop pails so as to obtain a lower price per unit; and

WHEREAS, the Board approves the increase in FY 21/22 budget appropriations to revenue account 78111-66111100-42358 in the amount of \$77,087 and expenditure account 78111-66111100-51249 in the amount of \$77,087 for the countertop pails purchase; and

Whereas, ZWS reviewed multiple quotes for bins and selected SureClose, Inc. for the purchase of 14,400 for the total cost of \$77,087; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Zero Waste Sonoma does hereby approve the increase in budget appropriations for the SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Zero Waste Sonoma does hereby approve the expenditure for organics countertop pails on behalf of the 10 member jurisdictions, utilizing SB 1383 Local Assistance grant funds.

MEMBERS:

-- Cloverdale	-- Cotati	-- County	-- Healdsburg	-- Petaluma
-- Rohnert Park	-- Santa Rosa	-- Sebastopol	-- Sonoma	-- Windsor

AYES: -- NOES: -- ABSENT: -- ABSTAIN: --

SO ORDERED

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ATTEST:

DATE: June 23, 2022

Clerk of Zero Waste Sonoma
Agency of the State of California in and for the
County of Sonoma



June 13, 2022

Xinci Tan,
Organics Program Manager,
Zero Waste Sonoma,
2300 County Center Drive, Suite B-100
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Sure-Close Food Scrap Container Quote

Model # 14558 – A Warm Grey Body with Green vented lid and handle with a 4”H x 5”W label printed and applied.

Sure-Close are 508 grams in weight, 1.9 gallons (7.1 Liters) in size and made from HDPE.

Unique features include; letterbox shape (container slopes downward from back to front), stay up lid, grips located on the front and rear as well as the bottom of Sure-Close and a removable lid to ease cleaning. Sure-Close are dishwasher (no heat dry) and freezer safe.

14,400 Sure-Close Model # 14558 with label printed and applied - \$4.90 per unit

Total \$70,560.00 USD

Price includes delivery to Sonoma County CA., Duty Paid (DDP).

Delivery will be in one shipment of 14,400 Sure-Close, delivered no later than Friday September 9, 2022.

With many thanks for your continued interest in Sure-Close.

Rod Muir, General Manager, Sure-Close Inc.

Accepted by: Xinci Tan Date: 6/15/2022

Name and Title: Organics Program Manager - Zero Waste Sonoma PO#: 1932

Please note closely: As your Sure-Close are customized with a label orders are non-cancelable once production has begun and nonreturnable once shipped from Ottawa ON.



Agenda Item #: 4.5
Staff Contact: Sales
Agenda Date: 6/23/22
Approved By: LL

ITEM: FY22/23 Budget Adjustment – CalVolunteers Youth Workforce Development Grant

I. RECOMMENDED ACTION / ALTERNATIVES TO RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board approve an adjustment to the FY 22/23 Budget, adding \$2,516,260.07 in grant funds from California Volunteers, Office of the Governor, to implement the Youth Workforce Development Program. As this item is an amendment to the budget, it requires a super-majority (8/10) vote for approval.

II. BACKGROUND

On April 15, 2022, Staff received an Award Letter from California Volunteers, Office of the Governor (CalVolunteers) approving Zero Waste Sonoma's application and providing a notice of intent to award \$2,516,260.07 to implement the Youth Workforce Development Program, beginning upon the signing of a contract between ZWS and CalVolunteers.

III. DISCUSSION

When the Board approved the FY 2022/23 budget staff were not aware of the upcoming grant opportunity from CalVolunteers.

Zero Waste Sonoma is partnering with subgrantee Conservation Corps North Bay (CCNB) on this program, with the goal of CCNB providing 84 Program Fellows with training and career development in the fields of food recovery and collection and disposal of hazardous and illegally dumped materials. Fellows will develop programs and services to address two focus areas: food insecurity and climate change.

CCNB will recruit Program Fellows between 16-30 years of age, who may have difficulty finding employment, are low-income, unemployed and/or out of school, and are or were justice-involved. ZWS will provide administrative oversight and regular reporting to CalVolunteers. The grant term begins July 1, 2022 and ends on May 1, 2024.

IV. FUNDING IMPACT

There will be no funding impact to ZWS's budget. All expenditures will be funded through the grant. Staff requests the board approve the increase to budget appropriations for the grant revenue (78110-66111000-42358) in the amount of \$2,516,260.07 and expenditure (78110-66111000-51249) in the amount of \$2,516,260.07.

