

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

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Date: April 3, 2019

Corte Madera

To: Local Task Force Members

County of Marin

From: Steve Devine, Program Manager

Fairfax

Re: Approval of the February 6, 2019 JPA LTF Action Minutes

Larkspur

Recommendation

Adopt a motion to receive and file the Action Minutes.

Mill Valley

Novato

Board Chair: Please confirm the vote on this item by reading the following items out loud after the vote.

Ross

Motion: Ramin Khany Second: Jim Iavarone

San Anselmo

Ayes: Alice Cochran, Greg Christie, Molly De Vries, Renee

San Rafael

Goddard, Dee Johnson, Sam Jones, Delyn Kies,

Terri Thomas

Sausalito

Noes: None

Tiburon

Abstentions: Judith Schriebman

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AB 939 Local Task Force Meeting
Wednesday, February 6, 2019
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
Molly DeVries, Southern Marin Cities
Renee Goddard, Ross Valley Cities
Jim Iavarone, Mill Valley Refuse
Dee Johnson, Novato Sanitary District
Sam Jones, County of Marin
Ramin Khany, Redwood Landfill
Delyn Kies, Sustainable Novato
Judith Schriebman, LGVSD
Terri Thomas, CCNB

MEMBERS ABSENT

Patty Garbarino, Marin Sanitary Service
Matthew McCarron, City of Novato
Jennie Pardi, Nature Bridge

STAFF PRESENT

Steve Devine
Cody Ericksen
Melody Mitchell
Casey Poldino
Jacqueline Streur

OTHERS PRESENT

Cory Bytof, City of San Rafael
Garen Kazanjian, Recology
Sarah LaRock, R3 Consulting
Greg Pirie, County of Marin EHS
Kim Scheibly, Marin Sanitary Service
Dave Smail, County of Marin EHS

1. Open Time for Public Comment

No public comment tendered.

2. Welcome and Introduction of New Members

Mr. Devine welcomed two new LTF Members: Sam Jones for the unincorporated County seat, and Terri Thomas, from the North Bay Conservation Corps for the Environmental seat. Mr. Jones and Ms. Thomas introduced themselves to the group.

3. Approval of the November 7, 2018 JPA LTF Minutes

Motion: by Mr. Khany to approve the November 7, 2018 JPA LTF Minutes. Second: by Mr. Iavarone. Vote: Unanimous. Abstention: by Ms. Schriebman.

4. Presentation on Edible Food Donation and Composting by Marin County Environmental Health Services

Mr. Smail delivered the presentation and gave a brief overview of the role of the Marin County Environmental Health Services (EHS) Division of the Community Development Agency (CDA). He reported that in California 5.6 million tons of food are sent to the landfill every year, and that 4.8 million Californians are food insecure. According to a report from the California Association of Food Banks, one in eight Californians currently struggle with food insecurity, and one in five children struggle with hunger. A new Assembly Bill, AB

2178, the Limited Service Charitable Feeding and Operation Act, which became effective January 1, 2019, provides local enforcement agencies additional flexibility when working with charitable organizations. He pointed out that food recalls are one of the largest contributors of food waste. For people who donate food, they are protected under the California Good Samaritan Food Donation Act, AB 1219. Food donators are also protected by Federal law that was enacted in 1996, referred to as the Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act. There are also tax benefits for those who donate food. He shared steps for successful food donation; at the retail level, reducing surplus food by more frequent ordering versus bulk ordering, developing partner relationships with nearby charitable organizations, and referring to best management practices on the County's CDA EHS website. LSCFO's are subject to permit, and they are required by California Code to follow best management practices. Mr. Smail and Mr. Pirie answered questions from the LTF.

5. Reports from LTF Members

Haulers & Facilities (Christie, Iavarone, Khany):

Mr. Iavarone reported that their dual-stream pilot project is completed, and they are currently working on the report. Ms. LaRock from R3 Consulting assisted with the project, creating an online survey. The project was successful with 90% participation. He expects to share the results of the report at the next LTF meeting, as well as presenting it to the MVRs cities and special districts. He also shared that they are undecided whether to purchase dual-stream carts yet due to pick-up scheduling, cost, and storage issues.

Mr. Khany reported that they are breaking ground on their new materials recovery facility, and construction is set to start at the end of March, weather permitting. They are approved to recycle 400 tons of construction materials on a daily basis, and much of that material will go through their operation to the Marin Resource Recovery Center. They are working on routing resident material drop off to the same facility to be recycled, as well.

