

Belvedere Corte Madera County of Marin Fairfax Larkspur Mill Valley Novato Ross San Anselmo San Rafael Sausalito Tiburon

AGENDA

DATE Thursday, September 18, 2025

TIME 10:45 am – 11:45 am

LOCATION San Rafael City Hall

1400 Fifth Ave, 3RD Floor, Large Conference Room, San Rafael, CA 94901

CALL TO ORDER

1. Public Participation Instructions (Information Only) 1 Minute

2. Open Time for Public Comment (Information Only) 3 Minutes.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 3. Approve JPA Board Meeting Minutes from June 16, 2025 (Action) 1 Minute.
- 4. Receive and File Treasurer's Report for Fiscal Year End Close 2025 (Action) 5 Minute.

REGULAR AGENDA

- 5. Executive Director Update 5 Minutes
 - Recommendation: Information Only
- 6. Recommendation from LTF 15 Minutes
 - Recommendation: Action to Approve Outreach and Education Plan for C&D
- 7. Legislative Update 5 Minutes
 - Recommendation: Information Only
- 8. North Bay Zero Waste Week Resolution 5 Minutes
 - Recommendation: Action to Adopt Resolution
- 9. Form 700 and Confirmation of Members 5 minutes
 - Recommendation: Action to supply supporting documentation to ZWM staff.
- 10. Suggested Agenda Items 2 Minutes.
 - Recommendation: Information Only
- 11. Adjournment

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SPECIAL REMOTE PUBLIC INSTRUCTIONS - ITEM 1

DATE September 18, 2025

10:45 am - 11:45 am TIME

LOCATION Zoom Online

The public can participate in this Marin County Hazardous and Solid Waste Joint Powers Authority (Zero Waste Marin) Board Meeting via a Zoom webinar.

ZOOM MEETING

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OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT - ITEM 2

TO JPA Board of Directors

FROM Kimberly Scheibly, Executive Director

SUBJECT Open Time for Public Comment

DATE September 18, 2025

The public is welcome to address the Board of Directors on matters not on the agenda within its jurisdiction. Please be advised that pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2, the Board is not permitted to discuss or act on any matter not on the agenda unless it determines that an emergency exists or that there is a need to take immediate action which arose following the posting of the agenda.

RECOMMENDATION

Receive public comments. Information Only.



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES – ITEM 3

DATE August 21, 2025

TIME 10:45 A.M. – 11:45 A.M.

LOCATION San Rafael City Hall, 1400 Fifth Ave

3rd Floor Large Conference Room, San Rafael, CA

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Town of Corte Madera: Adam Wolff County of Marin: Dan Eilerman (Alt.) Town of Fairfax: Heather Abrams

City of Mill Valley: Todd Cusimano (Chair) City of Novato: Gretchen Schubeck (Alt.)

City of Novato: Bill Rose

Town of Ross: Christa Johnson Town of San Anselmo: David Donery City of San Rafael: Cory Bytof (Alt.)

STAFF PRESENT

Kimberly Scheibly (Executive Director)
Amy Kolnes (Staff)
Casey Fritz (Staff)
Kathy Rico (Staff)
Meilin Tsao (Staff)
Jessica Ruiz (Staff)
Justin Newsome (Admin)

Call to Order Regular Meeting

Regular session was called to order at 10:46 a.m.

1. Remote Public Participation Instructions

Information Only Zoom meeting technical difficulties and not started at time of meeting.

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

No public comments

3. JPA Board Meeting Minutes from June 16, 2025

Correction: it was noted that Phoebe Goulden was in attendance of the June 16, 2025 meeting.

Motion to approve the JPA Board Meeting Minutes from June 16, 2025. **First** Town of San Anselmo: Dave Donnery,



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Second Town of Corte Madera: Adam Wolf

Vote Count

City of Belvedere: Absent City of Novato: Aye Town of Corte Madera: Aye Town of Ross: Aye

County of Marin: Aye
Town of San Anselmo: Aye
Town of Fairfax: Absent
City of Larkspur: Absent
City of Mill Valley: Aye

Town of San Anselmo: Aye
City of San Rafael: Aye
City of Sausalito: Absent
Town of Tiburon: Absent

Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Absent: 5 Abstain: 0

4. Executive Director Report

Executive Director Scheibly reported that staff met in July for a strategic planning retreat to finalize the FY25 annual report and create a draft workplan for progress monitoring of the various programs to allow for data driven decisions. The Electronic Annual Report (EAR) has been submitted on behalf of all jurisdictions. ZWM staff is working with SMART, the centralized documentation system for compliance including solid and hazardous waste regulations. SMART allows jurisdictions to enter their data directly and keep records for any information not managed by ZWM.

Executive Director Scheibly and ZWM Staff Meilin Tsao attended the California Resource Recovery Association Conference and learned more on Household Hazardous Waste regulations and the statewide need for outreach, education, and advocacy to require producers to be responsible for the disposal of their materials. Additionally, there was an emphasis on material management during disasters. It was noted that Executive Director Scheibly moderated a panel on Best Practices for Stable, Predictable, and Implementable Solid Waste Rates.

The ZWM Program Coordinator position has been posted, 101 highly qualified applicants have been reviewed with 30 moving onto the interview stage. An offer is expected to be made and have staff in place in the first week of October.

September 3rd is the start date for the new Climate Corp Fellow. They will start with a collaborative project with ZWM and sustainability staff from each jurisdiction to create and streamline a ZWM event guide and plan.

The Classification study is almost complete with the Compensation Study underway. The Organizational Reassessment study is in the data gathering phase. Both studies are expected to be complete by late fall or before the end of the year.

Historically, the JPA has used County Counsel for legal services and contracts with the County for staffing services via an agreement. Revisions to the staffing agreement and potentially classifications and compensations are anticipated based on study findings that would be in conflict for County Counsel to advise on. County Counsel has recommended outside counsel for the conflict areas. County Counsel will remain as the internal contact



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for professional and general service agreements. ZWM staff will begin interviewing outside counsel.

