

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

Belvedere

Date: January 15, 2020

Corte Madera

To: Local Task Force Members

County of Marin

From: Steve Devine, Program Manager

Fairfax

Re: Approval of the November 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: Heather Abrams Second: Sam Jones

San Anselmo

Ayes: Judy Schriebman, Dee Johnson, Terri Thomas,

Jim Iavarone, Alice Cochran, Molly deVries

San Rafael

Sausalito

Noes: None

Tiburon

Abstentions: None

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AB 939 Local Task Force Meeting
Wednesday, November 6, 2019
1600 Los Gamos Drive, Suite 211
San Rafael, CA 94903

Action Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT

Heather Abrams, TCSD
Greg Christie, Bay Cities Refuse
Alice Cochran, City of San Rafael
Renee Goddard, Ross Valley Cities
Jim Iavarone, Mill Valley Refuse
Dee Johnson, Novato Sanitary District
Sam Jones, County of Marin
Ramin Khany, Redwood Landfill
Matthew McCarron, City of Novato
Judith Schriebman, LGVSD
Terri Thomas, CCNB

STAFF PRESENT

Steve Devine
Casey Poldino
Andrew Shelton
Judith Silver

OTHERS PRESENT

Cory Bytof, City of San Rafael
David Donery, Town of San Anselmo
Garen Kazanjian, Recology Sonoma
Marin
Rose Radford, R3 Consulting
Kim Scheibly, Marin Sanitary Service

MEMBERS ABSENT

Molly DeVries, Southern Marin Cities
Patty Garbarino, Marin Sanitary Service

1. Open Time for Public Comment

No public comment tendered.

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

Motion: by Sam Jones to approve the April 3, 2019 JPA LTF Minutes. Second: by Ramin Khany. Vote: Unanimous.

3. Approval of the August 7, 2019 JPA LTF Minutes

Motion: by Renee Goddard to approve the August 7, 2019 JPA LTF Minutes. Second: by Sam Jones. Vote: Unanimous.

4. Presentation by Baani Behniwal of Californians Against Waste

Item moved to the end of the meeting after Item 10, to give Ms. Behniwal time to arrive. Ms. Behniwal delivered her presentation and gave a brief background and overview of Californians Against Waste, a non-profit advocacy group. Please refer to her organization's website for a recap of the 19-20 legislative session:

<https://www.cawrecycles.org/legislation>

5. Reports from LTF Members

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

Ms. Abrams noted her interest is producer responsibility. She shared that the TCSD has sent out their new recycling guide and ordered new stickers for their carts. She is also concerned about the lack of education the public has regarding waste sorting and she has new staff now to help with these issues.

Ms. Scheibly shared that she would like to see the LTF recommend to the JPA funding for model ordinances for SB 1383. Ms. Scheibly shared that today is the sixth anniversary of Fairfax's commercial mandatory recycling ordinance, and that they are the only town in Marin Sanitary's service area that is showing significant results from it. She also shared that November 16 is Marin Sanitary's first annual holiday fair. She also shared Mr. Khany's concerns regarding wood waste, stating that a lot of their wood goes to biomass, which does not get subsidized as do solar and wind. The wood items in particular are fire fuel and hard woods that can't be re-used. They have been having conversations not only at the State government level, but with Marin Clean Energy, and PG&E to see if organizations such as these can buy that energy to support a viable diversion market.

Mr. Iavarone stated that he would like the LTF to consider more discussion about contamination in recycling. They had learned from their dual-stream project how much contamination is mixed with recycling. He states that definitive information regarding what is recyclable and what is not would be extremely helpful to the public. For his regular report, Mr. Iavarone shared that Mill Valley Refuse is two months into their new dual-stream recycling program, which has been successful with 90% participation from customers. He discussed which types of public outreach and enforcement work and which ones do not.

Mr. Khany stated that his goal would be to expand organics processing at their facility, Redwood Landfill, and he would like to have more support from the LEA to help secure their permit to move forward with building the facilities that will help them achieve this goal. For his regular report, Mr. Khany stated that construction for their new material recovery facility has begun and is slated to open around June or July of 2020. They are permitted to receive 400 tons of construction material at their facility which is funneled to Marin Sanitary where it is sorted and recycled. Once the new facility is completed, the public will be notified so that they can drop off their construction materials there where it can be sorted and recycled more. The commercial component of the C&D stream will continue while the tonnage from smaller operations will be diverted to the new facility. He also stated that come January 1, they can no longer use wood materials as ADC. He also expressed concern about handling contamination in single stream waste coming into the facility.

Mr. Christie echoed Mr. Iavarone in that he wishes to work with the JPA to provide more education to the public regarding waste sorting. For his regular report, he reminded the group that November 15 is America Recycle Day.

Special Districts Franchising Solid Waste (Johnson, Schriebman)

Ms. Schriebman stated that now that China is not accepting a lot of our recyclables, haulers are unable to send them overseas, and therefore wishes to see a State ban of non-recyclables and more producer responsibility. She also mentioned the JPA should strongly support the Udall-Lowenthal Federal bill that is currently being presented to address the global plastic waste crisis. She firmly reiterated her wish to see more producer responsibility, and she would like to see “green-washing,” packaging from companies that is labeled as recyclable but truly is not, be addressed. She also encourages consumer responsibility when it comes to purchasing items to help curb the flow of packaging waste. For her report, she shared about the Green Chemistry Movement, which will help classify all toxic chemicals from waste that enter into the sewage system that her agency needs to remove during the water reclamation process which ends up costing more money for everyone.