V. ATTACHMENTS

Resolution

Dated: June 23, 2022

RESOLUTION OF ZERO WASTE SONOMA (ALSO KNOWN AS THE SONOMA COUNTY WASTE
MANAGEMENT AGENCY) INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE RECENTLY APPROVED CALIFORNIA
VOLUNTEERS GRANT.

WHEREAS, California Volunteers, Office of the Governor (CalVolunteers) approved Zero Waste Sonoma's application and providing a notice of intent to award \$2,516,260.07 to implement the Youth Workforce Development Program, beginning upon the signing of a contract between ZWS and CalVolunteers; and

WHEREAS, Zero Waste Sonoma is partnering with subgrantee Conservation Corps North Bay (CCNB) on this program, with the goal of CCNB providing 84 Program Fellows with training and career development in the fields of food recovery and collection and disposal of hazardous and illegally dumped materials; and

WHEREAS, the Board approves the increase in FY 22/23 budget appropriations to revenue account 78110-66111000-42358 in the amount of \$2,516,260.07 and expenditure account 78110-66111000-51249 in the amount of \$2,516,260.07 for the FY22/23 performance period; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Zero Waste Sonoma does hereby approve the increase in budget appropriations for the CalVolunteers Grant; and

MEMBERS:

-- Cloverdale	-- Cotati	-- County	-- Healdsburg	-- Petaluma
-- Rohnert Park	-- Santa Rosa	-- Sebastopol	-- Sonoma	-- Windsor

AYES: -- NOES: -- ABSENT: -- ABSTAIN: --

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Agenda Item #: **4.6**
Cost Center: **HHW**
Staff Contact: **Scott**
Agenda Date: **6/23/22**
Approved By: **LL**

ITEM: Reauthorization of Resolution for CalRecycle Grant Applications

I. RECOMMENDED ACTION / ALTERNATIVES TO RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board approve the resolution authorizing the Zero Waste Sonoma (ZWS) Executive Director to submit CalRecycle grant applications and documents on behalf of Zero Waste Sonoma and all member jurisdictions.

II. BACKGROUND

The California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) administers several grants per year in furtherance of the State's efforts to preserve landfill capacity and protect health and safety of the public and the environment. In order to submit regional grant applications, CalRecycle requires a resolution from the applicant that identifies their authority to submit grant applications and documents on behalf of the member jurisdictions.

Previous resolutions for regional grant applications have been approved by the ZWS Board in 2011 and 2016 with the last resolution expiring on September 21, 2021. A similar resolution was approved in November of 2021 for "payment programs" but CalRecycle has requested a specific resolution for "grants."

III. DISCUSSION

The attached resolution would give authority to the Executive Director to apply for CalRecycle grants, execute all grant documents, and implement approved grant projects on behalf of ZWS member jurisdictions. The resolution would be effective from June 23, 2022 through June 30, 2026.

IV. FUNDING IMPACT

There is no funding impact as a result of this resolution.

V. ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution of the Sonoma County Waste Management Agency, also known as Zero Waste Sonoma, Authorizing Submittal of Regional Grant Applications

Dated: June 23, 2022

RESOLUTION OF THE SONOMA COUNTY WASTE MANAGEMENT AGENCY, ALSO KNOWN AS ZERO WASTE SONOMA, AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF REGIONAL GRANT APPLICATIONS

WHEREAS, Public Resources Code sections 48000 et seq. authorize the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to administer various grant programs (grants) in furtherance of the State of California's (state) efforts to reduce, recycle and reuse solid waste generated in the state thereby preserving landfill capacity and protecting public health and safety and the environment; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of this authority, CalRecycle is required to establish procedures governing the application, awarding, and management of the grants; and

WHEREAS, certain CalRecycle grants allow regional grant projects; and

WHEREAS, CalRecycle grant application procedures require, among other things, an applicant's governing body to authorize by resolution its approval for submittal of regional grant applications and the designation by job title of the individual authorized to execute all grant documents on behalf of Zero Waste Sonoma; and

WHEREAS, Zero Waste Sonoma will enter into a grant agreement with CalRecycle for implementation of awarded grants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Zero Waste Sonoma, representing all ten jurisdictions in Sonoma County, authorizes the submittal of regional applications to CalRecycle for all grants for which Zero Waste Sonoma is eligible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this authorization is effective for June 23, 2022 through June 30, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director of Zero Waste Sonoma, or their designee, is hereby authorized and empowered to execute in the name of Zero Waste Sonoma all grant documents, including but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests necessary to secure grant funds and implement the approved grant project.