FY 24-25 ZWM partnered with Reuse Alliance to host the Repair Fairs in Marin County to help residents repair items on their own and promote reuse. This partnership will continue in FY 25-26. Zero Waste Sonoma and Marin have worked closely with Reuse Alliance and there will be a brick and motor store opening in Petaluma in September 2025.

CalRecycle has accepted the proposal to significantly decrease the annual compost target for compost and mulch. This will result in \$130,000 annually in savings.

Raven Williams, Senior Department Analyst, was introduced. Raven will dedicate 10% of time to ZWM to help ensure finances are managed. The goal is to improve fiscal processes, and responsibilities between DOF, DPW accounting and ZWM staff.

The next JPA Board meeting will be 10:45am on September 18th.

Scheibly concluded the Executive Director's report.

Information Only

Board Comments

The Board was able to confirm the Executive Director's report will be added to the minutes.

Public Comments

No public comments.

5. Annual Report

Staff Casey Fritz reported that ZWM staff have compiled the Annual Report for the FY2024/25 to highlight major accomplishments, program updates, and goals for the current 2025/26 fiscal year. FY 2024/25 saw its first ever compost giveaway, the first county-wide Waste Characterization Study, and the updated Household Hazardous Waste Facility Agreement. Additionally, the implementation of multiple pilot programs such as the Repair Fair and vape pen collections.

The Board gave verbal confirmation to receive the report.

Board Comments

The Board requested a graph designating the difference between a Tier 1 and Tier 2 generator.

Public Comments

No public comment

6. Adjusted FY26 Budget



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Executive Director Scheibly started with a correction to the staff report sharing that Attachment 2 is the Labor Costs for ZWM, not the Integrated Waste Management Assessments (item 7). ZWM staff have worked in phases to reform the JPA's budgeting process to align with the County's financial reporting system, Munis. The proposed budget reflects input and recommendations from the Budget Subcommittee, County of Marin Department of Finance, Department of Public Works Accounting team, and consultants. Additionally, it reflects the final Integrated Waste Management Disposal Assessments and the updates to staffing costs based on labor negotiations with the unions who represent management and non-management staff.

Background was provided for the analysis along with the budget structure for the 3 distinct funds. RACR Fund being the only mandatory fund requiring participation of all member agencies. The HHW and ZW funds are restricted due to the optional participation. The FY2026 revised budget reflects the final FY end fund balances which allow for accurate calculation of the necessary IWN assessments. All three funds ended the year with positive balances. This revised budget reflects a 4% increase from the expenditure budget approved by the Board in May 2025.

The revised FY2026 RACR Fund budget reduces planned spending from \$2 million to \$1.2 million due to the movements of staffing costs.

The revised FY2026 HHW Fund had an increase in expenditures from \$2.94 million to \$2.97 million reflecting updated program priorities requiring more dedicated staff time.

The revised FY2026 ZW Program Funds had an increase in expenditure from \$1.33 million to \$1.96 million reflecting reallocation of staff time and program investments.

- 1. **Motion** to approve the revised FY2026 budget as presented. The budget includes an allocation of \$1,000,000 from the available fund balance, distributed as follows:
 - a. \$500,000 to offset Integrated Waste Management (IWM) Assessments.
 - b. \$500,000 for one-time capital expenditures, including:
 - i. Updates to the battery collection program, and the comprehensive development of public education materials for Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) disposal.
- 2. Alternatively, the Board may provide specific guidance to staff regarding any changes they wish to see incorporated into the budget.

First City of San Rafael: Cory Bytof Second County of Marin: Dan Eilerman

Vote Count

City of Belvedere: Absent Town of Corte Madera: Aye County of Marin: Aye Town of Fairfax: Aye City of Larkspur: Absent City of Mill Valley: Aye City of Novato: Aye Town of Ross: Aye



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Town of San Anselmo: Aye
City of San Rafael: Aye
City of San Rafael: Aye
Town of Tiburon: Absent

Ayes: 8 Noes: 0 Absent: 4 Abstain: 0

Board Comments

The Board wanted to confirm the RACR Fund was a reallocation and not a reduction in services and if the haulers were comfortable with the swings in funds and their ability to build it into their work plans. Also, it was asked if the procurement targets were a state requirement being a calendar or fiscal year. A question regarding the capital budget was asked along with the analysis method. The Board inquired about what collaboration with Novato Sanitation would look like regarding HHW investment. A clarifying discussion was held.

Public Comments

No public comment

7. Integrated Waste Management Assessment Resolution

Executive Director Scheibly provided background on the calculation on the payment requirements for the haulers and facilities (Integrated Waste Management Assessments). Sharing these payments fund the majority of the JPA programs and are based on the tons of materials sent to the landfill by each company. The totals are updated every two years. The FY2025-26 assessments were using the data from calendar year 2023.

Board Comments

The Board asked if data from Redwood landfill was available and data from haulers was received. Also, suggested a table to show the baseline rates compared to the percentage increases. A brief discussion was held.

Public Comments

No public comment

Motion Adopt a motion to approve the Integrated Waste Management Assessments and Resolution 2026-01.

First Town of Ross: Christa Johnson

Second Town of San Anselmo: David Donery

Vote Count

City of Belvedere: Absent City of Novato: Aye Town of Corte Madera: Aye Town of Ross: Yes

County of Marin: Aye
Town of San Anselmo: Aye
Town of Fairfax: Aye
City of Larkspur: Absent
City of Mill Valley: Aye

Town of San Anselmo: Aye
City of San Rafael: Aye
City of Sausalito: Absent
Town of Tiburon: Absent



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Ayes: 8 Noes: 0 Absent: 4 Abstain: 0

8. CRV Redemption Projects

Staff Fritz reported ZWM has been approached by multiple organizations to present new or expand on the CRV programs. ZWM would like to generate a template letter of support where they see fit. The letter would not commit ZWM to be a formal partner.

Board Comments

The Board asked if the haulers had feedback regarding the recommendation and if ZWM knew who they would be sending the template letters to. Additionally, they shared their parameters on the language that should be included in the template. A brief conversation was held.

