

**MARIN COUNTY HAZARDOUS AND SOLID  
WASTE MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Thursday, September 21, 2023, 8:45 am – 9:45 am

In Person: 922 Machin Avenue, Novato, Womack Conference Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

**AGENDA**

**Call to Order**

1. Public Participation Instructions (Information Only) 1 Minute.
2. Open Time for Public Comment (Information Only) 5 Minutes.

**Consent Calendar**

3. Approve JPA Board Meeting Minutes from August 17, 2023 (Action) 1 Minute.

**Regular Agenda**

4. Executive Director Update (Information Only) 5 Minutes.
5. 1383 Local Assistant Grant FY 23/24 (Action) 5 Minutes.
6. Local Task Force (LTF) Update (Information) 5 Minutes.
7. New Local Task Force (LTF) Appointments (Action) 5 Minutes.
8. Legislation Plan (Information) 5 Minutes.
9. Ad Hoc Subcommittee Appointments (Action) 10 Minutes.
10. Suggested Agenda Topics (Information Only) 5 Minutes.
11. Adjournment.



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## SPECIAL REMOTE PUBLIC INSTRUCTIONS

Thursday, September 21, 2023, 8:45 am – 9:45 am

The public can participate in this Marin County Hazardous and Solid Waste Joint Powers Authority (Zero Waste Marin) Board Meeting via a Zoom webinar on Thursday, September 21, 2023, from 8:45 am – 9:45 am

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**Belvedere**

Date: September 21, 2023

**Corte Madera**

To: JPA Board of Directors

From: Kimberly Scheibly, Executive Director

**County of Marin**

Re: Open Time for Public Comment

**Fairfax**

The public is welcome to address the Board of Directors on matters not on the agenda within its jurisdiction. Please be advised that pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2, the Board is not permitted to discuss or act on any matter not on the agenda unless it determines that an emergency exists or that there is a need to take immediate action which arose following the posting of the agenda.

**Larkspur**

**Mill Valley**

**Recommendation**

**Novato**

Receive public comment. Information Only.

**Ross**

**San Anselmo**

**San Rafael**

**Sausalito**

**Tiburon**

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Board of Directors Meeting - Minutes

Thursday, August 17, 2023

8:45 A.M – 9:45 A.M

Hybrid: 922 Machin Avenue, Womack Conference Room, 2nd Floor, Novato

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Adam Wolff, Corte Madera  
Cory Bytof, City of San Rafael (Alt.)  
Christa Johnson, Ross  
Dan Eilerman, County of Marin (Alt.)  
Greg Chanis, Tiburon  
Gretchen Schubeck, Novato (Alt.)  
Heather Abrams, Fairfax  
Jessica Deakyne, Novato (Alt.)

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Adam McGill, Novato  
Anthony Boyd, Belvedere (Alt.)  
Catie Thow Garcia, Sausalito (Alt.)  
Chris Zapata, Sausalito  
Christine Alilovich, San Rafael  
Dan Schwarz, Larkspur  
David Donery, San Anselmo  
David Woltering, Ross (Alt.)  
Matthew Hymel, County of Marin  
Todd Cusimano, Mill Valley  
Robert Zadnik, Belvedere

**STAFF PRESENT**

Andrew Shelton  
Casey Fritz  
Casey Poldino  
Kimberly Scheibly  
Melody Mitchell

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Dee Johnson, Novato Sanitary  
District  
Greg Christie, Mill Valley Refuse  
Kelsey Brewer, Marin RCD  
Meilin Tsao, Recology

**Call to Order**

1. Remote Public Participation Instructions

Information only.

2. Open Time for Public Comment

No public comments were tendered.

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## Consent Calendar

3. JPA Board Meeting Minutes from July 16, 2023

Motion to approve the JPA Board Meeting Minutes from July 16, 2023.  
Motion: Greg Chanis. Second: Dan Eilerman. Vote: Unanimous.

4. Receive and File the Fiscal Year 21-22 JPA Audit

Motion to approve to receive and file the Fiscal Year 21-22 JPA Audit.  
Motion: Chanis. Second: Eilerman. Vote: Unanimous.