MEMBERS:

- - Cloverdale	- - Cotati	- - County	- - Healdsburg	- - Petaluma
- - Rohnert Park	- - Santa Rosa	- - Sebastopol	- - Sonoma	- - Windsor

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Agenda Item #: 5
Staff Contact: Lukacs
Agenda Date: 6/23/2022
Approved By: LL

ITEM: Cold Creek Compost Informational Presentation and Discussion

I. RECOMMENDED ACTION / ALTERNATIVES TO RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board receive a presentation from Cold Creek Compost (CCC) requesting an agreement amendment for receiving and processing Sonoma County's Residential organic material and give direction to staff on how to address CCC's request.

II. BACKGROUND

Zero Waste Sonoma (ZWS) manages the transportation and processing of residential organic material only, which equates to roughly 80,000 tons annually. Additionally, roughly 28,000 tons of commercial organic material is processed through an agreement between the County of Sonoma and Republic Services. ZWS currently contracts with three compost facilities for processing residential organics;

- 1) Waste Management (WM) Earth Care Compost Facility at Redwood Landfill in Novato, which receives residential organic material from Sonoma Transfer Station (STS) and Healdsburg Transfer Station (HTS), Central Transfer Station (CTS), Annapolis Transfer Station (ATS), and Guerneville Transfer Station (GTS).
- 2) Napa Recycling and Compost Facility, which only receives organics material from the STS, and
- 3) CCC, which only receives organic material from HTS.

The below table outlines each facility's tip fee, the hauling fee, the contracted tons of capacity committed to ZWS and the organic material tons received at each facility.

Facility	Tip Fee	Hauling Fee	Total	Contracted Tons of Capacity Committed	FY 21/22 % Organic Material Received
WM	\$52.94	\$15.89 from STS \$24.01 from HTS	\$68.83 from STS \$76.94 from HTS	78,000 (until Dec. 31, 2025 with 5 1-year extensions)	63%
Napa Compost	\$48.41	\$24.80 from STS	\$73.21 from STS	30,000 (until June 30, 2024 with 5 1-year extensions)	10%
Cold Creek Compost	\$41.30	\$29.71 from HTS	\$71.01 from HTS	28,000 (until June 30, 2024 with 5 1-year extensions)	28%
Total Contracted Tons of Capacity Committed to ZWS				136,000	

At the May 20, 2021 Board meeting, the Board approved an amendment to the Agency's agreement with CCC for:

- Additional three-year term, to June 30, 2024 with five one-year mutually agreed extensions.
- Five percent increase from their current tip fee (at the time) of \$38.19 which resulted in a current \$41.30 tip fee that went into effect on July 1, 2021. The 5% increase exceeded the original agreement's CPI but staff supported the increase due to adjustments CCC needed to complete for SB 1383 compliance.
- Increased 10,000 tons commitment from 18,000 tons annually to 28,000 tons annually.

III. DISCUSSION

On May 26, 2022 and on June 13, 2022 Martin Mileck, Founder, Owner, and President of CCC, sent a letter to the ZWS Board of Directors requesting an agreement amendment to increase the tip fee from \$41.30 to \$66.00 (60% increase) and an increase to our committed material delivery tons from 28,000 tons annually to a minimum of 35,000 – 45,000 tons annually. A \$66 tip fee for processing 35,000 tons of organics is more than \$656,500 greater than what we'd be paying WM Redwood Landfill to process this same tons. Staff does not support CCC's request to increase the tip fee to \$66 for the following reasons:

- The new rate when combined with hauling is well above the current local market rate.
- The Agency has a fiscal responsibility to rate payers and cannot place the burden on ratepayers to meet CCC's requested tip fee to stay in business.
- WM (78,000 tons capacity) and Napa Compost (30,000 tons capacity) organics processing agreements have excess capacity committed to ZWS (108,000 tons capacity minus 80,000 tons composted equals 28,000 tons available of excess capacity).
 - Per the 2021/2022 waste characterization study findings, the following estimated tons of residential organic material is being landfilled:

Residential Material	Tons
Green Waste	2,070
Food Waste	26,410
Potentially Edible Food	2,100
Compostable Paper	8,650
Total	39,230

- C&S Waste Solutions in Ukiah recently opened a new compost facility which is 33 roundtrip miles closer than CCC.
 - ZWS staff toured the C&S facility on June 21, 2022.
 - The posted tip fee is \$65 per ton.
 - ZWS's tip fee may be less than \$65 if ZWS commits a portion of our organic feedstock tons should both parties enter into negotiations.
- Transportation Green House Gas emissions would decrease by not sending material to CCC (21 miles north east of Ukiah) compared to sending the same material to WM in Novato.

