

# MARIN COUNTY HAZARDOUS AND SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

LTF Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, September 5, 2024  
10:00 am – 11:00 am

In Person: Conference Room 211, 1600 Los Gamos Drive, San Rafael, CA

## LTF BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

### Special Districts

Chair, Dale McDonald, Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District

### Environmental Organizations

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### Haulers

Justin Wilcock, Marin Sanitary Service

### Public Members

Deirdre Fennessy, Unincorporated  
Chuck Hornbrook, Southern Marin

## STAFF PRESENT

Casey Fritz (Staff)  
Meilin Tsao (Staff)  
Justin Newsome (Admin)  
Erin Ahlich (Staff)

## PUBLIC NON-MEMBERS PRESENT

Celia Furber, Recology  
Susan Hopp, Plastic Free Marin  
Angela Beran, Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District  
Kevin McElory, Bolinas Community Public Utility District  
Kyle LaRue, CCNB  
Jinesse Reynolds, Ross Valley  
Grace Neisingh

## 1. Call to Order Regular Meeting

Regular session was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

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

Deirdre Fennessy (Unincorporated), shared appreciation for LTF updates to the (ZWM) website.

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## 2. Approval of the June 27, 2024 JPA Local Task Force (LTF) Minutes (Action)

**Motion** to approve the LTF Meeting Minutes from June 27, 2024.

**First** Chuck Hornbrook

**Second** Justin Wilcock

### Vote Count

Dale McDonald: Aye

Garrett Toy: Absent

Greg Christie: Absent

Justin Wilcock: Aye

Deirdre Fennessy: Aye

Chuck Hornbrook: Aye

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 2

Abstain: 0

**Motion passed.**

## 3. Legislative Update

Staff Meilin Tsao reported that the legislative calendar ends in August 2024 and the passed bills are up for approval from the Governor by September 30, 2024.

AB 660 begins July 2026, at that time manufactures and retailers must only use the updated food labeling language: “Best if used by” for quality, “use by” for safety. The previous term “sell by” will be prohibited.

A brief clarifying conversation was held.

AB 2346 focuses on jurisdiction regarding what can be procured regarding compost and mulch. This creates more pathways for jurisdictions to procure these materials while reducing costs.

A brief clarifying conversation was held.

SB 1053 closes the loophole on the “bag ban”, by January 2026 plastics will be gone leaving paper as the only option. By January 2028, the recycled content must be at least 50%, while currently it must be at least 40%. Staff Casey Fritz added context regarding the loophole in the “bag ban” stating the promotion of reusable bags prompted manufactures to simply make thicker bags to pass off as reusable.

SB 1280 prohibits the sale of single-use propane canisters that are not reusable/refillable. These single use-cylinders are hazardous, known to start fires, and end up not being disposed of properly.

SB 707 would be the first textile producer-responsibility program in the nation. This program emphasizes repair and reuse.

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SB 1066 creates a marine flare producer-responsibility program. There is currently only one facility that collects these items due to their explosive nature.

SB 1143 is an expansion HHW APR of paint care covering more types of paint reducing the handling costs on local jurisdictions.

As of 8/16/2024, CalRecycle has reviewed over 2000 comments regarding SB 54 and will produce an additional draft regulation with a 15-day comment period.

### **4. Review of the LTF Responsibilities & Expectations**

Staff Fritz presented the general LTF meeting model, sharing there is a legislative or policy update regarding waste laws in California and discuss local ordinances or initiatives. Also, updates will be given if there is a mass communication/outreach push. Reports from subcommittees will be given along with any recommendations that need to be passed along to the JPA Board. Staff Fritz provided historical background on the LTF and the reoccurring duties of the LTF to the Integrated Waste Management Act plan. Core functions would also include making actionable recommendations to the JPA board, regular meeting attendance, and bringing new ideas for partnerships, outreach messaging, and/or pertinent information to the LTF meetings.

The current subcommittees are Compliance and Regulation, Infrastructure & End Markets, Outreach & Education, and Construction & Demolition. Each subcommittee meets on their own, if a recommendation comes up then that is brought to the attention of the LTF.

A brief clarifying conversation was held. A question regarding marine flares arose, Andrew Shelton provided information and examples.

### **5. Report out from Subcommittees**

Construction and Demolition reported a focus on solar panels and deconstruction, with efforts regarding the solar panel recycling pilot program. The program would be not only recycling but reuse and distribution. Also, the construction and demolition ordinances are being reviewed.

Compliance and Regulation shared they have yet to meet but will continue monitoring SB 54's plastics, marine flares, and the enforcement of SB 1383 for special districts.

Outreach and Education added more information from the subcommittee will come as the members are confirmed.

Infrastructure and End Markets mentioned there is no report yet.

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## 6. Presentation from Conservation Corps North Bay

Kyle presented the history of CCNB, their mission of job training and placement. Corps members of CCNB are taught job skills, education, and professional development. Additionally, their work around natural resources were highlighted, this included tasks such as fire fuel reduction, trail construction and maintenance, habitat restoration, flood prevention, and highway right-of-way maintenance.

Furthermore, the annual impact was touched on, sharing 152 miles of trails have been restored, 14k pounds of litter have been removed from the public lands culminating in 280 acres of natural habitat being maintained. Kyle shared specifics on the Zero Waste Program Services and the tangible results from 64k pounds of edible food recovered to CCNB having diverted 269k pounds of bottles and cans from landfills.

CCNB also provides skill-based certifications to the Corps members, career pathways to help with career and educational goal setting. John Muir Charter schools are home to CCNB to facilitate working with the youth with project-based learning. Lastly, the program outcomes were highlighted with 72% of Corps members being employed in school after leaving CCNB, with the average earning of \$22/hr.

A brief clarifying conversation was held.

## 7. Recommend Agenda Items for the Next LTF Meeting

Staff Fritz opened the suggestions with giving updates on the pilot programs (Sparkl Reusable). Staff Tsao added that if anyone would like to send a letter regarding any legislation to reach out to the Governor through the official website, the additional suggestions were as follows: survey (list) of haulers/non-profits to assist with points of contacts. Biodegradable messaging to provide to clear up the confusion among the public. Subcommittee appointments.

## 8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 am.

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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: \_\_\_\_\_