## Regular Agenda

5. Executive Director Update

Kimberly Scheibly delivered her update and shared that the Senior Planner for HHW position has been posted for internal County candidates first, then it will be posted for external candidates if one is not chosen. They will also post positions for Senior Program Coordinator and Waste Management Specialist. Staff is working with a County HR Analyst that is counseling them through this process. Last week, Casey Poldino and the ZWM team attended a CalRecycle monthly public meeting online as they discussed the SB 1383 Local Assisted Grant Program. CalRecycle will soon announce the availability of grant money in which agencies would be able to apply for in September. Scheibly strongly recommended that they apply for it as a JPA, rather than individual cities and towns. She would like to further discuss with the Executive Committee. If it decided that they apply as a JPA, then the cities and towns would not be able to apply individually.

She shared that she and Casey Fritz had attended the California Resource Recovery Association (CRRRA) conference, where they learned from other communities how they are approaching mitigating climate change and promoting resource conservation. They also had several meetings with California Products Stewardship Council, and they've completed an application on behalf of the JPA for a \$100,000 grant for a County-wide marine flare program. She stated that hazardous waste programs have always been included in the JPA budget, but having a grant would allow staff to not need to include it in the assessment. She will share the update on the status of the grant soon. She also had the opportunity to meet with many other JPA Executive Directors to learn about their structure and priority goals. She stated that Poldino has been extremely busy working with an organization called Sansuma, which explores pathways toward more sustainable and healthier food programs in our schools. She has been discussing with local organizations and funders, including MCF and the Measure A Parks grant program, on how to bridge the farm to school gap. She also stated that the EAR was submitted. Poldino and Amy Kolnes are working with CalRecycle on the EAR reporting process and they are providing feedback on ways to improve and streamline it. They are also creating FAQ's for jurisdictions and tips for next year. In addition to the three new upcoming

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ZWM staff recruitments, Poldino is continuing to work with Scheibly on SB 1383 program implementations report, and the budget contract planning for the year. She has also made great progress on the compost procurement.

Casey Fritz is busy preparing to help schools as they come back from summer break. ZWM is currently supporting 34 campuses, and adding four new campuses this year, including two schools from Novato now that it has been added to the Zero Waste fund. They have certified 14 schools last year, including the first ever platinum certified school. She is also the project lead for the contract with HF&H to build the edible food recovery program. Now, they are working on verifying the list of generators, as well as the list of food recovery organizations and services. They have launched a mini grant program for food generators so that they may receive up to \$7,500 towards expenses related to edible food recovery. She stated that this program has been very successful in other areas, such as San Francisco, so they are modeling after these other programs. They will be sending letters to all Tier 1 and Tier 2 generators to remind them of their requirements and let them know about the grant program. The EAR table that was mentioned in the previous meeting has been completely built out. Staff will start educating generators on how to report directly to them. This model has been very successful in Santa Clara County.

Scheibly proudly announced that ZWM now has an Instagram account, @zerowastemarin and encouraged members and the public to visit. She announced that they are also starting a quarterly newsletter and would like feedback from members on that. This will help staff be able to get information more quickly out to the public.

Andrew Shelton has been busy working on the Form 303 report to CalRecycle. This is the large, detailed report to the State on all the recycling, re-use, and disposal tonnages. He is also continuing to work on transitioning the HHW facility management to the JPA. He continues to work on the Marine Flare Take-back Event, which will take place on September 17, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at Clipper Gap Harbor in Sausalito. Other programs that he supports are illegal dumping, C&D programs, the used oil grant, and bulb and battery recycling program.

Kolnes has been working with Poldino on designing a complete systems and processes overhaul for how ZWM documents and tracks programs and data for ZWM. All 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter hauler updates have been supplied and entered into Recyclist and are in review. We have started the conversation regarding complete ZWM website redesign in order to make the site more user-friendly for SB 1383 compliance.