Public Comments

No public comment

Motion to approve the letter of support for projects to expand CRV redemption and delegate authority to the Executive Director to incorporate

First City of San Rafael: Cory Bytof

Second Town of Fairfax: Heather Abrams

Vote Count

City of Belvedere: Absent City of Novato: Aye Town of Corte Madera: Aye Town of Ross: Noe

County of Marin: Aye
Town of Fairfax: Aye
City of Larkspur: Absent
City of Mill Valley: Aye

Town of San Anselmo: Aye
City of San Rafael: Aye
City of Sausalito: Absent
Town of Tiburon: Absent

Ayes: 7 Noes: 1 Absent: 4 Abstain: 0

9. Suggested Agenda Items

No suggested agenda items.

10. Adjournment

Chair Cusimano adjourned the meeting at 11:51 a.m.



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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:



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STAFF REPORT – ITEM 4

TO JPA Board of Directors

FROM Kimberly Scheibly, Executive Director

SUBJECT Treasurer's Report for Fiscal Year End Close 2025

DATE September 18, 2025

The Hazardous and Solid Waste Management Joint Powers Authority (JPA) requires, under Section 9.3(c) of the Joint Powers Agreement establishing the Marin County Hazardous and Solid Waste JPA (the "Authority"), that the JPA Board appoint a Treasurer from the senior management staff of one of its member agencies.

The Treasurer is responsible for preparing a complete written report of all financial activities for each fiscal year. This report covers the period from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. The Marin County Director of Finance, Mina Martinovich, currently serves as Treasurer of the JPA. Attached is her report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. The financial records supporting this report will assist an independent certified public accountant in conducting the annual audit of accounts and records, as required by Section 9.3(d) of the Joint Powers Agreement.

Recommendation

Adopt a motion to receive and file the attached Treasurer's Annual Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025.

Attachment

1. Treasurer's Annual Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025 – County of Marin Department of Finance



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

Motion (First)	Second
Ayes	
Nasa	
Noes	
Abstentions	
Absent	



DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

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September 18, 2025

Mina Martinovich, CPA
DIRECTOR

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ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

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Dear Board Members:

SUBJECT: Treasurer's Annual Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025

I. Introduction and Authority

This report is submitted pursuant to Section 9.3(c) of the Joint Powers Agreement establishing the Marin County Hazardous and Solid Waste Joint Powers Authority (the "Authority"). The Treasurer is required to provide a complete written report of all financial activities for the fiscal year. This report covers the period from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

II. Financial Overview

The accompanying financial information is **unaudited** and provided to satisfy annual reporting requirements under the Joint Powers Agreement.

A summary of the Authority's financial position and operating results is presented in **Appendix A**, with detailed supporting schedules from the general ledger in **Appendix B**.

As of June 30, 2025, the Authority reported total assets of **\$4.6 million**, liabilities of **\$2.1 million**, and fund balance of **\$2.6 million**. Revenues for the year totaled **\$4.9 million**, primarily from service charges, while expenditures were **\$5.1 million**, resulting in a net decrease in fund balance of approximately **\$185,000**.

III. Investment and Custodial Statement

All Authority funds were deposited in the Marin County Treasury Pool and managed in compliance with Government Code §6505. Funds remained liquid and available to meet obligations throughout the fiscal year.

IV. Independent Audit

Authority staff are in the process of engaging an independent certified public accountant to conduct the annual audit of accounts and records, as required by Section 9.3(d) of the Joint Powers Agreement. Once complete, the final audit report will be presented to the Board by Authority staff.

V. Certification

I hereby certify that this report has been prepared and presented to the Board of Directors of the Marin County Hazardous and Solid Waste Joint Powers Authority in fulfillment of the requirements of Section 9.3(c) of the Joint Powers Agreement. The financial information contained herein is **unaudited** and is based on the records maintained by Authority staff and their contracted service providers, who are responsible for the completeness and accuracy of those records.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this report or would like additional supporting documentation.

Respectfully submitted,

Mina Martinovich, CPA

Treasurer, Marin County Hazardous and Solid Waste Joint Powers Authority Director of Finance, County of Marin

Cc: County of Marin

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APPENDIX A

Balance Sheet (as of June 30, 2025)

Assets	Amo	ount
Cash and Investments in County Pool	\$	4,606,442
Accounts Receivable		37,955
Total Assets	\$	4,644,397

Liabilities	Amo	ount
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$	726,593
Unearned Revenues		1,317,867
Other Liabilities		21,280
Total Liabilities	\$	2,065,740

Fund Balances	Amo	ount
Restricted	\$	369,905
Unassigned		2,208,752
Total Fund Balances	\$	2,578,657
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$	4,644,397

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures (for the year ended June 30, 2025)

Revenues	Amo	ount
From Use of Money and Property	\$	236,137
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$	469,414
Charges for Services	\$	4,160,517
Miscellaneous		-
Total Assets	\$	4,866,068

Expenditures	A mount
Salaries and Wages	\$ (354,242)
Services and Supplies	5,405,788
Total Liabilities	\$ 5.051.546

Change in Fund Balance	Amo	unt
Net Increse/(Decrease)	\$	(185,478)
Ending Fund Balance (June 30, 2025)		2,578,657

APPENDIX B

General Ledger Detail (as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025)