ZWS staff appreciates our working relationship with CCC and it personally saddens staff to not support their proposed agreement amendment. ZWS responded with the best offer to CCC which would equal the current tip fee and hauling fee as WM. CCC responded they simply cannot survive with the counter-offer. CCC requested to present their agreement amendment to the Board and given our long-standing relationship ZWS staff accepted their request.

IV. ATTACHMENTS

Cold Creek Compost May 26, 2022 Letter to the ZWS Board of Directors

Cold Creek Compost June 13, 2022 Letter to the ZWS Board of Directors

Cold Creek Compost Presentation Slides



May 26, 2022

Zero Waste Sonoma
2300 County Center Drive, Suite B-100
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Subject: Cold Creek Compost, Mendocino County – Request for Increased Tip Fee

Dear ZWS Board Members,

As you know, California and Sonoma County are in dire need of composting capacity to meet SB 1383 requirements. The typical composting facility requires 5-10 years to permit and construct and costs tens of millions of dollars. Recent regulatory requirements have shuttered composting facilities that are unable to comply with minimum standards. The loss of a fully permitted, zero-discharge facility like Cold Creek Compost is a significant step back for the County's waste diversion goals. We are asking for your help to stay in business.

Our facility opened in 1995 and was the first fully permitted facility in Northern California. In that time, we've composted almost one million tons of organic material diverting over 99 percent of that material from the landfill to create nutrient dense compost used on farms and vineyards in Sonoma County. The operation composts over 50,000 tons per year with the goal to expand to 70,000 tons and has committed 28,000 tons to ZWS annually.

Unfortunately, time is of the essence as the perfect storm of drought, inflation, fuel prices, and impacts to the cannabis industry has exhausted our remaining capital. Without an increase to the facility's tip fee to \$66/ton, we anticipate our facility will cease receiving material by August 2022. We are willing to offer ZWS a long-term contract at \$66/ton with a commitment of 35,000 tons annually and up to 45,000 tons if an expansion is approved. We believe we have been a reliable partner, and a long-term commitment ensures composting capacity for Sonoma County as well as quality organic compost for Sonoma County farmers and growers.

We are open and ready to discuss options with the Board with the goal of keeping the facility operational.

Thank you for your consideration,

Martin Mileck
Founder, Owner, and President
Cold Creek Compost, Inc.

CC: Leslie Lukacs
Xinci Tan



Zero Waste Sonoma
2300 County Center Drive, Suite B-100
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

June 13, 2022

Subject: Cold Creek Compost – Request for Increased Tip Fee Additional Information

Dear ZWS Board Members,

This communication follows up on our May 26, 2022 letter (attached for reference).

As stated previously, we are seeking a tip fee increase to keep Cold Creek Compost open. We provide the following information for your reference and discussion at the June 23, 2022 ZWS Meeting.

The following table shows pricing and current composting options for Sonoma County as compiled by ZWS staff and CalRecycle.

Facilities Available to Sonoma County	Tip Fee Per Ton	Total Cost Per Ton (Includes Tip Fee & Transport Cost)
Redwood Landfill, Novato, CA	\$52.40	\$76
Napa Recycling & Composting Facility, American Canyon, CA	\$48.41	\$90
Cold Creek Compost, Ukiah, CA	\$41.39	\$70
C&S Waste Services, Ukiah, CA (Not currently using)	\$65.00	Unknown, but facility is 12 miles closer than Cold Creek. Total facility capacity limited to 25,000 tons.