### 6. Compost Procurement Update

Poldino delivered her compost procurement update. Placeworks has completed their portion of work on the website; the dashboard is complete on their end. There were two webinars two weeks ago, with attendance from every jurisdiction, except for Mill Valley, who she is working with to get up to speed. The site is now live, and agencies can now go into it and enter their information. She asked that the jurisdictions' contacts review the website and check for any information that may have been missed. She is working with the Marin County Parks Department to help

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her find out what is missing in their data. ZWM is in contract with Placeworks until September 30. They have scope of work and budget for all of Marin County's jurisdictions to work directly with Alison at Placeworks, and she encouraged them to do so, as she would be able to guide them through the process. There is a few more months to complete this process. Users will be able to filter the fields not just by jurisdiction, but by landowner, as well. She and Scheibly met last week with Marin Compost Resource Conservation District on providing compost to their land for carbon sequestration. Scheibly also met with some compost providers, such as Agromin and Zero Food Print, on compost procurement.

Scheibly added that jurisdictions may have specifications on bay-friendly landscaping ordinances, if it applies, and for them to be sure to include this information on the website to ensure they will receive what they need for their area, in addition to using the range land in their applications.

A question-and-answer session was held after the report.

### 7. Review and approve the revised Local Task Force Procedures

Scheibly gave a brief history of the procedure development for the Local Task Force (LTF) and delivered the summary of proposed changes to the procedures with the Board. She stressed the importance of this review to ensure all stakeholders are on track, on task, and the budgetary dollars are best utilized.

Abrams praised the LTF and staff for their efforts on this item.

Motion to approve revised Local Task Force procedures.

Motion: Eilerman. Second: Christa Johnson. Vote: Unanimous.

### 8. Zero Waste Reimbursement Program Allocations & Creation of Subcommittee for Redesigning Program

Scheibly gave a brief history of the reimbursement program and shared the Budget Subcommittee's findings and allocation report.

Staff recommendations are as follows:

- 1) The Board to adopt a motion to end the program as it exists currently after this fiscal year; and
- 2) To adopt a motion to approve allocations to jurisdictions with the 32.16% decrease across the board from last year's allocations; and
- 3) Appoint a separate ad hoc Program Subcommittee to review the history and decide on the path of the program forward.

There was a brief discussion by the Board, and a question-and-answer session was held.

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Motion to end the program as it exists at the end of this fiscal year, and to approve allocations to jurisdictions with the 32.16% decrease across the board from last year's allocations.

Motion: Chanis. Second: Adam Wolff. Vote: Unanimous.

Motion for the Executive Director to send an email to the Board members asking for volunteers for the Program subcommittee, inclusive of those who are identified today and return to the Board at the next meeting with the Subcommittee to evaluate that does not include members of the Budget Subcommittee.

Motion: Eilerman. Second: Chanis. Vote: Unanimous.

#### 9. Create Quarterly Executive Committee Meeting Schedule

Poldino shared that the Executive Committee has not met since pre-COVID and shared that the Executive Director wishes to re-establish this committee to keep up with workflow for the entire JPA Board.

Staff recommends the committee reconvene and set quarterly meetings beginning with this current quarter, preferably before the next full board meeting scheduled for September 21<sup>st</sup>.

Motion to approve quarterly Executive Committee meeting schedule, in which we will schedule the first meeting in the next couple of weeks to incorporate the Chair and consider in this first meeting what the appropriate meeting schedule should be.

Motion: Eilerman. Second: Jessica Deakyne. Vote: Unanimous.

#### 10. Adjournment

*Next JPA meeting will be on September 21, 2023.*



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

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Noes: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Abstentions: \_\_\_\_\_

# MARIN COUNTY HAZARDOUS AND SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

**Belvedere**

Date: September 21, 2023

**Corte Madera**

To: JPA Board of Directors

From: Kimberly Scheibly, Executive Director

**County of Marin**

Re: Executive Director Update

**Fairfax**

The Executive Director will provide an update on recent and ongoing activities provided by staff.

**Larkspur**

**Recommendation**

**Mill Valley**

Receive oral report. Information only.

