## MARIN COUNTY HAZARDOUS & SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

#### AB 939 LOCAL TASK FORCE

Wednesday, March 4, 2009 Suite 200-A Conference Room 65 Mitchell Blvd., San Rafael

8:30 -10:00 AM

#### **AGENDA**

Call to Order.

- 1) Open Time for Public Comment.
- 2) Approval of the February 4, 2009 JPA Local Task Force Minutes (Action 5 Minutes).
- 3) "Just Do One Thing" (JDOT) Campaign (Discussion– 40 Minutes)
- 4) Plastic Bag and Expanded Polystyrene Bans (Discussion– 30 Minutes)
- 5) Mitigation Fee (Discussion—15 minutes)
- 6) Adjourn.

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#### **MINUTES**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Ramin Khany, Redwood Landfill
Patricia Garbarino, Marin Sanitary
Jon Elam, Tamalpais CSD
Tamara Hull, Sustainable San Rafael
Tania Levy, Unincorporated Area
Steve McCaffrey, Redwood Empire Disp.
David Haskell, Sustainable Marin
Loretta Figueroa, Almonte Sanitary District
Tom Gaffney, Ross Valley Cities

#### STAFF PRESENT

Michael Frost, JPA Staff Eric Lueder, JPA Staff Kemplen Robbins, JPA Staff

#### OTHERS PRESENT

Roger Roberts, Marin Conserv. League Kiki La Porta, Sustainable Marin

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Greg Christie, Bay Cities (Alternate)
Terry Cosgrove, San Rafael
Matt McCarron, Novato
Trip Allen, Sierra Club

Call to Order. The Local Task Force (LTF) meeting came to order at 8:35 AM.

- 1. Open Time for Public Comment. No comments received.
- 2. <u>Approval of the December 3, 2008 JPA Local Task Force Minutes</u>. M/s Elam, Figueroa to approve the December 3, 2008 meeting minutes with edits. Motion approved unanimously.
- 3. "Just Do One Thing" (JDOT) Campaign. LTF Members discussed implementing a program targeted for all residents to do one thing a day to improve the environment. David Haskell offered the acronym JDOT and spoke about the concept and possible ideas. Staff will receive ideas from LTF members and others and compile a list of items for residents to participate in. Steve McCaffrey suggested putting billboards on garbage trucks to promote the campaign. Members also suggested designing a website or blog where residents would be able to give feedback on the success of the campaign and give ideas for tasks that people could do every day. This item will be recommended to the JPA in May.

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4. Plastic Bag and Expanded Polystyrene Bans. LTF members asked to place this item as a discussion on the agenda. It was suggested by members that an ordinance be drafted and universally adopted in Marin that will put a fee on single use carryout bags. Roger Roberts from the Marin Conservation League spoke about methods of enacting an ordinance and the pros and cons of various methods. Members discussed establishing the ordinance through a countywide ballot initiative so that no environmental review would be necessary and the ordinance would be less likely to be challenged legally. Members discussed what other local governments are doing. There was discussion about supporting statewide actions through Assembly Bills 87 and 68. Kiki La Porta stated that Sustainable Marin is studying similar efforts and is interested in supporting the JPA's efforts. Haskell requested waste mitigation fee discussion item be placed on the March Task Force Agenda. M/s Haskell, Hull to recommend the JPA supports a countywide initiative to put a fee on single use carryout bags and support state legislation for the same purpose. The motion was approved unanimously.