

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

AB 939 Local Task Force Meeting
Wednesday, April 3, 2019
1600 Los Gamos Drive, Suite 211
San Rafael, CA 94903

Action Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT

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
Delyn Kies, Sustainable Novato
Matthew McCarron, City of Novato
Judith Schriebman, (Alternate) LGVSD
Terri Thomas, CCNB

MEMBERS ABSENT

Greg Christie, (Alternate) Bay Cities Refuse
Patty Garbarino, Marin Sanitary Service
Ramin Khany, Redwood Landfill
Jennie Pardi, Nature Bridge

STAFF PRESENT

Steve Devine
Cody Ericksen
Melody Mitchell
Casey Poldino
Judith Silver

OTHERS PRESENT

Cristine Alilovich, City of San Rafael
Cory Bytof, City of San Rafael
Madeline Hope, West Marin Coordinator
Kathy Huber, Student
Garen Kazanjian, Recology
Kim Scheibly, Marin Sanitary Service
Megan Wayne, Trips for Kids Marin

1. Open Time for Public Comment

No public comment tendered.

2. Discussion with JPA Board Chair Cristine Alilovich

Item delayed until 9:00 due to schedule change.

3. Approval of the February 6, 2019 JPA LTF Minutes

Motion: by Ms. Kies to approve the February 6, 2019 JPA LTF Minutes. Second: by Mr. Iavarone. Vote: Unanimous. Abstentions: None.

4. Presentation on Bike Reuse and Recycling at San Rafael's Trips for Kids Marin

Ms. Wayne delivered a presentation about Trips for Kids Marin in San Rafael. She shared the goals of the organization; promote a healthy lifestyle, mentorship for children, and promote appreciation of the local environment. There are three major programs in the organization: Trail Rides, Earn-a-Bike, and Mobile Bike Workshops. They hold about 160 trail rides per year, taking children from all over the Bay Area. The Earn-a-Bike Program has a warehouse in the Canal area of San Rafael, which is a convenient location for children to come in after school and learn about bike safety, skills and how to work on them. They can work towards earning their own bike. The Mobile Bike Workshop is very similar to the Earn-A-Bike Program, but they go out to schools to teach bike safety and skills. They can also earn a bike of their own through this program. The organization serves 1,900 children a

year, and they are funded primarily through donations, grants and resale of bikes. They have saved 21,000 bikes from landfills. They sell about 1,600 bikes a year, but they receive about 5,000 from individuals, bike shops, and companies, and police departments, in addition to bike clothing, helmets, parts, and gear. All bikes need to pass a 23-point inspection before they can be ridden. For surplus bikes, they partner with Bay Area Bike Rescue, a volunteer-based organization who in turn refurbish the bikes and give them to individuals in need. All bicycle tires are recycled at neighboring Firestone Tires. The organization is conveniently located in downtown San Rafael, which makes it easily accessible to the public, and they take pride in having the ability to offer affordable, green transportation to the community. Information item only.

2. Discussion with JPA Board Chair Cristine Alilovich (Continued)

LTF members and other attendees introduced themselves to Ms. Alilovich. Ms. Alilovich introduced herself and Mr. Bytof from the City of San Rafael. Mr. Devine gave an overview of the JPA, its core functions and the challenges it faces. The floor was then opened to questions from LTF members regarding issues and concerns. Mr. Bytof described how the City of San Rafael uses its Zero Waste Grant funding and shared about the programs it supports, such as the Go Box Program, and the North Bay Conservation Corps' mattress recycling program, and recycling bins in public parks. Ms. Goddard (Fairfax) shared about how their grant funding will support Sustainable Fairfax. Ms. Silver shared how the Zero Waste Grant funding is distributed to cities and towns to help support their recycling programs for businesses and other entities. Ms. Thomas praised members for the solution-oriented input Zero Waste staff had in the three major articles in the Marin IJ about the recycling dilemma. Mr. Kazanjian shared his suggestion for ordinances within the individual cities and towns to educate the public and the importance of specifically identifying what recyclable items are accepted by each hauler. Ms. Alilovich shared that the City of San Rafael is moving forward with its Climate Change Action Plan amendment in early May, as are many other cities and towns, and shared her concerns regarding budget challenges to support more needed programs. The discussion continued with further questions and concerns from members, and the specific challenges their jurisdictions face, most notably implementation of SB 1383. Ms. Alilovich acknowledged the concerns of the group regarding these issues and will report back to the JPA Board with the feedback she gathered. Information item only.

