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MARIN COUNTY HAZARDOUS & SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

AB 939 Local Task Force Meeting
Wednesday, August 7, 2019
1600 Los Gamos Drive, Suite 211
San Rafael, CA 94903

Action Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT

Greg Christie, Bay Cities Refuse
Molly DeVries, Southern Marin Cities
Jim Iavarone, Mill Valley Refuse
Dee Johnson, Novato Sanitary District
Sam Jones, County of Marin
Judith Schriebman, LGVSD

MEMBERS ABSENT

Alice Cochran, City of San Rafael
Patty Garbarino, Marin Sanitary Service
Renee Goddard, Ross Valley Cities
Ramin Khany, Redwood Landfill
Matthew McCarron, City of Novato
Jennie Pardi, Nature Bridge
Terri Thomas, CCNB

STAFF PRESENT

Steve Devine
Melody Mitchell
Casey Poldino
Andrew Shelton
Judith Silver

OTHERS PRESENT

Cory Bytof, City of San Rafael
Andy Cain, The Silo Package-Free
Pantry
Garen Kazanjian, Recology Sonoma
Marin
Morgan Patton, EAC West Marin
Kim Scheibly, Marin Sanitary Service

1. Open Time for Public Comment

No public comment tendered.

2. Approval of the April 3, 2019 JPA LTF Minutes

Item deferred to next meeting due to lack of quorum.

3. Presentation by Silo Pantry

Ms. Silver introduced Andy Cain from Silo Package-Free Pantry, who delivered a presentation on his business that sells non-perishable locally produced food, reusable items and promotes waste-free solutions. Mr. Cain gave a brief overview on how he and his life partner's business came to fruition, and what inspired them to start their business. They frequently set up booths at local farmer's markets throughout the Bay Area (up to six per week). He shared helpful tips on reducing waste with detailed props that were passed around the group, including reusable alternatives to single-use packaging, zero waste perishable food storage solutions, and products that promote sustainability. He enjoys seeing the results of their effort to make a tangible impact on the community. He spoke about his goal of opening several stores in the Bay Area in order to reach out to all communities.

4. Presentation – “Zero Waste Marin JPA 101”

Mr. Devine gave a detailed presentation about the Zero Waste Marin Joint Powers Authority (JPA), which provided background and basic information about the organization to new members, as well as a refresher for seasoned members. Prior to the presentation, Mr. Devine delivered a variety of Zero Waste Marin updates, such as the status of the Single-Use Plastics Ban ordinance that the County is currently working on, led by the Community Development Agency Sustainability Team. There is a Request for Proposal (RFP) to select a vendor to assist with the development and implementation of that ordinance. He welcomed and introduced Andrew Shelton, the County’s new Waste Prevention Specialist. Mr. Shelton gave a brief summary of his extensive professional background and experience with waste management organizations, as well as his role with the County, which will be focused on household hazardous waste. Mr. Devine shared that Ms. Kies is retiring from the LTF Board and expressed, on behalf of Zero Waste Marin and the Board, gratitude for all her hard work and dedication over the years. He reminded the Board of the new LTF attendance policy that went into effect last year, stating that 50% attendance for the last ten meetings is required to hold a seat on the Board. After the updates, he proceeded with the presentation which included information on the following items:

- History of the JPA
- JPA Board of Directors
- Local Task Force
- Budget
- Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Agreement
- Staffing agreement
- Diversion rate history
- Who pays the assessments?
- Funding agency
- What’s in the future

5. Reports from LTF Members

Haulers & Facilities (Christie, Iavarone, Scheibly (for Garbarino)):

Mr. Iavarone shared that on August 19 they will be receiving and distributing to residents a second cart for paper recycling which will be labeled with detailed instructions. They will be notifying residents if they are not recycling properly. Eventually they will not pick up the cart if contamination continues. If the account holder does not fix their contaminated cart, the contents will be put in the landfill and the customer will be charged. Ms. Scheibly shared that Marin Resource Recycling Center will be the processor for Mill Valley Refuse and will be taking in their dual-stream materials. She praised Mr. Iavarone for his collaboration on the project and that they are sharing the same communications person for outreach via the website, printed materials, and social media. They will also be performing waste characterization studies in the near future, which will include reviewing the composition of dual-stream recycling materials and items that are sent to the landfill and transfer station. The reason for this study is to help prepare for the possibility of no markets for mixed paper, which is 40% of what people discard. If that happens, there could be significant increases in the diversion rate. She also shared that the Organics Subcommittee continues to work with SB 1383 and brainstorm solutions regarding its upcoming impacts, as well as other upcoming legislation. They will be approaching the JPA with questions and

recommendations on how to proceed with the new legislation. Ms. Johnson added that there will be a second comment period for SB 1383 coming up, date to be determined.

Special Districts Franchising Solid Waste (Johnson, Schriebman)

Ms. Johnson asked Mr. Devine about the application deadline for new LTF members and it was stated that the soft deadline is September 30, 2019, before the next LTF meeting in the fall. She shared that Novato Sanitary is working closely with Recology to promote composting at commercial businesses. She praised Mr. Kazanjian for his work on getting the Buck Center on board with a composting program. Participation at their Household Hazardous Waste Facility continues to grow, and they are looking to expand their facility to help accommodate the flow of traffic coming in. They are also looking to work with the Conservation Corps to do expanded e-waste collection. Ms. Schriebman shared about the status of the Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District's facility upgrade project.

Environmental Organizations (Not in Attendance)

No reports tendered.

Public Members (De Vries, Jones)

Ms. De Vries shared about the Eco Fest she hosted at the Mill Valley Lumber Yard, and its great success. She wished to thank the individuals and organizations that contributed to its success: Matt Williamson of Mill Valley Refuse, Rethink Disposables, Upstream, Zero Waste Marin, Sustainable Mill Valley. She also hosted a Restaurant Forum with Marion Gorman from Rethink Disposables and Grace Lee from Upstream, which provided information such as zero waste solutions and the upcoming law that is going into effect, SB 1383, to local restaurant owners. There will be another restaurant forum coming up September 16. She also shared about an article in the Chronicle that featured Dominique Creon, restaurant owner of Boutique Crenn in the Salesforce Tower, who is enthusiastically promoting zero waste in her restaurant and is an inspiration. Ms. De Vries also shared about Ms. Crenn's involvement with a climate change initiative called #wakeup, which local restaurant owners are supporting. Mr. Jones shared he has reviewed SB 1383 and its impacts and is working with the Organics Subcommittee.

6. LTF Attendance Log

Ms. Johnson advised members to review the attendance log. No comments were tendered.

7. Report from Organics Subcommittee

Deferred to next meeting due to lack of time.

8. Request for Future Agenda Items and Topics

Ms. Johnson requested that every LTF member bring to the next LTF meeting one idea, item, issue or project that they are passionate about, and that they feel the LTF should be involved.

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Belvedere

Date: November 6, 2019

Corte Madera

To: Local Task Force Members

County of Marin

From: Steve Devine, Program Manager

Re: Approval of the August 7, 2019 JPA LTF Action Minutes

Fairfax

Please find attached the Draft Action Minutes from your last meeting.

Larkspur

Recommendation

Adopt a motion to receive and file the Action Minutes.

Mill Valley

Novato

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

Ross

Motion: Renee Goddard Second: Sam Jones

San Anselmo

Ayes: Heather Abrams, Greg Christie, Alice Cochran,

San Rafael

Jim Iavarone, Dee Johnson, Ramin Khany,

Judith Schriebman, Terri Thomas

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Noes: _____

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Abstentions: _____

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