Object Number	Object Name	Fund 8021	Fund 8022	Fund 8023	TOTAL
100110	CASH-EQUITY IN POOLED CASH	1,524,376.93	2,824,611.92	257,453.59	4,606,442.44
140110	OTHERRECEIVABLES	-	37,955.00	-	37,955.00
200010	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE - TYLER	(175,798.06)	(420,999.51)	(118,854.28)	(715,651.85)
200310	VOUCHERS PAYABLE	-	(10,141.00)	(800.00)	(10,941.00)
250510	DEFERRED REVENUES	(1,157,867.00)	(160,000.00)	-	(1,317,867.00)
260625	OTH CURRLIA-SALES USE TAX-TYL	-	(1,122.54)	(15,007.07)	(16,129.61)
260690	OTH CURLIA STALE DTD CH(GREV)	-	(2,400.25)	(2,750.00)	(5,150.25)
341000	FUND BAL UNRESERVED - TYLER	(4,561,727.33)	164,328.63	700,032.35	(3,697,366.35)
373000	FUND BAL RESERVE FOR ENC - TYL	(122,104.54)	(168,249.25)	(79,551.59)	(369,905.38)
390210	PRIORYRADJUST	4,493,120.00	(2,263,983.00)	(740,523.00)	1,488,614.00
441115	INVESTMT INCOME-INT POOLED	(137,970.85)	(69,685.27)	(28,481.03)	(236,137.15)
451970	STATE-OTHER	-	(101,773.00)	-	(101,773.00)
453110	OTH-GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES	-	(367,641.09)	-	(367,641.09)
461510	SANITATION SVS-MEDICAL WASTE	49,275.12	(3,153,213.00)	(1,056,578.66)	(4,160,516.54)
470310	MISC REVENUES	(100,000.00)	-	-	(100,000.00)
470320	MISREV-CANCEL WRNTS AND CHECK	100,000.00	-	-	100,000.00
511110	SAL AND WAGES-PERM EMPLOYEES	-	(130,296.00)	(223,946.00)	(354,242.00)
521410	FOOD	255.69	-	-	255.69
521610	INSURANCE-BUILDING CONTENT	(12,851.00)	-	-	(12,851.00)
521615	INSURANCE-GENERAL LIABILITY	27,797.75	-	-	27,797.75
521810	MAINTENANCE-EQUIPMENT	8.00	-	-	8.00
522210	MEMBERSHIPS	19,355.00	-	-	19,355.00
522310	MISC EXPENSE	44,178.68	94,309.00	20,860.00	159,347.68
522430	OFFICE EXP-PRINTING AND BINDING	-	576.00	27,662.96	28,238.96
522510	PROFAND SP SVS	550,306.99	350,962.40	678,393.35	1,579,662.74
522512	PROF SPEC SVCS-TRADE	65,437.80	-	84,859.00	150,296.80
522530	PROF AND SP SVS-ADVT AND MKTG	384.90	2,240.00	153,623.29	156,248.19
522540	PROF AND SP SVS-GRAPHIC DSGN	-	-	4,232.50	4,232.50
522545	PROF AND SP SVS-OUTSIDE LEGAL	1,768.59	15,419.26	-	17,187.85
522555	PROF AND SP SVS-MANAGEMENT	-	1,862,608.91	-	1,862,608.91
522585	PROF AND SP SVS-AUD AND ACCT	21,255.00	-	-	21,255.00
522735	PROFAND SP SVS-CNTY SAL REIMB	371,117.76	313,551.65	500,992.67	1,185,662.08
522925	RENTS AND LEASES-BLDG IMPR	25,000.00	-	-	25,000.00
522930	MINOREQUIPMENT	300.00	-	112,613.25	112,913.25
522935	MINOR EQUIPMENT-COMPUTERS	54,098.03	-	6,774.98	60,873.01
523210	SP DEPT EXP-EDUTRAINING	4,151.60	1,308.70	-	5,460.30
523410	TRANS AND TRAVEL	125.38	-	-	125.38
523415	TRANS AND TRAVEL-AIRFARE	289.96	-	-	289.96
523425	TRANS AND TRAVEL-LODGING	110.58	-	-	110.58
523430	TRANS AND TRAVEL-EMPLYEE REMB	131.00	-	-	131.00
523435	TRANSAND TRAVEL-PER DIEM	1,390.48	-	-	1,390.48
523445	TRANS AND TRAVEL-MILEAGE	187.40	-	-	187.40



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STAFF REPORT - ITEM 5

TO JPA Board of Directors

FROM Kimberly Scheibly, Executive Director

SUBJECT Suggested Agenda Items

DATE September 18, 2025

The Executive Director will provide an update on recent and ongoing activities provided by staff.

RECOMMENDATION

Receive oral report. Information only.



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STAFF REPORT - ITEM 6

TO JPA Board of Directors

FROM Casey Fritz, Senior Planner

Chuck Hornbrook, Local Task Force Southern Marin Representative

SUBJECT Local Task Force Deconstruction Outreach Recommendation

DATE September 18, 2025

Background

Zero Waste Marin's Local Task Force (LTF) includes representatives from waste haulers and facilities, Special Districts, environmental organizations, and the public. The LTF and its subcommittees provide critical guidance on waste reduction initiatives throughout the county.

The Construction & Demolition (C&D) Subcommittee has identified deconstruction—the careful dismantling of buildings for reuse and recycling of materials—as a key opportunity to reduce landfill waste, conserve resources, and advance climate action. C&D debris makes up the single largest portion of the waste stream, with demolition accounting for over 90% of this material. In 2018, the U.S. generated nearly 600 million tons of C&D waste, contributing significantly to greenhouse gas emissions and landfill impacts

Discussion

The LTF's recommendation proposes a five-year phased plan heavily focused on outreach and education related to deconstruction to increase awareness, build infrastructure, and position Marin for adoption of a model deconstruction ordinance.

Phase 1 (Year 1): The first year is all about education and awareness: building recognition of deconstruction among contractors, homeowners, and permitting staff. The idea is that once demand increases, it creates the conditions for infrastructure to follow. This would include:

- Marketing materials highlighting financial and environmental benefits of deconstruction.
- Collaboration with permitting desks to add questions about deconstruction on demolition applications.
- Surveys of contractors, homeowners, and building counter staff measure awareness and understanding of deconstruction.

Phase 2 (Years 2–3): After outreach has taken root, the plan calls for Zero Waste Marin to devote resources to advertising, supporting and building up the deconstruction and reuse infrastructure in Marin County. This may need more budget dedicated to these campaigns that would be presented as part of the FY2027 process. Specifically:

Zero Waste Marin, 1600 Los Gamos, Suite 210, San Rafael, CA 94903

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- Partnerships with nonprofits, builders' groups, and other stakeholders to develop local markets for salvaged materials.
- Support for the establishment of facilities or organizations similar to those in neighboring counties: San Francisco (Builder's Resources), Sonoma (Reuse Alliance), and Alameda (The Reuse People).