5. Reports from LTF Members

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

Ms. Scheibly reported that Customer Appreciation Day for Marin Sanitary Service customers is April 28. They will conduct tours, have workshops on how to participate in the organic waste programs, and host a compost give-away. She also shared that Marin Sanitary is going to change its plastics acceptance program considering recent developments with the National Sword. She also shared about MSS's upcoming recycling app: "Where Does It Go, Joe?" which will show customers how to sort their discarded items. Mr. Iavarone discussed the progress of their dual-stream pilot project, which has proven to be a success, and how it will work for Mill Valley Refuse operationally. He also shared about AB 815, a bill that incentivizes dual-stream recycling programs, which was brought to his attention by an Assembly Member's office. He sent them a letter in support of the bill, and they asked him to speak at one of their meetings in Sacramento.

Special Districts Franchising Solid Waste (Johnson, McCarron, Alternate: Schriebman)

Ms. Johnson shared that she did a presentation to the Novato Sanitary District Board about SB 1383. She also shared that they are doing a great deal of outreach with Recology, such as at the Chamber Business Fair which was held last week. They are continuing to work with schools, and they have an upcoming school tour in May. They will also do outreach at events such as the Novato Art & Wine Festival and local farmers markets. Ms. Schriebman shared that she would like Ms. Johnson to come speak at their Board, as well. She also shared that they are still in the midst of sewer plant upgrades. Mr. McCarron reported that he is following a SB 232 law about toxics and packaging, and that there is an exemption request from the glass packaging institute to move the contaminant level from 100 parts per million for metals to 200 parts per million.

Environmental Organizations (Kies, Thomas)

Ms. Kies passed on her report. Ms. Thomas reported that the Conservation Corps North Bay is currently working on their recycle grant and has offered help to fellow members where needed. They are seeking to implement an oil filter pilot program, in which one of the cities has offered to let them use their corporation yard for recycling the oil. She stated that all Corps members have taken training for their dock walking program, and she met with Bill Price with the RBRA about walking the docks or giving training to boaters about better ways to handle toxics. She also shared that they have a new mattress recycling grant facilitating mattresses recycling, as well as a food grant from ExtraFood.org. Overall CCNB has grants is for oil, tires, bottles and cans, mattresses and e-waste, and asked for input from the group for starting a tire recycling program.

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

Ms. Cochran shared that more colleges are starting food pantries and suggested that more colleges in the County should be encouraged to implement similar programs such as the one at Dominican. She also suggested a “clean Styrofoam” program, where organizations can come to homes and pick up Styrofoam to transport to the recycling plant in El Cerrito. Mr. Jones reported that he is still navigating SB 1383, and he attended the NCRA Recycling Update meeting. Ms. Goddard reported that Ross Valley is going to using the Conservation Corps’ services for their e-waste and mattress collection at Fairfax Take Back Day on April 27. Ms. De Vries reported that she and Marilyn Price started Sustainable Mill Valley and reports the success of their meetings. They attended the Chamber meeting to share about the plastic ban ordinance that would emulate San Anselmo. She is also working with the Chamber of Commerce to go door-to-door to restaurants to talk with them about reusables as opposed to single use items, as well as working with Equator coffee to promote greener practices at its locations. She also encouraged members to attend the Eco-Fest on June 22 to help with community outreach.

6. LTF Attendance Log

Moved to next meeting due to lack of time.

7. Report from Organics Subcommittee

Ms. Scheibly reported that waste generators know even less about SB 1383 than the cities and towns.

8. Request for Future Agenda Items and Topics

Moved to next meeting due to lack of time.

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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 April 3, 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: Sam Jones Second: Ramin Khany

San Anselmo

Ayes: Heather Abrams, Greg Christie, Alice Cochran,

Renee Goddard, Jim Iavarone, Dee Johnson,

San Rafael

Judith Schriebman, Terri Thomas

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Noes: _____

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Abstentions: _____

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