Ms. Johnson shared her concern about addressing not only food waste, but the presence of food insecurity in the County. She states that the Marin Food Bank needs extra help with food rescue. She also shared that there were two bills in legislation in the past year regarding single-use plastics to address removing them from the waste stream that did not pass. There is a resolution that is coming forward as a result of a few non-profits and Recology, and she would like to see more focus on helping it to pass by enlisting help to gather signatures, if anyone is interested.

For her report, Ms. Johnson shared that the Novato HHW has been very busy, and over the last week they have received many batteries and propane tanks as a result of the power shutdown. She stated that now is the time seize the opportunity to resurrect the battery bill, which will address producer responsibility.

Environmental Organizations (Thomas)

Ms. Thomas shared the same sentiment as other LTF members regarding plastics and she would like to help out as much as possible to address these issues. For her regular report, she shared that Conservation Corps North Bay collects cans and bottles and last year they tried a food donation program with moderate success. The Environmental Forum of Marin had a climate change panel that evening to help get funding to address climate change issues at the Community Health Center on Kerner in San Rafael. The Marin Conservation League is also making efforts to go zero waste, and they expressed interest in being involved with the group and receive regular updates.

Public Agency Members (Goddard, Cochran, Jones, McCarron)

Ms. Goddard shared that San Anselmo and Fairfax both have recently passed their single-use plastic ban ordinances for businesses. She wishes to bring about a conversation regarding its practicality and how it will be implemented, as well as public education. She believes the LTF could play an important role in gathering the key players together and brainstorming how to make these ordinances as effective as possible. She states that different cities are being asked to move forward with similar ordinances, and she believes that the LTF can be critical players in their success. For

Ms. Goddard's regular report, she added that she appreciates the public's inquiries regarding waste sorting and recycling as it means that they are getting involved and they care. She is passionate about educating the public and has some fun ideas she would like to share in doing so. Ms. Cochran stated that the issue she would like to see addressed is Styrofoam. She would like to see it banned eventually and hopes that the LTF can help with this endeavor.

Mr. Jones shared the same concerns as other members regarding the myth of "compostable" plastic. He also expressed concerns regarding food waste during the Public Safety Power Shutdown, and how this issue can be reduced in the future. For his regular report, Mr. Jones shared that the Organics Committee is working their comments for SB 1383, and he shared about his tour of the Marin Food Bank.

Mr. McCarron shared that he is well versed of the nuances of waste management with the hauler companies and stated that he would like to focus on this process and planning. He also stated that the group may want to meet to discuss the JPA charter to make sure it can perform all the duties it is required to do for the Cities and County who report, and to help them address the current challenges they face, such as the diversion rate, budgetary issues, the population and the amount of waste it produces from packaging from global shopping, and the chemicals that are produced in that packaging.

6. LTF Attendance Log

Mr. Devine reported that there are a couple of members that are approaching their 50% of ten consecutive meetings attendance limit and are at risk of losing their seat if they have further absences.

7. Report from Organics Subcommittee

Ms. Scheibly reported that they group met during the third formal comment period for SB 1383. Unfortunately, the deadline to submit comments was missed. The group mainly discussed definitions and inconsistencies of the legislation in regard to State and hauler responsibilities, which was difficult to navigate and interpret. She strongly encourages local governments to read the entire legislation. She forecasts that it will take major ordinance overhauls and contract revisions or amendments. They plan on having an educational workshop and outreach regarding SB 1383 once the regulations are finalized. She also shared that AB 1826 will be reviewed with the 2018 Electronic Annual Reports (EARs) from the jurisdictions, which are due in August 2020. If the thresholds do not meet their target, then the threshold will drop to 2 cubic yards/services/week.

8. Establish 2020 LTF Meeting Schedule

Ms. Johnson stated that there are two options for the 2020 LTF Meeting Schedule; Option A offers to continue with the four quarterly meetings per year, and Option B would be other considerations. After discussion, the group voted as follows:

Motion: by Ms. Goddard for Option B to start the meetings in January and have a meeting every two months thereafter except December for a total of six meetings in 2020. Second: by Mr. Khany. Vote: Unanimous.

9. Report from Staff on Recent and Ongoing Activities

Mr. Devine reported on the success of First Annual Zero Waste Schools Program Awards Ceremony. The event was held on October 25 at the Marin County Office of Education. Ms. Poldino stated that there are nine schools that were recently certified. Mr. Devine noted that Cristine Alilovich, JPA Board Chair attended, along with Superintendent of School Mary Jane Burke hosting. He also shared an update from the Board of Directors: Adam McGill is the new city manager for Novato, and Jim McCann will be retiring early next year.

O'Rourke, Zero Waste Marin's long-time outreach contractor went bankrupt and there is a new outreach contractor on board, Gigantic Idea Studios. Mr. Devine shared that Andrew Shelton is new to Zero Waste's staff, and he is revitalizing some of the Universal Waste programs. Some of that work includes oil recycling projects at marinas, improving communications with our Bulb and Battery recycling program partners and projects with the Marin HHW Facility. Ms. Silver is working on updates to the construction and demolition debris certification forms and outreach at the various Cities and Towns to ensure that construction waste is being diverted properly. There is a new cardboard baler at the County jail that was purchased with grant money from Zero Waste Marin. The Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Organizational Assessment Strategic Plan Project will go out next week. Mr. Devine added that there are ongoing recruitments for two openings for Local Task Force "environmental organization" seats after Ms. Kies and Ms. Pardi's departures – with interviews at the next JPA Board meeting.

10. Request for Future Agenda Items and Topics

The group expressed interest in future Local Task Force Meetings having presentations by the California Product Stewardship Council and also on the subject of "Green Chemistry."

11. Adjournment