**Novato**

**Ross**

**San Anselmo**

**San Rafael**

**Sausalito**

**Tiburon**

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**Belvedere**

Date: September 21, 2023

**Corte Madera**

To: JPA Board of Directors

From: Kimberly Scheibly, Executive Director

**County of Marin**

Re: 1383 Local Assistant Grant FY 23/24

**Fairfax**

The SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program is meant to provide aid in the implementation of regulations adopted by CalRecycle pursuant to Chapter 395, Statutes of 2016 and SB170 Budget Act of 2021. This non-competitive grant program provides funding to local jurisdictions to assist with the implementation of regulation requirements associated with SB 1383, including but not limited to:

**Larkspur**

**Mill Valley**

- Capacity Planning
- Collection
- Edible Food Recovery
- Education and outreach
- Enforcement and Inspection
- Program Evaluation/Gap Analysis
- Procurement Requirements
- Record Keeping

**Novato**

**Ross**

**San Anselmo**

Applications for this grant opened September 15. We have the option of applying for a regional grant on behalf of all JPA Members or each area can apply on their own. The total grant amount is estimated between \$800,000 and one million for the regional application. Individual jurisdictional grants estimates are shown below.

**San Rafael**

**Sausalito**

**Tiburon**

<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Estimated Funding Amount</b>
Belvedere	\$ 75,000.00
Corte Madera	\$ 75,000.00
Fairfax	\$ 75,000.00
Larkspur	\$ 75,000.00
Marin County	\$ 127,604.00
Mill Valley	\$ 75,000.00
Novato	\$ 103,758.00
Ross	\$ 75,000.00
San Anselmo	\$ 75,000.00
San Rafael	\$ 117,259.00
Sausalito	\$ 75,000.00

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The application due date is November 15, 2023, by 11:59 pm. If the JPA Board decides on the regional approach, the following documentation will be required:

1. The JPA will need to submit a Resolution and each participating entity will need to provide a Letter of Authorization (LOA).
2. JPA Agreement with signatures of all Members.

Staff recommend that the JPA apply for the regional grant to be administered by ZWM staff on behalf of all agencies. If approved, a formal resolution must be adopted by the Board in October to give time for completion of the grant application.

Special Districts are not part of the Regional Application; however, they may apply individually. CalRecycle has compiled [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#) about the SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program.

### **Recommendation**

Adopt a Motion to have Member Agencies sign Letter of Authorization for grant and payment programs signed by October 15, 2023.

Attachment:

1. Letter of Authorization for grant and payment program

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

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_

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Noes: \_\_\_\_\_

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Abstentions: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Belvedere**            Date: September 21, 2023  
**Corte Madera**            To: JPA Board of Directors  
**County of Marin**            From: Casey Fritz, Senior Planner  
**Re: Local Task Force (LTF) Update**

**Fairfax**  
**Larkspur**  
After a three-year hiatus during the Covid-19 pandemic, the Zero Waste Marin Local Task Force has resumed meeting. After an initial first meeting in March 2023, the LTF met again in August after the LTF Procedures had been updated and approved. Zero Waste Marin staff discussed the updated Procedures with LTF members, emphasizing the responsibility of the Task Force to act as an advisory body to the JPA Board.

**Mill Valley**  
**Novato**  
**Ross**  
Staff highlighted that the LTF members should remain up-to-date on relevant trends, laws, and ordinances on a State, regional, and local level. To this end, staff will help the LTF re-form Subcommittees, and suggested options such as Household Hazardous Waste, Compliance and Regulations, Market & Technology Research, Program Development, and Outreach & Education. ZWM staff are excited about this renewal of the efforts of the Local Task Force.

**San Anselmo**  
**Recommendation**  
Information Only.

**San Rafael**

**Sausalito**

**Tiburon**

# MARIN COUNTY HAZARDOUS AND SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

**Belvedere**

Date: September 21, 2023

**Corte Madera**

To: JPA Board of Directors

From: Casey Fritz, Senior Planner

**County of Marin**

Re: Local Task Force (LTF) Update

**Fairfax**

The Local Task Force has vacant seats open for both haulers/facilities and Special Districts. ZWM staff sent out announcements about these vacancies to all hauler and Special Districts in Marin County, and would like to recommend that the following applicants be approved and added to the Local Task Force as voting members:

**Larkspur**

**Mill Valley**

Haulers:

- Justin Wilcock, Marin Sanitary Service
- Meilin Tsao, Recology Sonoma Marin

**Novato**

Special Districts:

**Ross**

- Dale McDonald, Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District
- Garrett Toy, Tamalpais Community Services District

**San Anselmo**

**Recommendation:**

Vote to approve all four applicants as members of the Local Task Force.