Phase 3 (Years 4–5): Once reuse infrastructure exists and can handle increased material flows, the proposal suggests developing a model ordinance to require or incentivize deconstruction for certain projects across Marin jurisdictions following the lead of Bay Area peers such as Palo Alto, Alameda, and San Francisco, who have advanced requirements and ordinances to promote deconstruction.

This regulatory backbone would help ensure a steady stream of materials to the infrastructure that was built up in Phase 2, making it viable long-term

Equity and Community Benefits:

The proposal also ties infrastructure development to community benefits:

- Creating jobs and training opportunities in material recovery and skilled trades.
- Providing affordable salvaged materials locally.
- Supporting small business development through reuse enterprises.

Fiscal Impact:

Estimated costs are approximately \$12,000 for campaign design, printing, and outreach in the first year. Staff feel this additional target outreach will not result in an increase in expenditures and can be absorbed in the existing approved budget. Results from this first year of targeted outreach will be used to inform fiscal needs to support this proposal for year expanded education and outreach for FY2027.

Recommendation

Receive the LTF Deconstruction Recommendation and make a motion to approve staff to proceed with implementation of the recommendation for an outreach and education campaign and survey within the existing approved FY2026 budget.



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Board Chair: lafter the vote.	Please confirm the vote on this item by reading the following items out loud
Motion (First)	Second
Ayes	
Noes .	
Abstentions .	
Absent	



TEMPLATE: Local Task Force Recommendation to Zero Waste Marin JPA Board

Recommendation Title:	Deconstruction Educational Campaign
Recommending Subcommittee:	Construction & Demolition (C&D) Subcommittee
Prepared By:	Justin Wilcock

Description of Recommended Action or Program:

The subcommittee is interested in promoting deconstruction in the County of Marin. After presentations by organizations such as Green Lynx, Urban Machine as well as research and conversations with the City of Palo Alto, the County of San Mateo and reviewing meetings of the Bay Area Deconstruction Working Group (BADWG), the committee identified specific challenges and identified specific measures to address these.

Two primary challenges with deconstruction in Marin County and local jurisdictions:

- **Awareness** as part of the construction and demolition industry general contractors, home owners, and permitting desks are unaware of the deconstruction business
- Space and markets currently Marin County does not have a location or non-profit to manage the inventory and promotion of used home material similar to San Francisco (Builders Resources), Sonoma (Reuse Alliance), and Alameda (The Reuse People) Counties.

We recommend the following to address awareness with the conclusion that volume will increase the likelihood to create locations and markets in Marin for deconstructed material

- 1- Recommend to ZWM that one of the 2026 FY pilot programs include an outreach campaign on deconstruction.
 - a. This would entail developing marketing materials citing the environmental and financial benefits of deconstruction and a request to the building desks that they add a question on their building/demolition permit application if the applicant considered or did not consider deconstruction
 - b. Include a before and after survey for building desks, contractors and permit holder as part of the campaign to determine the current level of recognition, understanding of, and support for deconstruction and then end with a closing survey to determine if education was successful.



- c. Campaign materials would be displayed at building desks at all member jurisdictions.
- d. The campaign could also include partnerships with local building organizations such as the Marin Builders Association.
- 2- Once the outreach campaign has successfully been deployed, the subcommittee recommends that ZWM devote resources to advertising, supporting and building up the deconstruction and reuse infrastructure in Marin County. The intended timeline for phase two would be the two years after phase 1.
- 3- Once the infrastructure is in place to support a robust deconstruction program, then ZWM should consider the development and promotion of a model ordinance for deconstruction of certain projects in Marin County. The subcommittee hopes that within 4-5 years of outreach and education, and infrastructure development, that a model ordinance can be developed and promoted throughout the county.

Year 1	Years 2-3	Years 4-5
Outreach Campaign and Survey	Continued Outreach and Infrastructure development	Model Ordinance Development and Outreach Campaign for Adoption by Marin County Cities.

Why This is Being Suggested:

Construction and demolition (C&D) waste is a land use issue and has energy/GHG impacts.

In the United States, construction and demolition (C&D) activities account for approximately 600 tons of total waste generated in 2018.¹

What is the waste breakdown:

- Demolition contributes the largest portion—over 90% of total C&D waste.²
- Residential structures (homes) contribute significantly to this stream, with wood, drywall, roofing, and flooring being the most common materials.
- Recycling and diversion rates can vary widely—from less than 30% to more than 80%—depending on: 1) local ordinances, 2) availability of recycling facilities, and 3) project planning.

Energy/GHG impacts:

¹ https://www.epa.gov/smm/sustainable-management-construction-and-demolition-materials

² https://www.epa.gov/smm/sustainable-management-construction-and-demolition-materials



- Raw materials for buildings and construction account for more than 35% of global primary energy use and nearly 40% of energy-related CO₂ emissions.³
- When deconstructing and reusing building material, a significant benefit is having the material used locally. Added transportation will decrease the energy benefits of reuse.

Why pursue a deconstruction/reuse awareness campaign

- Given the amount of waste, C&D waste takes up landfill space and may have other uses in the community and can prolong the life of the landfill
- For energy, Life Cycle Inventory studies have indicated recovering softwood framing lumber and hardwood flooring for reuse instead of making new products displaces a considerable amount of production energy use.⁴
- Building awareness and volume will assist in market economics and theoretically increase local use of reused building material.

What are the Barriers to Wider Deconstruction Adoption:

Despite many benefits, several factors limit the widespread success of residential deconstruction:

- Higher Upfront Costs: Deconstruction is more labor-intensive than straight forward demolition and waste stream separation, making it more expensive in the short term.
 Without improved information at the municipal and county levels, strong financial incentives or policy support, many property owners and general contractors may opt for cheaper, faster demolition.
- Lack of Skilled Workforce: There is a limited pool of trained professionals who specialize in careful dismantling and materials recovery and valuation of materials.
- **Insufficient Infrastructure:** Many regions lack local markets, warehousing, and processing facilities for salvaged materials, making reuse more challenging.
- **Limited Public Awareness:** Homeowners and developers often aren't aware of the financial, environmental, and community benefits of deconstruction.
- **Regulatory Gaps:** Without clear mandates or incentives, builders may not have motivation to choose deconstruction over demolition.
- **Time Constraints:** Deconstruction typically takes longer than demolition, which can be a disadvantage in time-sensitive projects.