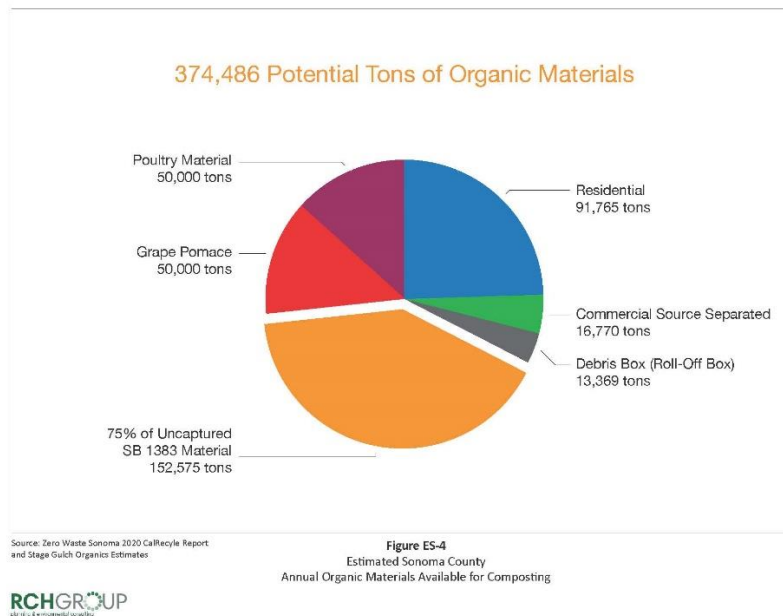
If capacity at one of the current options is no longer available, the following table shows recent pricing for other jurisdictions. This does not include transport costs.



Jurisdiction	Feedstocks Accepted	Price Per Ton (Not including Transport)
City of Sacramento Organics Material Diversion Vendors	Food and green materials	Agromin \$77/ton – Green only \$97/ton – Green & food Sacramento County \$91.51/ton – Green only \$96.51/ton – Green & food Yolo County \$70/ton – Green only \$70/ton – Green & food
ReThink Waste Contract with Recology	Food, green, and wood materials	Jepson Prairie Organics, Vacaville, CA \$69/ton – Green only \$89/ton – Comm source separated organics \$83/ton – Mixed organics

We understand that the Board has a fiduciary responsibility to the ratepayers of Sonoma County. It also has an obligation to meet SB 1383 requirements. The current contracts for organics processing services with Napa Recycling, Waste Management, and Cold Creek are all short term with two years left on the Napa and Cold Creek contracts and three years on the WM contract. While there are additional one-year options, these options are by mutual agreement, thereby not guaranteeing long-term organics processing. As SB 1383 comes online, more jurisdictions will be vying for the same organics processing services driving up prices and locking in capacity.

In 2019, the ZWS task force prepared a needs assessment on meeting the 75 percent requirement for SB 1383. At that time, they estimated an additional 152,000 tons of organics capacity would be needed (See graph below estimating organics tonnage in Sonoma County). It should be noted that while separate from curbside collection, Cold Creek composts thousands of tons of agricultural materials coming out of Sonoma County.



Cold Creek is willing to offer ZWS a guaranteed, long-term contract (5 years or longer) at \$66/ton with a commitment of 35,000 tons annually and up to 45,000 tons if an expansion is approved. At \$66/ton, this is still below market rate for other operations and only \$5 more per ton than Napa's total cost of \$90.

We believe we have been a reliable partner with ZWS, and a commitment to Cold Creek by ZWS ensures long-term composting capacity for Sonoma County. We look forward to the opportunity to continue to support Sonoma County's residential and agricultural communities through organics recycling and providing nutrient dense finished compost.

We look forward to discussing at the June 23, 2022 Board meeting.

Thank you for your consideration,

Martin Mileck
Founder, Owner, and President
Cold Creek Compost, Inc.

CC: Leslie Lukacs
Xinci Tan

Attachments: May 26, 2022 Letter

FERTILIZER AND SOIL AMENDMENTS FOR SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE
6000 East Side Potter Valley Road, Ukiah, CA 95482
(707) 485-5966 - www.coldcreekcompost.com



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Zero Waste Sonoma Board Meeting

June 23, 2022

Cold Creek Compost
Martin Mileck

Cold Creek Compost

- Established and fully permitted (including food materials) in 1995.
- Composting Sonoma agricultural materials for over 35 years.
- Current ZWS contract of 28,000 tons annually.
- Composted almost one millions tons of material with a 99% diversion rate.
- Produces one of the most nutrient dense, biologically active composts on the market.
- Developing a state-of-the-art composting facility in Sonoma County to process 185,000 tons of materials/year. An Administrative Draft EIR has been submitted to County PRMD and currently under review.
- Envisioned a two-facility operation with Cold Creek & Sonoma facility to support Sonoma organic material management needs.