**San Rafael**

**Sausalito**

**Tiburon**

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

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_

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Noes: \_\_\_\_\_

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Abstentions: \_\_\_\_\_



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**Belvedere**

Date: September 21, 2023

**Corte Madera**

To: JPA Board of Directors

**County of Marin**

From: Kimberly Scheibly, Executive Director

Re: Legislative Platform

**Fairfax**

**Larkspur**

**Mill Valley**

In October 2009 the Executive Committee requested the LTF develop a Legislative Platform to help address the increasing number of waste reduction, Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), conservation and product ban bills that are being proposed by the state legislature. The attached Platform was approved June 24, 2010 (Attachment 1) and describes a number of topics and criteria for bills that allow staff to send a letter of support or opposition without requiring Executive Committee or Board approval for individual items.

**Novato**

**Recommendation**

Discuss existing Platform and recommend changes if necessary.

**Ross**

Approve Executive Director to write letters of support or opposition on matters supported by the Zero Waste Marin Legislative Platform.

**San Anselmo**

**Attachments:**

**San Rafael**

1. 2010 Legislative Platform
2. Example of Letter of Support

**Sausalito**

**Tiburon**

**Marin County Hazardous and Solid Waste Management  
Joint Powers Authority  
STATE LEGISLATIVE PLAN**

APPROVED JUNE 24, 2010

In accordance with the mission of Marin County Hazardous and Solid Waste Management Joint Powers Authority this Legislative Plan is intended to serve as a guide to the JPA's policy positions on legislative issues that impact the JPA, the community and the environment. This Legislative Platform of the JPA is intended to allow staff to respond to legislative proposals expeditiously in accordance with the following general and specific policy guidelines. It shall be the general position of the JPA to support state and federal legislation that furthers the policy goals and program objectives of the Countywide Plan, the California Integrated Waste Management Act (AB939), the JPA's Extended Producer Responsibility Resolution, and the adopted program objectives of the JPA's Zero Waste Feasibility Study, or meets the specific legislative criteria described in this document.

Staff, with the support of the Local Task Force, will track legislation and changes to proposed bills. Staff will support or rescind support for bills on behalf of the JPA. Changes, updates, or new drafts of this legislative plan will be submitted to the JPA Executive Committee for approval at one of their regularly scheduled meetings.

**The JPA would support legislation that:**

**1) ZERO WASTE**

- a) Sets higher landfill diversion goals for local or state agencies, improves measurement and reporting system, or puts more responsibility on producers.
- b) Mandates strong waste prevention or recovery goals for products (such as supermarket bags and water bottles) through such mechanisms as consumer fees or deposits including support for a national bottle bill.
- c) Bans polystyrene foam or single use PVC items and requires disposable items (such as foodware or packaging) to be compostable or recyclable.
- d) Requires products to be made more recyclable (such as container lids) or compostable, or with more recycled content.

- e) Improves labeling of products that are compostable, recyclable or neither, and provides for State enforcement.
- f) Creates a strong producer responsibility framework or product category specific requirements for manufacturers to reformulate their products to make them less toxic and easier to reuse, repair, recycle or compost, as well as take actual or financial responsibility for handling disposal of their products.
- g) Expands the California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act to further encourage redemption, include items such as wine and liquor bottles, milk jugs, or other plastic containers and promote reuse.
- h) Strengthens adequate and convenient space requirements for recycling and composting or restricts trash chutes that work against landfill diversion.
- i) Encourages deconstruction, and use of recycled materials in new construction.
- j) Mandates recycling and composting for businesses, multi-family residences, schools and institutions.
- k) Disallows materials such as yard trimmings or cardboard in landfills. Reduces or eliminates diversion credit for using materials as alternative daily cover that have higher and better uses, such as yard trimmings.
- l) Encourages siting of composting and anaerobic digestion facilities, especially those that are permitted to accept food scraps.
- m) Helps give proper greenhouse gas emissions reduction credit to waste prevention, recycling and composting, including creating a better system to allocate greenhouse gas.
- n) Encourages, provides instruction, and incentives for farmers to use compost, to replenish soils, reduce emissions and conserve water and resources.
- o) Increases payments to Cities and Counties or establishes fees at landfills to fund waste reduction activities.
- p) Supports domestic recycling facilities, such as paper mills, plastic manufacturing, to use and produce products from recycled materials.

