

MARIN COUNTY HAZARDOUS AND SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

LTF Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 8, 2025
10:00 am – 11:15 am

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

LTF BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Special Districts

Chair, Dale McDonald, Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District
Garrett Toy, Tamalpais Community Services District
Kevin McElroy, Bolinas Public Utilities District
Angela Beran, Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District

Environmental Organizations

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
Marisa Nordstrom, San Rafael

STAFF PRESENT

Kimberly Scheibly (Executive Director)
Casey Fritz (Staff)
Andrew Shelton (Staff)
Meilin Tsao (Staff)
Justin Newsome (Admin)

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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)

Marisa Nordstrom has been confirmed as the San Rafael representative on behalf of the public.

2. Approval of the March 6, 2025 Local Task Force Minutes (Action)

Motion to approve the LTF Meeting Minutes from March 6, 2025

First Jinesse Reynolds, Ross Valley

Second Matt McCarron, Novato

Vote Count

Dale McDonald: Aye

Garrett Toy: Aye

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: Aye

Ayes: 12 Noes: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion passed

3. Legislative Update

ZMW Staff Meilin Tsao shared Wednesday March 7th Director Zoe Heller was approved and added to the Senate Rules Committee where important upcoming timelines for CalRecycle were confirmed for SB54 (The Senate Rules Committee website is where the session can be found).

May 23rd - CalRecycle will finalize new draft regulations

May 27th - CalRecycle public workshop 10a-4p.

May 27th-30th CalRecycle will submit new Economic Analysis

Additionally, updates to be made to refill/reuse based on cost to public with public guidance documents to be created. April 4th CalRecycle provided a statement on the extended polystyrene foam foodware ban, it's official banned as of January 1, 2025.

ZWM staff are currently tracking 18 bills and watching an additional 10 bills in the legislature. Five of the bills did not pass the policies committee by May 2nd and some will become 2-year bills, emphasis on the Disposable Vape Ban. ZWM Staff Casey Fritz noted bills that with the 2-year legislative cycle, bills that get moved still has a chance to get passed in the 2nd year of the cycle.

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The Northern California Recycling Association will be hosting Advocacy Day on Wednesday May 21st.

Lastly, ZMW Staff Tsao reported the National Organics Standard Board met on the BPI Petition to include all compostable plastics under one testing mechanism to be included in organic compost. If AB1201 moves forward all compostable plastics will not be able to be labeled compostable starting in 2026.

The LTF had a brief conversation regarding AB1201.

4. Results of the County-Wide Waste Characterization Study

ZMW Staff Tsao opened with noting the update to the self-haul explanation (section 5) will include more detail to the overview. A discussion was opened to the LTF for feedback. It was added the feedback deadline will be Friday, May 16th. Feedback included: 1) Desire to get more people to compost, 2) prioritizing larger points of emphasis, 3) add note for timestamp, 4) add data on “bulky items”, 5) ask haulers for procedure for bulky items, and 6) move summary to the top for public reading.

5. Presentation from Olyns: Reverse Vending Machines (Information)

Olyns presented on the Reverse Vending Machines in Marin County. A Q&A session was held after the presentation.

6. Final Report from Reusables at the Farmers Market Pilot Program

ZMW Staff Fritz shared the data from the 9 participating vendors. Highlighting items that were returned, items that did not; 68% of the items were returned. Customer feedback was 50% were not of the area, adding suggestions that would garner more of their participation. Single use waste reduction was stated to be important by 75% and 84% were supported continuing the program. Vendor feedback shared said reduction of waste was a big benefit and time was reported to be consuming to share information with customers. ZMW Staff Fritz commented on thoughts for future consideration for reuseable programs.

7. Subcommittee Reports

Infrastructure and End Markets reported their focus on a variety of issues: Vape pen disposal, diaper disposal, lithium-ion batteries. Their next meeting will focus on prioritizing the top actionable projects.

Compliance and Regulations had no report.

Outreach and Education reported their focus on composting and the struggle on number of bins compared to tenants, highlighting the habit of tenants dumping items in the wrong bins if there are not adequate bins to meet disposal needs. While the signage is good for smaller multi-family dwellings, the larger multi-family dwellings can use an update. Valet living was shared as a service to assist in hauler items from one’s front

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door to the proper waste location. Magnetic educational signage for in-home was suggested as an item that would be beneficial.

Construction and Demolition reported the California Carpet Stewardship Program, and the San Mateo presented to the subcommittee. C&D subcommittee is looking into options to building awareness.

8. Recommend Agenda Items for the next LTF Meeting

LTF suggested after the Board approves the Waste Characterization Study there be a collaborative effort for long range planning. Additionally, a presentation of the budget.

9. Adjournment

Chair McDonald adjourned the meeting at 11:21 a.m.