

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

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Date: March 4, 2020

Corte Madera

To: Local Task Force Members

County of Marin

From: Steve Devine, Program Manager

Re: Approval of the January 15, 2020 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

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

Ross

Motion: Ramin Khany Second: Heather Abrams

San Anselmo

Ayes: Greg Christie, Alice Cochran, Molly DeVries,

Renee Goddard, Dee Johnson, Ramin Khany,

San Rafael

Matthew McCarron, Vicki Nichols, Adam Ratner,

Sausalito

Judith Schriebman, Terri Thomas

Tiburon

Noes: None

Absentions: None

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AB 939 Local Task Force Meeting
Wednesday, January 15, 2020
1600 Los Gatos Drive, Suite 211
San Rafael, CA 94903

Action Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT

Heather Abrams, TCSD
Alice Cochran, City of San Rafael
Molly DeVries, Southern Marin Cities
Jim Iavarone, Mill Valley Refuse
Dee Johnson, Novato Sanitary District
Sam Jones, County of Marin
Judith Schriebman, LGVSD
Terri Thomas, EFM

MEMBERS ABSENT

Patty Garbarino, Marin Sanitary Service
Greg Christie, Bay Cities Refuse
Ramin Khany, Redwood Landfill
Renee Goddard, Ross Valley Cities
Matthew McCarron, City of Novato

STAFF PRESENT

Steve Devine
Melody Mitchell
Casey Poldino
Andrew Shelton
Judith Silver

OTHERS PRESENT

Vicki Nichols, Marin Conservation League
Morgan Patton, EAC
Kim Scheibly, Marin Sanitary Service
Claire Wilson, R3 Consulting

1. Open Time for Public Comment

No public comment tendered.

2. Approval of the November 6, 2019 JPA LTF Minutes

Item deferred to a later time in the meeting due to lack of quorum. The meeting began with Item 6.

Motion: by Sam Jones to approve the November 6, 2019 JPA LTF Minutes. Second: by Terri Thomas. Vote: Unanimous.

3. Elect 2020 LTF Chair and Vice Chair

Item deferred to a later time in the meeting due to lack of quorum.

After discussion by the group regarding the possibility of having Ms. Goddard and Ms. Johnson serve as LTF "Co-Chairs" and "Co-Vice Chairs" to avoid conflict in schedules, the members voted as follows:

Motion: by Sam Jones to elect Renee Goddard as LTF Chair, with Dee Johnson serving as "Co-Chair". Second: by Jim Iavarone. Vote: Unanimous.

Motion: by Sam Jones to elect Dee Johnson as LTF Vice Chair, with Renee Goddard serving as "Co-Vice Chair." Second: by Alice Cochran. Vote: Unanimous.

4. Reports from LTF Members

Item deferred to a later time in the meeting; then moved after Item 5.

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

Mr. Iavarone had nothing to report. Ms. Scheibly reported that the CalRecycle meetings on State laws and compliance are currently under way and there is a lot of new information being shared.

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

Ms. Abrams had nothing to report. Ms. Johnson had nothing to report. Ms. Schriebman had nothing to report.

Environmental Organizations (Thomas)

Ms. Thomas shared that on February 4 the Environmental Forum of Marin has an evening program on community microgrids, and renewable energy and resilience at the Corte Madera Community Center at 6:30 p.m.

Public Agency Members (Cochran, de Vries, Goddard, Jones)

Ms. Cochran shared her show-and-tell item: cornstarch Styrofoam-like packing peanuts that dissolve in water. Ms. De Vries shared that work on the website, Reusable Marin, is under way with the help of Miriam Gordon and the Mill Valley Reusable Group. She is also working with Susan Lopes from the Mill Valley Chamber of Commerce on restaurant recycling and product recommendation packets as a result of the Restaurant Forum. She also mentioned that a girl from the Environmental Team at Tamalpais High School does not have support for a compost bin, and she would like to find out how to receive funding for her project. She also reported that the Chamber of Commerce is starting to use all reusable items at their 2020 after hours parties. Mr. Jones had nothing to report.

