

MARIN COUNTY HAZARDOUS AND SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

LTF Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 27, 2024
10:00am – 11:00am
In Person: 1600 Los Gamos Drive, San Rafael, CA

LTF BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Special Districts

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

Environmental Organizations

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

Haulers

Greg Christie, Bay Cities Refuse
Justin Wilcock, Marin Sanitary Service

Public

Alice Cochran, San Rafael
Matt McCarron, Novato
Open, Ross Valley
Deirdre Fennessy, Unincorporated
Chuck Hornbrook, Southern Marin
Angela Barron, (Did not catch what district in recording) Sanitary District
Kevin McElroy, Bolinas Community Public Utility District

STAFF PRESENT

Kimberly Scheibly (Executive Director)
Casey Poldino (Staff)
Amy Kolnes (Staff)
Casey Fritz (Staff)
Meilin Tsao (Staff)
Melody Mitchell (Admin)

1. Call to Order Regular Meeting

Regular session was called to order.

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

Chair Dale McDonald opened public comment by introducing Angela Barron of Las Gallinas as the new grant management and procurement specialist. Angela Barron

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addressed the LTF by providing scope of experience and excitement in learning more about Marin County.

3. LTF Board Meeting Minutes from May 9, 2024

Motion to approve the LTF Meeting Minutes from May 9, 2024.

First Matt McCarron

Second Adam Ratner

Vote Count

Dale McDonald: Aye

Dee Johnson: Absent

Garrett Toy: Aye

Adam Ratner: Aye

Vicki Nichols: Aye

Greg Christie: Aye

Justin Wilcock: Aye

Alice Cochran: Aye

Matt McCarron: Aye

Deirdre Fennessy: Aye

Chuck Hornbrook: Aye

Ayes: 10 Noes: 0 Absent: 1 Abstain: 0

Motion passed.

4. Report out from Subcommittees

Infrastructure and End markets reported no recent meetings have taken place.

Compliance and Regulations reported no recent meetings have taken place but noted email communications regarding the SB-54 and plastic recycle regulations.

Outreach and Education reported no recent meetings have taken place. However, they did notate that 3 of 4 of the subcommittee members will not be moving forward and requested guidance on feedback regarding their role in the launch of the ZWM website.

Construction and Demolition reported receiving information from sources and focused on 3 areas: solar panel recycling, deconstruction, and biomass study. ZWM Staff Kathy Rico presented to C&D and the County is moving forward with a collection event and will continue to work with ZWM Staff Rico regarding that program. Deconstruction will receive more emphasis with a focus on ordinances. Biomass study review committee will meet Friday and the committee will review once the study becomes complete for recommendations.

A brief conversation regarding deconstruction was held.

5. Update on Upcoming Waste Characterization Study

ZWM Staff Casey Poldino shared this is the first Waste Characterization Study for ZWM, this will take place at Redwood Landfill following the CalRecycle model. ZWM Staff Casey Poldino explained Waste Characterization for the LTF members and

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highlighted the technical aspects of the study. Added to that this will take place over the summer with SCS Engineers with the expectation of going into contract in July, doing the field work in August, then having a report back in September. ZWM Staff Casey Fritz added Marin Sanitary has a graphic resource depicting the process for anyone interested.

ZWM Executive Director Kim Scheibly shared how a Waste Characterization Study can impact program by aligning perspective of waste with the data from the study. The goal would be more composting and recycling and less disposal. Additionally, an update on Redwood Landfill was provided. ZWM Executive Director Scheibly citing it is undergoing a change in staffing. After an executive and staff meeting, the gas capture system will be back online soon after being offline for a year. Also, Redwood Landfill is aware the Waste Characterization Study is requested and will work with ZWM on the risks and liabilities aspect. Redwood Landfill will attempt to maintain the proposed timeline with their staffing situation.

ZWM Executive Director Kim Scheibly also requested more C&D and organics diversion, and concerns over landfill expansion.

Information Only

Board Comments or Action Items: An additional conversation regarding Redwood Landfill staffing and Waste Characterization Study was held.

Public Comments: No public comments

6. Legislative Tracking System & Legislative Priorities

ZWM Staff Meilin Tsao gave an overview of the California process: An author introduces a bill, attempts are made to find a sponsor of the bill (which can include nonprofit organizations or government), revisions are made, bill moves through the first house (assembly or senate), then to the appropriations committee, and finally to the respective house floor. If a bill passes, then it would be going to the next house for the same process and a floor vote. After this process, and a bill is successful it will go to the Governor to sign or veto.

During the first legislative session, ZWM staff analyzed and chose bills to prioritize to send letters in support of and provide updates. ZMW Staff Meilin Tsao provided clarification between regulation and legislation. SB-54 regulation must be passed by January 2025. CalRecycle submitted a draft text in December 2023 and ZWM submitted public comment. The second round of draft text is not expected to be ready by the next advisory board meeting in July. CalRecycle has 30-40 staff members dedicated to the rule making process with 8-10 being enforcement agency staff members. The bill requires a producer responsibility organization (nonprofit) and Advisory Board. AB-660 is date labeling for food and beverage products. If this

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legislation passes it will require that by July 2026 if a date label is used or if the state requires label phrases must follow new regulations.

AB-2346 will change the procurement requirements for recovering organic waste products and expand the flexibility for compost and mulch sourcing (home and community compost). Additionally, this will include infrastructure and equipment expenses to be allowed apart of the procurement target.

Information Only

Board Comments or Action Items: An additional conversation regarding SB bills was held.

Public Comments: No public comments

7. Brainstorm Pilot Program Suggestions

ZWM Staff Fritz opened the floor to suggestions, ZWM Executive Director Kim Scheibly clarified for the LTF the ZWM funding to help with brainstorming. One mention was to limit packaging waste, clothing swaps, and furniture recycling.

Information Only

Board Comments or Action Items: An additional clarification regarding funding was for the new fiscal year.

Public Comments: No public comments

8. Recommend Agenda Items for the Next LTF Meeting

Suggestion to revisit the subcommittee guidance, Waste Characterization Study results, and brainstorming results.

9. Adjournment

Chair McDonald adjourned.

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

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____

Noes: _____

Abstentions: _____