

MARIN COUNTY HAZARDOUS AND SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

LTF Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 9, 2024

10am – 11am

In Person: 1600 Los Gamos Drive, Suite 210, San Rafael, CA 94903

LTF BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Special District Members

Dale McDonald, Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District; Chair
Garrett Toy, TCSD

Environmental Organization Members

Vicki Nichols, Marin Conservation League
Adam Ratner, The Marine Mammal Center

Haulers/Facility Members

Greg Christie, Bay Cities Refuse
Ramin Khany, WM Earthcare; Vice Chair

Public Members

Alice Cochran, San Rafael
Matt McCarron, Novato
Deirdre Fennessy, Unincorporated
Chuck Hornbrook, Southern Marin

Staff Present

Amy Kolnes (Staff)
Casey Fritz (Staff)
Justin Newsome (Admin)

Others Present

Kevin McElroy, Bolinas Community Public Utility District
Amy Likover, Federation of San Rafael Neighborhood
Joe Likover, Federation of San Rafael Neighborhood
Jean Mariani, Novato Sanitary District
Peggy O'Donnell, N/A

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Call to Order Regular Meeting

Regular session was called to order at 10:01am.

1. Open Time for Public Comment (Items not on the agenda)

No public comments

2. JPA Board Meeting Minutes from March 7, 2024

Motion to approve the LTF Meeting Minutes from March 7, 2024

First Ramin Khany

Second Matt McCarron

Vote Count

Dale McDonald: Abstain
Dee Johnson: Absent
Garrett Toy: Aye
Adam Ratner: Aye
Vicki Nichols: Aye
Greg Christie: Aye

Justin Wilcock: Absent
Ramin Khany: Aye
Alice Cochran: Aye
Matt McCarron: Aye
Deirdre Fennessy: Aye
Chuck Hornbrook: Aye

Ayes: 9 Noes: 0 Absent: 2 Abstain: 1

Motion passed

3. Guests: Discussion with Ridwell Inc. (Information)

The speaker from Ridwell Inc. discussed their standing as a small public benefit corporation that works with consumers to keep more items out of landfills by picking up items from homes that do not go into traditional curbside bins. Ridwell Inc. started as a neighborhood project and has grown from Seattle to 8 metropolitan areas. Ridwell Inc. started in the Bay Area over a year ago and has 10,000 users operating in over 30 jurisdictions.

Some news outlets have covered the end-to-end process for Ridwell Inc. The process starts by identifying the needs of cities, counties, and jurisdictions, seeing where the current systems are needing improvements for items such as plastic bags. Ridwell Inc. is a subscription-based service provider (\$14-\$24/month depending on choices), pick-ups are every two weeks for items such as plastic film, multi-layer plastic, non-perishable food, pet supplies, batteries, lightbulbs; this varies depending on the current infrastructure. Depending on location, items are introduced for reuse programs with local non-profits. The Ridwell Inc. website provides information on the partners that are worked with along with the vetting process on the site's transparency page. The stated goal of Ridwell Inc. is to work locally, regionally, then nationally. Reporting is provided to cities on category, weight, description and partners over a calendar year. Ridwell Inc. concluded the presentation with customer satisfaction quotes.

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A question-and-answer session was held following the presentation.

4. Report out from Subcommittees

Infrastructure and End Markets reported having one meeting discussing expansion of landfill and organic capacity with a desire to discuss with the LTF or the county how much material is needing to be managed to find a proper facility. Staff Casey Fritz shared there will be a Waste Characterization Study contract secured by August 1, 2024 via Local Assistance Grant funding to get this information.

Compliance and Regulations reported meeting on March 28 [2024] regarding SB-54 and the states deadlines for compliance. The subcommittee is looking to form comments and recommendations for presentation. The extensions provided allow for more public input which the subcommittee has looked at via webinars and sessions; this is expected to be an ongoing conversation and topic. Additionally, SB-1066 (flare recovery) was discussed regarding how to safely deal with flares. The legislation is in the early stages and the subcommittee will continue to monitor any updates. Staff Casey Fritz shared that ZWM signed on to a letter of support for SB-1066 and let the LTF know if there are any bills that ZWM should consider voicing support for those recommendations are welcomed. A brief question and answer session was held. An LTF member requested a list of bills that ZWM are tracking. Staff Casey Fritz will look to get approval to distribute the list to the LTF.

Outreach and Education reported no formal update but noted Staff Fritz provided information to the subcommittee on the ZWM website launch and it was reviewed by the subcommittee. The subcommittee gave feedback based on difference jurisdiction sites for reference. Staff Fritz confirmed the current ZWM website is the official website. The subcommittee noted on the ZWM website there was incomplete information regarding mattress disposal topic. Staff Fritz requested an email to investigate further.

Construction and Demolition reported meeting twice (April 3 and May 1; every first Wednesday of each month) to focus on three areas: Deconstruction and reuse, biomass study, and solar panel recycling. A rep from GreenLynx spoke to this subcommittee at a meeting, the subcommittee is preparing recommendations for submissions to the JPA for deconstruction and reuse ordinances. Staff Kathy Rico gave a presentation on solar module program that is in the early stages and will provide feedback. A brief question and answer session was held.

5. LTF Membership: Fiscal Year End and Applications

Staff Casey Fritz shared the circumstances regarding LTF seats per the guidelines, seats are for 3 years with the seat members welcomed to reapply after vacating. Seats taken prior to the pandemic were provided an extension which runs to the end of the current fiscal year June 30th. This reminder provided by Staff Fritz does

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not apply to new members Chuck Hornbrook, Dale McDonald, Garrett Toy, and Justin Wilcock. Staff Fritz will send the applications for LTF seats in a future email for those interested in fulfilling their seats again. A brief question and answer session was held.

6. Upcoming Meeting Schedule

Motion to schedule a meeting for Thursday, June 27th at 10am to allow one more meeting before the end of the fiscal year, with ability for staff to update the date and time if needed.

First Chuck Hornbrook

Second Vicki Nichols

Vote Count change each city to reflect vote. Aye, Noe, Absent, Abstain.

Dale McDonald: Aye

Dee Johnson: Absent

Garrett Toy: Aye

Adam Ratner: Aye

Vicki Nichols: Aye

Greg Christie: Aye

Justin Wilcock: Absent

Ramin Khany: Aye

Alice Cochran: Aye

Matt McCarron: Aye

Deirdre Fennessy: Aye

Chuck Hornbrook: Aye

Ayes: 10

Noes: 0

Absent: 2

Abstain: 0

Motion passed.

7. Recommend Agenda Items for the Next LTF Meeting

LTF member Ramin Khany requested update on the waste characterization study plans. Legislative update and priority list. Discussion of bulky item disposal programs.

8. Adjournment

Chair McDonald adjourned the meeting at 11:10am.

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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: _____

Noes: _____

Abstentions: _____