

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

AB 939 Local Task Force Meeting  
Thursday, November 2, 2023  
1600 Los Gamos Drive, Suite 211  
San Rafael, CA 94903

Action Minutes

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Greg Christie, Bay Cities Refuse  
Alice Cochran, City of San Rafael  
Dee Johnson, Novato Sanitary District  
Adam Ratner, Marine Mammal Center  
Matt McCarron, City of Novato  
Ramin Khany, WM Redwood Landfill  
Dale McDonald, Las Gallinas Valley SD  
Garrett Toy, Tamalpais Community  
Services District  
Justin Wilcock, Marin Sanitary Service

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Vicki Nichols, Marin Conservation  
League

**STAFF PRESENT**

Casey Fritz  
Casey Poldino  
Andrew Shelton  
Melody Mitchell  
Kathy Wall  
Meilin Tsao  
Justin Newsome

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Kevin McElroy, Bolinas Public Utilities  
District  
Cole Yoxall, Recology

1. Open Time for Public Comment

Members, staff, and attendees went around the room and introduced themselves. No other public comment was tendered.

2. Approval of the August 29, 2023, JPA LTF Action Minutes

Motion: by Ramin Khany to approve the March 24, 2023, JPA LTF minutes. Second: by Adam Ratner. Vote: Unanimous. Abstentions: Garret Toy, Justin Wilcock, Dale McDonald as they were not members of the Task Force on the August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting.

3. Presentation by Staff: Legislative & Policy Update

Ms. Fritz presented the legislative and policy update. She read the SB-1383 updates. This included that tier 2 commercial edible food generators will be online and be required to donate, which is a significant shift from tier 1. Ms. Fritz continued and shared the January 1st deadline for the inspection and enforcement process. The state requires the beginning of the process to start by that date. By 2025, the goal will be to achieve a 75% reduction rate for organic waste, and this will be compared to 2014 levels, with no

less than 20% of surplus edible food recovered for human consumption. For SB-1383, local grant (via Cal Recycle) funding was released. JPA voted to apply for this funding on behalf of all of the member agencies in the Joint Powers Authority. Not including special districts. Ms. Fritz concluded the SB-1383 update and opened the floor up for questions.

Mr. McCarron asked for the percentage of the disposable activity is organic/food waste. Ms. Fritz responded, stating that 15% of disposal to landfill is food waste and organic waste makes up around 25% of disposal to landfill. The 15% food waste is included in the 25% figure.

Additional commentary was made. Ms. Fritz was asked to clarify who was included in the grant funding for SB-1383, she reiterated the jurisdictions include all 11 cities and towns of Marin, plus unincorporated County of Marin. Mr. Toy is working to coordinate an application for the special districts.

Ms. Fritz went on to say SB-54 was passed in June 2022. The goals are to reduce single use plastics as a category by 25% by 2032, requiring 65% of single use plastic for food or packaging must be recycled but 100% must be recyclable or compostable by 2032. A producer responsible organization (PRO) will manage the implementation of this and is overseen by Cal Recycle. Additionally, producers of the packaging will be required to pay into a fund to fight plastic pollution and go towards supporting disadvantaged communities. The result is estimated to raise 5 billion dollars over the next 10 years. Ms. Fritz summarized the responsibilities of the PRO: creating the programs, increasing recycling, cutting pollution, enrolling other manufacturers, and paying implementation costs. Cal Recycle is responsible for overseeing the process by appointing an advisory board, researching packaging waste, and budgeting. Generally known as extended producer responsibility.

The floor was open for questions and comments.

Casey moved on to SB-244 (Right to Repair), requiring manufacturers to make tools and parts available to repair facilities on fair terms. In the event your iPhone battery issue, your only option won't be to take it to an Apple store.

Ms. Fritz concluded with an update to SB-353, passed last month, reversion to the bottom bill that excluded large juice containers over 46 ounces. Including: 100% fruit juice containers and vegetable juice containers resulting in an estimated 200 million containers being recycled.

Questions and comments were opened to the floor regarding the effectiveness of the legislative update in the LTF meeting format.

#### 4. Elect Chair & Vice Chair

Next action item presented was to elect a chair and vice chair. Ms. Fritz explained the duties of the chair and vice chair.

Questions and comments were made by the room; the floor was then opened to nominations. Ms. Fritz read the motion to nominate Dale McDonald as Chair and Ramin Khany as Vice Chair. Motion by Justin Wilcock; Second by Garrett Toy. Vote was unanimous.

#### 5. Create Subcommittees & Establish Members

Ms. Fritz moved to the next agenda item which was to create a subcommittee and establish members. The floor was opened to the room for suggestions on subcommittees and determine which members would serve on each subcommittee.

Ms. Fritz read the subcommittee groups to take a vote all at once. The infrastructure and end market subcommittee members: Mr. Khany, Mr. McCarron, Mr. Wilcock, and Mr. Christie. The outreach and education subcommittee members: Ms. Cochran and Mr. Ratner. Compliance and regulation subcommittee members: Mr. McDonald, Mr. Toy, and Mr. Khany. Construction & Demolition subcommittee member: Mr. Wilcock. Motion to approve the subcommittees as read: Mr. McDonald. Second: Mr. Wilcock. Vote was unanimous.

#### 6. Recommend Agenda Items for the Next LTF Meeting

Casey opened the floor for recommendations for the next LTF agenda items. Casey read an email recommendation from Vicki Nichols to hear from Heidi Sandborn regarding SB-54. Suggested having the local enforcement agency meet regarding managing waste inspections.

Ms. Fritz read another suggestion from Ms. Nichols regarding SB-1383 rules being communicated residents and businesses and ensuring they know the rules.

Mr. Khany suggests having Sonoma County speak to the LTF on how they are implementing SB-1383.

Mr. Toy would like to get an understanding of the relationship between the LTF and subcommittees and the JPA board. Ms. Fritz explained that the LTF is an advisory board to the JPA Board, and would develop recommendations to bring to the JPA Board.

Kathy Wall suggests that each subcommittee brings their stated priorities to the board. Ms. Fritz suggested an update from the subcommittee to manage their priorities and suggestions to the board.

Ms. Cochran would like to get help understanding how to reduce Styrofoam in landfills and in packaging.

#### 7. Meeting adjourned.