Deconstruction is a practical and impactful solution for diverting waste from landfills, reducing environmental harm, supporting local economies, and fostering community resilience. As more homeowners, contractors, and municipalities become aware of the practice and recognize its value, deconstruction will become a key strategy in building a sustainable future in our communities.

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³ https://corrim.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/LCA-LaminatedStrandLumber-NA.pdf

⁴ https://www.fpl.fs.usda.gov/documnts/fplrp/fpl_rp672.pdf



Additional Details:

Proposed Timeline of Actions:

- -June 2025 LTF meeting- propose recommendation to LTF committee.
- -Upon acceptance by LTF, present at next JPA meeting to include this in the 2026 FY pilot project list.
- -Upon approval by the JPA board, use an existing marketing team or hire a new marketing consultant and begin developing the marketing campaign including the development of a market survey.
- -In the Fall of 2025 begin distributing materials to building desks.
- Begin collecting survey data.
- In Fall 2025 reach out to builders groups to discuss opportunities to set up educational presentations during their 2026 programming.
- End of 2026 fiscal year, evaluate the effectiveness of the campaign (engagement through QR codes, interviews with building desk staff to see what interest the information sparked, review of survey data or if a Y/N question is added to the demolition permit) and make recommendations on additional education campaigns or movement to phase 2, infrastructure development.

Evaluation of Equity Impact of Proposed Action or Program:

- Job creation and workforce development- Deconstruction requires trained labor and skill development. It can lead to stable careers and higher wages for skilled workers.
- It provides access to affordable building materials.
- It can foster local business through community-based business development.
- Deconstruction reduces landfill waste lessening the burden on local communities and landfills.

Estimated Fiscal Impact of Proposed Action or Program:

We believe this could be completed with a marketing design budget below \$5000, and then a printing budget less than \$5000 (this would depend on the recommendations from the marketing consultant). Add another \$1000-2000 for additional marketing or events for a total estimated budget of \$12,000.

Comments by Zero Waste Marin Staff:

ZWM recommends revising current building counter support documents to better address deconstruction and to update the ZWM website to include more information on options for deconstruction.

Recommendation by Zero Waste Marin Executive Director:

The approved FY25/2026 budget contains funding for C&D outreach and education as well as funding as well as general waste reduction education. Staff feel year 1 objectives are achievable without the need for more funding.



Appendix - California Rules and Requirements for C&D Waste

What are California's Rules?

In California, the management of construction and demolition (C&D) debris is governed by the California Green Building Standards Code (CALGreen), which mandates that at least 65% of nonhazardous C&D waste be diverted from landfills through recycling or salvage for reuse. This requirement applies to most new construction projects, as well as certain additions and alterations to existing buildings.

Key Compliance Options:

- 1. Construction Waste Management Plan (CWMP): Develop and implement a plan that identifies the materials to be diverted, methods of diversion, and facilities to be used.
- 2. Use of Certified Waste Management Companies: Engage companies that can provide verifiable documentation demonstrating compliance with the 65% diversion requirement.
- Waste Stream Reduction Alternative: For certain projects, compliance can be achieved if the total waste generated does not exceed specified weight thresholds per square foot.

Local Jurisdiction Variations:

While CALGreen sets the statewide minimum standards, local jurisdictions may adopt more stringent requirements. Also there is no model or requirement for awareness and educational approach within each jurisdiction.

Marin County requires a minimum of 65% diversion. The County has two locations that will receive C&D materials for recycling, Redwood landfill and Marin Sanitary Service. Marin Sanitary Service runs a C&D recovery facility that has a 3rd party verified diversion of 70% of material from the landfill⁵. Material sent here is separated by material type and recoverable materials are repurposed or recycled. In addition to diverting material, the county requires projects over 5,000 square feet to submit a C&D Waste Management Plan. Our recommendation for awareness and education in the county and the local jurisdictions is above.

In **Alameda County**, C&D waste must meet diversion rates between 65% and 75%, depending on the material. Contractors are required to submit a Waste Management Plan and use certified

⁵ https://www.sfenvironment.org/construction-demolition-registered-facilities



recycling facilities to ensure compliance. The county supports education through community partnerships and training workshops, measuring success by tracking permit compliance and facility diversion data.

The **City of Alameda** mandates diversion of 65% to 95% of C&D materials. A Waste Management Plan with specific diversion targets must be submitted and approved before work begins. Educational resources are distributed through city programs and events, with success monitored via project-level reporting and audit checks.

In **San Francisco**, at least 65% of all C&D debris must be diverted from landfills. Contractors must use registered haulers and facilities and track compliance using the Green Halo platform. Education and outreach are conducted by the Department of the Environment, with performance tracked through Green Halo reports and citywide waste diversion statistics.

Sonoma County mandates 100% diversion of inert materials and 65% for other C&D debris. All projects are tracked through the Green Halo system. Sonoma promotes awareness via digital platforms and stakeholder engagement sessions. Success is measured using Green Halo metrics and reduction in landfill-bound material.

In **San Mateo County**, the diversion requirement is at least 65%. Contractors submit a C&D Waste Reduction Plan and deposit. Cities within the county provide education through sustainability guides, city websites, and workshops. Compliance rates and deposit refunds are used to track program effectiveness.

Palo Alto has gone beyond just a C&D ordinance and has a mandated deconstruction ordinance. This ordinance requires any owner doing a complete building destruction to survey the building for salvageable materials, disassemble the structure, and separate all materials for reuse and recycling.

Recommended next steps:

Send proposal to JPA Board 9/18/2025 for consideration.

Kimberly Scheibly

Executive Director Zero Waste Marin



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STAFF REPORT – ITEM 7

TO JPA Board of Directors

FROM Meilin Tsao, Waste Reduction Specialist

SUBJECT Legislative Update

DATE September 18, 2025

Zero Waste Marin (ZWM) - Legislative Update

At the close of the Legislative Session on 9/13/2025, the following stands. October 12, 2025, is the final day for the Governor to act on a bill.

