



Date: January 21, 2020
To: Zero Waste Sonoma Board Members
From: Leslie Lukacs, Executive Director
Subject: **Executive Director Update from the January 15, 2020 Board Meeting**

1) Renewable Sonoma Negotiations Update: The Laguna Treatment Plant produces approximately 32,600 wet tons of biosolids annually. Historically, the City of Santa Rosa biosolids program relied on land application and composting as the main options for biosolids reuse. With the high unit cost of biosolids composting and an aging compost facility that requires substantial near-term capital investment, the City explored alternatives composting biosolids at the LWTP. On November 8, 2019, the City released a Request for Proposals soliciting responses from Contractors interested in providing biosolids processing services for the material that the City currently composts. City staff received two proposals on December 19th and selected their top candidate. City staff are in negotiations with the top candidate and will present the agreement to the BPU board for approval at the March 5th meeting. At this point, Renewable Sonoma (RS) will know where the compost facility will be located and will provide the Agency with information needed to complete the Pre Development Agreement (PDA) as soon as possible following their selection. The PDA between Renewable Sonoma and the Agency will be finalized upon receipt of the required information from RS. The Agency has kept the Ad Hoc committee abreast of the negotiations and has received feedback from the committee along the way.

2) CRV Pilot Partnership Application & Grant: Per AB 54, the state hopes to secure five pilot projects to increase the collection of California Redemption Value (CRV) beverage containers in underserved areas and allocated \$5 million for the pilot in the form of the grant. Sonoma County is an ideal recipient of this grant as we used to have 19 CRV collection centers and now only have four with one closing last month (HR Metals). In addition, all remaining CRV collection centers are along the 101 corridor from Petaluma to Windsor leaving a large area of County residents underserved. The Agency has been researching options to establish and fund 10 CRV collection centers in underserved areas in Sebastopol, Sonoma, Cloverdale, County incorporated, and Santa Rosa. We identified a certified partner recycler, the Petaluma Recycling Center (PRC), which is owned by the United Cerebral Palsy of the North Bay and collaborates with the Old Adobe Developmental Services for staffing.

In order to make this pilot financially viable, PRC will need buy-in from a minimum of 10 CRV collection locations throughout the county. We've identified potential retail locations currently unserved in CalRecycle's designated "convenience zones". This funding source has caught the attention of many jurisdictions and recyclers in the state, and because of this, we are trying to move swiftly through the application processes. At this time, we are in the process of meeting with board members and city managers to discuss the program in greater detail and determine how to move forward. CalRecycle is not accepting jurisdiction applications directly from JPAs, so we will need information, approval, and signed affidavits from each participating jurisdiction. In addition, MOAs will be created with the jurisdiction outlining work that ZWS will be responsible for if the pilot is approved. Once this process and the application is finalized, staff will present the grant application to the Board and request a resolution for the submittal of the application to CalRecycle.

3) SB 1383 Working Group: The Agency formed a SB 1383 working group with representation from each of the jurisdictions, LEA, the haulers, composter, food rescue organizations, and other stakeholders and our first meeting is January 23. The working group has been organized to ensure all jurisdictions and stakeholders in Sonoma County comply with the regulations. CalRecycle provided a list of contacts per jurisdiction that is as follow:

Jurisdiction	Contact
Cloverdale	David Kelly
Cotati	Damian O'Bid
Healdsburg	Larry Zimmer
Petaluma	Patrick Carter
Rohnert Park	Nick Bennet
Santa Rosa	Joey Hejnowicz
Sebastopol	Henry Mikus
Sonoma	Travis Wagner
Sonoma County	Trish Pisenti
Windsor	Kristina Owens

4) Zero Waste Resolution and Disposable Food Ware & Polystyrene Foam Ordinance: Below is a status update of the Zero Waste Resolution and Disposable Food Ware & Polystyrene Foam Ordinance.

Jurisdiction	ZW Resolution: Update	Disposable Food Ware/Polystyrene Update
City of Cloverdale	Adopted August, 2019 -	Presentation Oct 23, 2019, First reading Feb. 2020
City of Cotati	Adopted September 10, 2019	Presentation Sept 24, 2019; 1st reading Jan 28
City of Healdsburg	Adopted April 15, 2019	Adopted on Dec. 16, 2019
City of Petaluma	Adopted July 2019	Oct 21st – Council passed revised version of Model Ordinance;
City of Rohnert Park		
City of Santa Rosa	Est. Feb 2020	Presentation March 2020 – confirm with Joey
City of Sebastopol	Adopted 10/16/2018	Effective Nov. 25, 2019
City of Sonoma	Presentation Jan 13, 2020	Presentation Jan 13, 2020
Town of Windsor	Adopted 7/17/2019	Presentation October 16, 2019; 1st reading Nov 20th; 2nd hearing Feb. 5 2020
County of Sonoma	Presentation Feb 25, 2020	Presentation Feb 25, 2020