- q) Provides financial incentives to businesses and manufacturers to produce less toxic products and to produce products that are easier to reuse, repair and recycle.

## 2) TOXICS

- a) Requires manufacturers and distributors to develop and fund convenient systems for collecting and recycling/properly disposing of certain products (Universal Waste, Household Hazardous Wastes, or Medical Waste) at the end of their useful life.
- b) Strengthens California's regulation of chemicals in consumer products.
- c) Expands the number of chemicals tracked in the State's Bio-monitoring program (authorized in SB 1379).
- d) Supports the Department of Toxic Substances Control's (DTSC) Green Chemistry Initiative.
- e) Strengthens chemical labeling requirements on consumer products.
- f) Empowers the Department of Toxic Substance Control to require manufacturers to submit health and environmental data on the chemicals they sell in California.
- g) Mandates that recycled content be used in motor oil sold in California.
- h) Opposes or limits spraying of pesticides in urban areas, pending a rigorous alternatives assessment.
- i) Mandates proper disposal and reduced use of endocrine disruptors.

### **The JPA would oppose legislation that:**

#### 1) ZERO WASTE

- a) Allow the use of funds from the California Beverage Container Recycling Fund for any uses other than redemption, grant funding, program administration or waste reduction programs.
- b) Provide incentives to build high temperature "waste to energy" facilities that use materials that could be reduced, reused, composted or recycled, or includes such facilities as "renewable energy" (Does not include dedicated boilers using wood chips and construction waste.)

# MARIN COUNTY HAZARDOUS AND SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

**Belvedere:**  
Craig Middleton

March 8, 2021

**Corte Madera:**  
Todd Cusimano

The Honorable Lorena Gonzalez  
California State Assembly

**County of Marin:**  
Matthew Hymel

State Capitol, Room 2114  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Fairfax:**  
Garrett Toy

**SUBJECT: AB 881 (Gonzalez): Recycling Export Reform - SUPPORT**

**Larkspur:**  
Dan Schwarz

Dear Assemblymember Gonzalez:

**Mill Valley:**  
Alan Piombo

We, the undersigned organization, are writing in support of Assembly Bill 881 (Gonzalez), which would close the loophole in California law that enables exported mixed plastic waste to be deemed recycled even when it is landfilled, burned, dumped, or otherwise improperly managed.

**Novato:**  
Adam McGill

**Ross:**  
Joe Chinn

Traditionally the United States has been a major exporter of plastic scrap, with approximately half of our plastic waste exported to China and Hong Kong until 2017. In 2018, China implemented the National Sword policy to severely restrict the level of contamination accepted, which drastically reduced the amount of foreign waste imported. Since then, other countries have begun implementing additional policies to reduce the import of plastic waste, most recently with the ratification of the Basel Convention by 187 parties. Under the Basel Convention, plastic scrap and waste exports are only allowed with prior written consent from the importing country. Certain specified plastic that is more readily recyclable can be traded under the Basel Convention without prior written consent, but must meet strict criteria, including a low contamination rate and requirement to be recycled in an environmentally sound manner. The United States has not yet ratified the Basel Convention.

**San Anselmo:**  
David Donery

**San Rafael:**  
Jim Schutz

**Sausalito:**  
Marcia Raines

**Tiburon:**  
Greg Chanis

Still, California continues to be a top plastic waste exporter in the country. When worthless mixed plastic waste is exported, CalRecycle and local jurisdictions do not count the material as being “disposed,” in effect assuming it is all recycled regardless of its actual fate.

