

MARIN COUNTY HAZARDOUS AND SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

LTF Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 6, 2025

10:00 am – 11:00 am

In Person: 1600 Los Gatos Drive, Suite 211 San Rafael, CA

LTF BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Special Districts

Chair, Dale McDonald, Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District

Kevin McElroy, Bolinas Public Utilities District

Environmental Organizations

Susan Hopp, Plastic Free Marin

Kyle LaRue, Conservation Corps North Bay

Haulers

Greg Christie, Bay Cities Refuse

Justin Wilcock, Marin Sanitary Service

Celia Furber, Recology Sonoma-Marin

Public

Matt McCarron, Novato

Jinesse Reynolds, Ross Valley

Deirdre Fennessy, Unincorporated

Chuck Hornbrook, Southern Marin

STAFF PRESENT

Casey Fritz (Staff)

Andrew Shelton (Staff)

Meilin Tsao (Staff)

Justin Newsome (Admin)

Call to Order Regular Meeting

Regular session was called to order at 10:02 a.m.

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

No public comment.

2. JPA Board Meeting Minutes from January 9, 2025

Motion to approve the LTF Meeting Minutes from January 9, 2025.

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First Chuck Hornbrook, Southern Marin

Second Jinesse Reynolds, Ross Valley

Vote Count

Dale McDonald: Aye
Garrett Toy: Absent
Kevin McElroy: Abstain
Susan Hopp: Aye
Kyle LaRue: Aye
Greg Christie: Aye

Justin Wilcock: Aye
Celia Furber: Aye
Matt McCarron: Aye
Jinesse Reynolds: Aye
Deirdre Fennessy: Aye
Chuck Hornbrook: Aye

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

Motion passed

3. Choose LFT Co-Chair

Motion to approve the Co-Chair: Nominee: Celia Furber

First Justin Wilcock, Marin Sanitary Service

Second Matt McCarron, Novato

Vote Count

Dale McDonald: Aye
Garrett Toy: Absent
Kevin McElroy: Aye
Susan Hopp: Aye
Kyle LaRue: Aye
Greg Christie: Aye

Justin Wilcock: Aye
Celia Furber: Aye
Matt McCarron: Aye
Jinesse Reynolds: Aye
Deirdre Fennessy: Aye
Chuck Hornbrook: Absent

Ayes: 10 Noes: 0 Absent: 2 Abstain: 0

Motion passed

4. Legislative Update & Preliminary Waste Characterization Data (Information)

ZMW Staff Meilin Tsao shared an update on Zoe Heller's appointment and information on where those in support can express their opinions to the Senate Rules Committee. SB1013 (passed in 2022) enabled wine and distilled spirits into the CA CRV program (1/4/2024), the labeling requirements for wine and distilled spirit containers that are apart of the program are mandated to meet the same labeling requirements as other CRV packages beginning July 1, 2025. Additionally, the \$100 fine for not establishing recycling has been removed and now requires a partnership for compliance or complying separately. More grant programs have been created through SB1013.

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Olyns has is going to roll out their 7 reverse vending machines for recycling in Marin County once they receive the notice to proceed from CalRecycle, the locations are tentative. ZWM Staff Tsao gave a preliminary update on the Waste Characterization Study (WCS), sharing some of the percentage breakdowns for the 80 separate 200lbs samples. Additionally, percentage breakdowns of the diversion assessment were provided.

The LTF had a Q&A held regarding the history of WCS.

5. Update on ZWM Outreach Programs (Information)

ZWM Staff Casey Fritz gave an update that the Bring Your Own Cup campaign has begun outreach to businesses across the county. Businesses around Sausalito were visited and saw counter cards and window decals that were visible. The Thursday Famers Marker reusables pilot program is ending March 27th, ZWM staff will attend the weeks prior with Sparkl for surveys of the attendees. The County Print Shop provided the option to print on 100% recyclable paper for the Countywide post card, the paper supply was delayed which is causing a slight delay but should be disbursed soon.

ZWM staff attended the Marin Renters Assoc. meeting to where information on SB1383 was provided to landlords along with Marin Sanitary. The food dehydrations bins have been deployed (65 of the 125 available) to those that quality with additional inquiries for community members that are interested. They have also been added to some public schools. The Repair Fair was well received with 64 items successfully repaired in 3 hours and 135lbs of clothing donated. The next events will be at the Novato City Hall and in Mill Valley.

The LTF had an expressed gratitude for the work of the ZWM staff and requested a list of the volunteers for the Repair Fair.

6. Report out from Subcommittees

Infrastructure and End Market shared their visit to Strategic Materials (glass recycling in Fairfield, CA), where they receive 25 trucks per day with 90% beverage containers. Discussions were had about communication struggles with the public, EU v. USA glass recycling, and solar panel useable lifespans. Additionally, the subcommittee is planning a visit to a landfill.

The LTF followed with a brief discussion.

Compliance and Regulations did not have an update.

Outreach and Education shared concerns from property owners for contamination and pests regarding proper placement of items in bins. Printable materials for bins would be deemed helpful for residents. Additionally, a suggestion for more tabling to assist with community Q&A.

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The LTF followed with a brief discussion.

Construction and Demolition shared a recap from the California Product Stewardship presentation: survey percentage date, educational steps taken, and outreach mediums. Additionally, a meeting was held regarding the education on reusables campaign model. A shift in focus will happen regarding education in deconstruction and recommendations will follow.

7. Recommend Agenda Items for the Next LTF Meeting

Staff noted the recommendation of agenda item in previous agenda discussion.

Information Only

Board Comments or Action Items No Board comments

Public Comments No public comments

8. Adjournment

Chair McDonald adjourned the meeting at 11:13 a.m.

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

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____

Noes: _____

Abstentions: _____