2025 Hazardous and Solid Waste Bills Tracked by ZWM Staff

- 28 total bills were tracked:
 - 18 failed ("died")
 - o 3 became two-year bills (eligible for reintroduction in January 2026)
 - o 7 passed

Key Bills of Interest

- AB 823 (Boerner): Prohibits intentionally added microplastics in leave-on personal care and cleaning products by 1/1/2029; minimal fiscal impact.
- SB 279 (McNerney): Expands composting capacity and increases flexibility at small facilities to further divert organic waste.

Regulatory Updates

SB 54 (Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act, 2022)

- 2024–2025 Draft Regulatory Text was not signed by the Governor.
- New draft released August 19, 2025; public comment period open through October 7, 2025.
- ZWM staff are preparing comments to emphasize legislative intent outlined in Public Resources Code §42040(b)(2) (A–B), particularly regarding local jurisdictions.

Top Concerns in current SB 54 Draft Regulations:

- Ambiguity in excluded categories.
- Designating new covered materials as "recyclable" in the first year.
- Short timelines requiring local jurisdictions to accept new materials.
- Need for ZWM and local agencies to access reports submitted to CalRecycle.
- Ensuring all new local government costs are reimbursed by the Producer Responsibility Organization.
- Concern over Article 13 provisions that allow CalRecycle to impose fines up to \$50,000/day on local jurisdictions.

Zero Waste Marin, 1600 Los Gamos, Suite 210, San Rafael, CA 94903 https://zerowastemarin.org/



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Recommendation

Receive oral report. Information only.

Attachments

- 1. AB 823 (Boerner) Solid Waste: Plastic Microbeads: Plastic Glitter- ZWM coalition letter urging Governor's signature.
- 2. SB 279 (McNerney) Scaling Up California Composting ZWM letter urging Governor's signature.



September 5, 2025

Governor Gavin Newsom 1021 O Street, Suite 9000 Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 823 (Boerner) Solid Waste: Plastic Microbeads: Plastic Glitter -- REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE

Dear Governor Gavin Newsom:

The undersigned organizations respectfully request your signature on AB 823 (Boerner), a bill that will support California's fight against microplastic pollution by prohibiting the sale of leave-on personal care products and cleaning

products that contain intentionally added microplastics used as abrasives. This measure also includes a first-in-the-nation prohibition on the sale of leave-on personal care products which contain plastic glitter.

Our organizations share concerns about the increasing microplastics that are being found in <u>oceans</u>, <u>drinking water</u>, <u>soil</u>, and in <u>bodies</u>. Microplastics AB 823 would prevent millions of particles of plastic from entering the environment by prohibiting the sale and distribution of leave-on personal care products and cleaning products that contain intentionally added microplastics. By preventing a source of microplastics at its source, this bill will protect California's water systems, protect vulnerable communities, and promote safer alternatives.

The European Union has already taken decisive action through its REACH regulation to <u>ban microplastics in common consumer products</u> starting in 2027. Hawaii has <u>banned exfoliating microbeads</u> in all personal care products beginning in 2023 with bipartisan support.

AB 823 would use the same enforcement measure as California's <u>Plastic Microbead Nuisance Prevention Law</u>, which is administered by the Attorney General, city attorneys, and county counsels. The enforcement of the existing law has an effective track record; it led to near-universal compliance, resulted in a shift to safer alternatives, and didn't burden regulators or courts with endless disputes. According to AB 823's Senate Floor Analysis, the bill would have minimal fiscal impact on the courts and Department of Justice.

We must take immediate action to prevent further harm from microplastics. AB 823 ensures California remains at the forefront of tackling plastic pollution and is an easy-to-enforce, low-cost solution to stop an unnecessary source of plastic pollution.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Krystal Raynes, Legislative Associate at Californians Against Waste, krystal@cawrecycles.org or 661-431-5729.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Krystal Raynes Legislative Associate

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cc:

Gavin Newsom, Governor Catherine Baxter, Chief Deputy Cabinet Secretary Brady Borcherding, Deputy Legislative Affairs Secretary Tasha Boerner, Assemblymember

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MARIN COUNTY HAZARDOUS AND SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

Belvedere September 11, 2025

Corte Madera

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California

1021 O Street, Suite 9000

County of Marin Sacramento, CA 95814

Fairfax

Mill Valley

San Rafael

Sausalito

Tiburon

Re: SB 279 (McNerney) Scaling Up California Composting –

REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE

Dear Governor Newsom, Larkspur

On behalf of the Marin County Hazardous and Solid Waste

Management Joint Powers Authority (Zero Waste Marn), I am writing to respectfully urge your signature on SB 279 (McNerney). This bill will

expand California's composting capacity by giving growers and

Novato community composters the flexibility needed to sustainably manage

agricultural waste and organic materials, while supporting your

administration's leadership on climate action, waste diversion, and the

Ross Healthy Soils Initiative.

San Anselmo

Despite our state's focus on recycling and reusing organic waste to benefit soils, the soils of Marin County, and most of California, are

nutrient deficient. SB 279 expands growers and community composters, gardens, and schools, opportunities to keep those nutrients in their soils

and neighboring area, rather than shipping it to solid waste facilities for composting or disposal. Additionally, Zero Waste Marin found in our

2024-2025 waste characterization study that over 30% of Marin

County's waste disposal is organic material that should be composted.

SB 279 will open additional pathways for small operations to compost some of that food and organic waste, create opportunities for job

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creation, training, and education, and will connect more of our residents

to the benefits of healthy soils.

Composting is one of California's most powerful tools for meeting climate and soil health goals. By turning organic waste into a valuable soil amendment, compost helps reduce methane emissions from landfills, enriches soils, and improves water retention—benefits that directly support the Healthy Soils Program. Yet current regulations limit the ability of both growers and small-scale community composters to expand these practices.