Increasingly, evidence shows US plastic is being exported to countries where the material ends up inadequately disposed of, through incineration and dumping. As plastic is mismanaged, it further pollutes the environment and health of people nearby. Fumes from incineration can cause respiratory problems, while dumping or open landfilling can lead to pollution in both marine and land-based habitats. As plastic then breaks down into microplastics, they concentrate toxic chemicals and contaminate food and drinking water sources. Exposure to these plastics and associated toxins has been linked to cancers, birth defects, impaired immunity, endocrine disruption and other serious health problems.

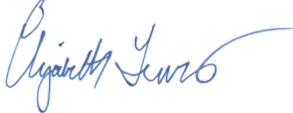
Additionally, the fact that both truly recyclable and worthless mixed plastics continue to be shipped overseas lets manufacturers off the hook from using sustainable packaging and building robust recycling markets.

When Californians sort their waste for disposal, recycling, and compost, they assume that what is sorted for recycling will be properly recycled into new goods. Californians also assume that the disposal and recycling data presented by CalRecycle and their local jurisdictions reflect what is actually recycled. However, this is not the case.

AB 881 would reclassify the export of mixed plastic waste as disposal, while allowing truly recyclable plastic to continue to be counted towards our recycling goals. This bill will increase transparency in our waste management practices and help prevent California from simply exporting our environmental problems.

For these reasons, we strongly support AB 881 and thank you for championing this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth Lewis", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Elizabeth Lewis, Executive Director  
Marin County Hazardous and Solid Waste Joint Powers Authority

# MARIN COUNTY HAZARDOUS AND SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

**Belvedere**

Date: September 21, 2023

**Corte Madera**

To: JPA Board of Directors

From: Kimberly Scheibly, Executive Director

**County of Marin**

Re: Ad Hoc Subcommittee Appointments

**Fairfax**

The ZWM Staff have been tasked with carrying out the goals of the ZWM

JPA Board Members. Staff have the desire to take a deeper look at the

existing programs including Public Information & Education. As we work

towards redefining Zero Waste Marin and having action oriented meetings,

we want to respect the time of Board Members. The goal will be to have

LTF meetings in which recommendations are made. These

recommendations would then come to the JPA Executive Committee for

further refinement and recommendation and then to the JPA Board for

approval. Ultimately, this will result in fewer full JPA Board meetings per

year.

**Larkspur**

**Mill Valley**

**Novato**

Currently, there are two matters which require focused attention to address.

These include the historic Zero Waste Reimbursement Program which was

discontinued after this fiscal year and the Public Information & Education

Program.

**Ross**

**San Anselmo**

To respect the time of Board Members, staff recommend the creation of

these two Ad Hoc committees and appoint members or alternates to sit on

these committees so the work can begin.

**San Rafael**

**Sausalito**

## **Recommendation**

Adopt a Motion to appoint Board Members or Alternates to the following Ad Hoc

Subcommittees:

**Tiburon**

1. Zero Waste Reimbursement Program Review & Redesign

2. Public Information & Education Program Review

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MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY**

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

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_

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Noes: \_\_\_\_\_

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Abstentions: \_\_\_\_\_



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Re: Suggested Agenda Topics

**Fairfax**

Staff feel there would be benefit in allocating time on the agenda to allow for Board members to provide their suggestions of potential agenda topics for upcoming meetings. Staff have implemented this for Local Task Force Agendas as well.

**Larkspur**

**Mill Valley**

In response, Zero Waste Marin Staff has included this request as part of the Regular Agenda and is allocating 5 minutes to allow board members to generate suggested topics that will be taken into consideration for subsequent JPA Board meetings.

**Novato**

**Recommendation**

**Ross**

Adopt the recommendation to allocate 5 minutes to allow board members to provide suggested topics for upcoming Zero Waste Marin (ZWM) JPA board meetings.

**San Anselmo**

**San Rafael**

**Sausalito**

**Tiburon**