Mr. Christie reported that they are working on multi-family recycling pick-up at the moment and shared the challenges that go along with the process. Mr. Kazanjian reported that they are shoring up the Tier 2 process with AB 1826 and are working towards Tier 3 coming into effect this year. They have done three school presentations so far this year, and they are working with schools who do not currently have composting.

Special Districts Franchising Solid Waste (Johnson)

Ms. Johnson reported that they have been focused on handling food waste, and they have their annual CalRecycle conference call coming up and are preparing for the visit. They've been very active in working with some of their biggest commercial solid waste generators in regard to recycling. The City of Novato recently applied for the Food Waste/Green House Gas grant from CalRecycle, which would enable them to purchase a new vehicle for ExtraFood.org and conduct outreach to businesses regarding food donation and waste prevention

Environmental Organizations (Kies, Thomas)

Ms. Kies echoed Ms. Johnson regarding the CalRecycle grant and mentioned that it is partnered with the Marin Climate and Energy Partnership, ExtraFood.org, the City of Novato, and Kiosk. She also mentioned that the Center for Environmental Health (CEH) just released an updated database for their single use food service ware products.

Ms. Thomas shared that they have an oil filter crusher, and they've been going around to Certified Collection Centers to ask if they could gather their oil filters for recycling without success. She shared that they are also working on a grant for tire recycling, which will enable tire amnesty programs, as well as collecting dumped tires from marshlands, etc. She also shared that they've been holding e-waste and bulky item collection events, which have been successful. She praised Cory Bytof and the City of San Rafael for all of their efforts with these events.

Public Members (Cochran, De Vries, Goddard, Jones)

Ms. De Vries shared that she is working with the Mill Valley Chamber of Commerce to gather information regarding restaurants and other food related businesses to help them provide the proper environmentally friendly to-go packaging. She is also hosting a zero-waste fair at the Mill Valley Lumber Yard, and she is requesting that representatives from the Bay Area attend to share their expertise and knowledge with residents.

Ms. Cochran shared that Student Life and the Campus Ministry Group at Dominican University in cooperation with the Marin Food Bank has started a food pantry on campus on Tuesdays between 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm. They have also implemented a composting program behind the cafeteria where they can compost what cannot be given away. She also shared that there is a student project for outdoor recycling that is starting in March, and they are working on applying for a Coca-Cola Grant to fund outdoor recycling bins on campus.

Ms. Goddard reported that San Anselmo has adopted a Single Use Disposal Reduction Ordinance and that a new Plastic Free Marin group has started.

Mr. Jones had nothing to report at this time.

6. LTF Attendance Log

Mr. Devine reported that the new format of the Attendance Log will help track member attendance. Information item only. No action taken.

7. Report from Organics Subcommittee

Ms. Scheibly reported that the Subcommittee submitted their collective letter to CalRecycle, based on the last iteration of SB 1383. They will create and submit another letter now that SB 1383 is in its formal rule-making process. The letter will address issues such as visual auditing, fees for fines and who will keep the fees, cost impacts, load checking at facilities, and where this information will be disseminated. She shared that color-coded labeling on bins is ideal and should be standardized, however, cost will be an issue. She also shared that more Organics Subcommittee meetings may need to be added.

8. Update from Staff on Recent and Ongoing Activities

Mr. Devine reported on behalf of Staff:

- One LTF seats is open for a representative from special districts that franchise solid waste: Almonte, Alto, Bolinas PUD, Las Gallinas Valley, Marin City CSD, Stinson Beach Water, Strawberry Recreation, and Tamalpais CSD.
- Members' Form 700s need to be submitted and that a reminder email will be sent out to all members.

- Dates of upcoming JPA meetings and encouraged LTF members to attend those meetings.
- Noted a recent story in the Press Democrat that sharps are still an ongoing issue with haulers and still pose a significant risk to employees.
- Shared about a teleconference with CalRecycle, subsequent to the last LTF Meeting which provided clarity on AB 1826 and individual jurisdiction responsibility and that multiple Member Agencies have received AB 1826 compliance letters from CalRecycle.
- Shared that Brandon Benton has been hired by Sonoma County
- Shared that the Sonoma County and West Contra Costa JPAs are recruiting for new Executive Directors.
- The City of Berkeley has commissioned design options a 30-year-old transfer station and they are working on a project to envision a facility more focused on zero waste.

9. Request for Future Agenda Items and Topics

Ms. Goddard would like to request a presentation from WM Earth Care. Ms. Cochran would like to request a further discussion to differentiate what is compostable and what is not, and to reduce the confusion of labeling on containers. Ms. Johnson suggested that Ms. Scheibly could possibly give a presentation on the subject.