PROTECTING OUR RESOURCES TOGETHER

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MARIN COUNTY HAZARDOUS AND SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

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SB 279 addresses these barriers by:

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 Allowing growers to compost agricultural waste on-site using necessary off-site inputs, while lifting the restrictive 1,000 cubic yard cap on compost distribution.

County of Marin

Raising outdated permitting thresholds for community composters, enabling small-scale, locally rooted operations to expand where large-scale infrastructure is unavailable.

Fairfax

These changes will provide growers with a climate-friendly alternative to open burning and empower community composters to play a greater role in California's organics diversion strategy. By increasing access to locally produced compost, SB 279 will also strengthen the state's ability to meet its climate commitments and Healthy Soils goals.

Larkspur Mill Valley

For these reasons, Zero Waste Marin strongly supports SB 279 and

Novato

respectfully urges your signature.

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Sincerely,

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San Anselmo Kimberly Scheibly

Executive Director

San Rafael

Zero Waste Marin

Sausalito

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STAFF REPORT – ITEM 8

TO JPA Board of Directors

FROM Casey Fritz, Senior Planner

SUBJECT Resolution Declaring October 11-18, 2025, Zero Waste Week

DATE September 18, 2025

North Bay Zero Waste Week (NBZWW) is an initiative that was started by Zero Waste Sonoma several years ago with the intent to bring zero waste events and engagements to the community over a dedicated week. Zero Waste Marin was invited to participate for the first time in 2024, and hosted several events including a compost giveaway, movie screenings, tours of facilities, and more.

Zero Waste Marin is planning to participate in NBZWW again in 2025 and would like to pass a formal resolution recognizing Zero Waste Week.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the North Bay Zero Waste Week Resolution ZWM-NBZWW-2026-02 declaring October 11-18, 2025, Zero Waste Week.

ATTACHMENT

Zero Waste Week Resolution ZWM-IWMA-2026-02

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Board Chair: after the vote.	Please confirm the vote on this item by reading the following items out loud
Motion (First)	Second
Ayes	
Noes	
Abstentions	
Absent	

RESOLUTION NO. ZWM-IWMA-2026-02

ESTABLISHING OCTOBER 11-18, 2025, NORTH BAY ZERO WASTE WEEK

A RESOLUTION of the Marin County Hazardous and Solid Waste Joint Powers Authority Board recognizing the importance of regional collaboration in advancing sustainability and proclaiming North Bay Zero Waste Week.

WHEREAS, the Marin County Hazardous And Solid Waste Management Joint Powers Authority, known as Zero Waste Marin, has assumed a leadership role in advancing environmental stewardship by setting Zero Waste as a long-term goal and implementing County-wide programs that make waste reduction, reuse, recycling, and composting more accessible to residents, businesses, and institutions; and

WHEREAS, since 2023, Zero Waste Marin has partnered with Zero Waste Sonoma and others to host the North Bay Zero Waste Symposium, offering a unique local forum for industry professionals, policymakers, and the public to gain insight on zero waste topics and trends, exchange innovative solutions, and foster collaboration across sectors; and

WHEREAS, this year, together with Zero Waste Sonoma and community partners, Zero Waste Marin is expanding these efforts into a week-long series of events to inspire and empower residents, schools, businesses, and organizations to embrace zero waste practices; and

WHEREAS, during the week of October 11–18, 2025, Zero Waste Marin, together with Cities, Towns, organizations, and community members will host zero waste events and activities across Marin County that highlight practical strategies for reducing waste, conserving resources, and advancing climate action, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marin County Hazardous and Solid Waste Joint Powers Authority Board does hereby proclaim October 11th through 18th, 2025, North Bay Zero Waste Week.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board invites other public agencies, organizations, and community leaders throughout the region to join in recognizing North Bay Zero Waste Week and to take actions that advance the shared goal of a zero waste future.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Marin County Hazardous and Solid Waste Management Joint Powers Authority held September 18, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:		
NOES:		
ABSENT:		
JPA Board Chair	DATE	
ATTEST: ZWM Executive Director	DATE	



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STAFF REPORT - ITEM 9

TO JPA Board of Directors

FROM Amy Kolnes, Senior Planner

SUBJECT Form 700, Member & Alternate Appointment

DATE September 18, 2025

Zero Waste Marin is committed to maintaining compliance with all state requirements while ensuring clear and consistent communication among its Board Members, Alternates, and staff. As part of these responsibilities, staff would like to remind all members of three important items.

First, all Board Members and Alternates are required to submit a Form 700, Statement of Economic Interests, in accordance with the California Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC). These filings are an essential element of transparency and accountability under the Political Reform Act.

Second, each participating jurisdiction must provide staff with up-to-date documentation confirming the council-approved Board Member and Alternate appointments. If any changes have occurred since your last submission, please ensure that revised information is sent to staff as soon as possible so that our records remain accurate.

Zero Waste Marin provides notice of Joint Powers Authority (JPA) meetings through regularly scheduled calendar invitations sent to Board Members, Alternates, and designated staff. We ask each jurisdiction to review the current distribution list and provide any updates so that the appropriate stakeholders continue receiving these notifications. These invitations are provided as a courtesy to help participants stay informed about upcoming meetings and agenda packets; however, all meetings are publicly noticed and open to the public in compliance with the Brown Act.

EQUITY IMPACT

Ensuring receiving documentation in a timely manner promotes equitable participation, transparency, and inclusive decision-making across all jurisdictions represented on the Zero Waste Marin Board.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a motion to approve all member agencies provide their appointments and Form 700 for all current members to Zero Waste Marin Staff no later than November 1, 2025.

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

Motion (First) _____ Second _____

Ayes

Abstentions

Absent



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SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS – ITEM 10

TO JPA Board of Directors

FROM Kimberly Scheibly, Executive Director

SUBJECT Suggested Agenda Items

DATE September 18, 2025

On August 17, 2023, the Board adopted the recommendation to allocate five minutes to allow board members to provide suggested topics for upcoming Zero Waste Marin JPA board meetings.

This standing item provides members of the board the opportunity to make suggestions regarding future agenda topics for the consideration of Staff, ensuring that the needs of the Board are being addressed.

RECOMMENDATION Information Only.