5. Recommendation to the JPA Board of Directors on a Single Additional Issue, Beyond the Ongoing Organizational Assessment/Zero Waste Plan Update Project, that the Agency Should Devote Increased Resources to in FY 2020-21

Item deferred to a later time in the meeting due to lack of quorum; then moved up before Item 4.

Ms. Johnson presented a brief synopsis of members' suggestions from past meeting minutes. The topics included: education and outreach to address waste stream contamination, single use plastic bans and ordinances, producer responsibility, food waste recovery and composting, assistance with SB 1383 ordinances, expansion of organics processing facilities, planning and processing organization of the JPA, and more funding for advertising. Ms. Scheibly mentioned that tagging, fining, and not collecting should be added as an important topic, as she has witnessed since the Marin Recycling Center started processing Mill Valley Refuse's dual-stream recyclable materials the successful results of their policy of not picking up bins if contamination exists. Additional suggestions for topics included the following from Ms. Patton: contamination outreach not only to property owners, but to renters, as well; consistency of recycling information from different haulers across all areas to avoid confusion; apps for smart phones from haulers that provide recycling information updates and alerts; Ms. Cochran suggested a topic about assistance with handling and reducing production of Styrofoam.

Motion: by Ms. Thomas for the LTF to forward to the JPA a request for education and outreach, particularly reduction and reuse of materials. Second: by Mr. Jones. Vote: Unanimous.

Motion: by Mr. Jones for the LTF to follow up on local ordinances, in particular single-use plastics, as well as request funding for outreach and education regarding the ordinances.
Second: by Ms. Thomas. Vote: Unanimous.

6. LTF Attendance Log

Information Only. No action required.

7. Report from Organics Subcommittee

Ms. Scheibly shared that the Subcommittee is still currently working on issues surrounding organics, primarily SB 1383, as well as airport regulations and the effect they will have on organics processors and composting facilities. She shared that many of their members participate with Drawdown Marin and have been discussing issues and solutions regarding the power outage and its effects on food waste, as well as educating the public on curbing food waste during the outage. She added that the Subcommittee will be meeting the next morning. Ms. Johnson added that the Drawdown Marin group will be meeting the next day in the afternoon.

8. Report from Staff on Recent and Ongoing Activities

Mr. Devine gave a brief overview of the structure and function of the JPA Board, and the role the LTF serves with that Board. He stated that the next JPA Board meeting will be on January 30 and that there will be interviews held prior to the meeting for the two open Environmental Seats on the LTF. He also reported that Cristine Alilovich (City of San Rafael) had resigned her seat as Chair and Garrett Toy (Town of Fairfax) has replaced her. He also handed out a list of the City and Town Managers that are on the JPA Board and encouraged LTF members to familiarize themselves with them and form relationships. He reported that the Board of Supervisors reviewed two rate hearing items, one for Marin Sanitary Service with a 4.2% rate adjustment, and one for Recology, with a 6.7% rate adjustment. There was also discussion about the need for compliance with emerging laws, such as 1826 and 1383, and also focus on Zero Waste Marin's Material Flow Capacity Analysis Project, which was again brought to the forefront at the Board the necessity of increased organic processing capacity at hauler facilities to address the need for organics processing, which is more evident now due to increased incoming fire fuel load. He reported that Zero Waste Marin has contracted with Gigantic Ideas Studios as an outreach contractor, who has started a campaign for consumers to buy less in an effort to reduce packaging waste with ads at local movie theaters, social media, etc. The JPA has also been helping cities and towns with updated construction and demolition debris certification forms at the different Building Department counters. The Board has commenced the Organizational Assessment and Zero Waste Plan Update project and Executive Director Klock will provide an update to the Board at their January 30 meeting. Mr. Devine encouraged LTF members to stay abreast of that project. Lastly, Mr. Devine passed along an invitation from Ms. Goddard regarding the film Wasted! The Story of Food Waste.

9. Request for Future Agenda Items and Topics

Ms. Cochran requested that Kyle LaRue from the Marin Conservation Corps come to a future meeting to share how they pursue funding for their current programs, and if the LTF could offer support in those endeavors. Ms. Johnson requested that Gigantic Ideas provide a presentation and that the LTF follow up on State legislation.

10. Adjournment

Next LTF Meeting will be Wednesday, March 4, 2020