Sonoma County Composting Options and Pricing



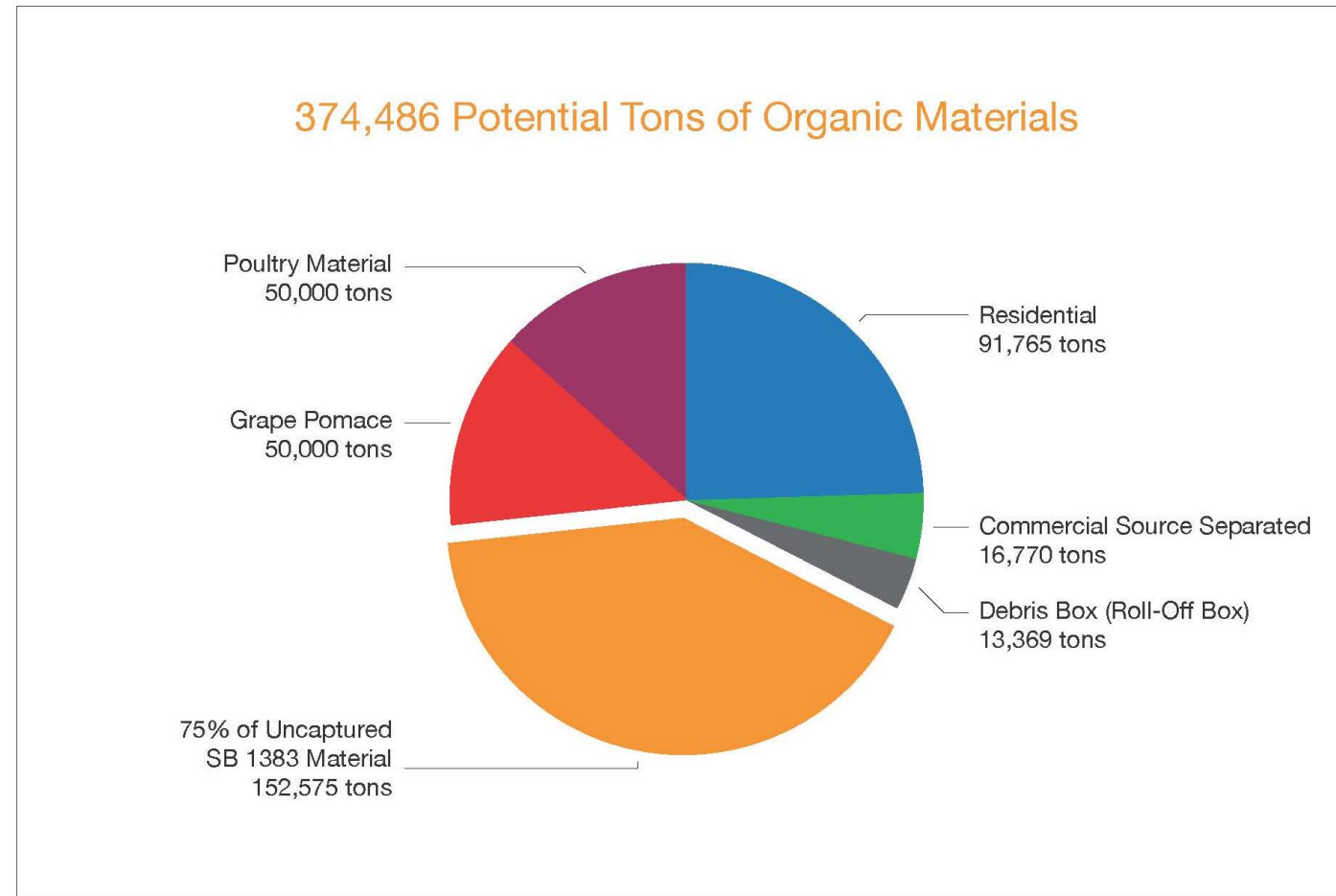
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Other Jurisdictions Recent Pricing



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Estimated Sonoma County Organic Materials Annual Tons



Source: Zero Waste Sonoma 2020 CalRecycle Report
and Stage Gulch Organics Estimates

Figure ES-4
Estimated Sonoma County
Annual Organic Materials Available for Composting

Cold Creek Compost Proposal

- Long Term Contract (5 years or longer)
- 35,000 tons annually
- 45,000 tons annually (if expansion approved)
- \$66 per ton