

AGENDA: AB 939 LOCAL TASK FORCE MEETING

DATE Thursday, March 12th, 2026

TIME 10:00am – 11:15am

LOCATION 1600 Los Gamos Drive, Suite 210, San Rafael CA 94903

CALL TO ORDER

1. Open Time for Public Comment (Information Only) 5 Minutes.

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. Approve LTF Meeting Minutes from January 8th, 2026 (Action) 1 Minute.

REGULAR AGENDA

3. Update on Recommendation to the JPA Board – 10 Minutes
 - a. Recommendation: Information Only
4. Update Subcommittee Membership and Leadership – 10 Minutes
 - a. Recommendation: Action Item
5. Public Meeting Regarding Waste Characterization Study – 10 Minutes
 - a. Recommendation: Information Only
6. Subcommittee Updates - 15 Minutes.
 - a. Recommendation: Information Only
7. Suggested Agenda Items - 2 Minutes.
 - a. Recommendation: Information Only
8. Adjournment

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OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT – ITEM 1

TO Local Task Force
FROM Casey Fritz, Senior Planner
SUBJECT Open Time for Public Comment
DATE Thursday, March 12th, 2026

The public is welcome to address the Local Task Force at this time on matters not on the agenda that are within its jurisdiction.

Please be advised that pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2, the LTF 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 posting of the agenda.

RECOMMENDATION

Receive public comment. Information Only.



APPROVE LTF MEETING MINUTES – ITEM 2

TO Local Task Force
FROM Casey Fritz, Senior Planner
SUBJECT Approve LTF Meeting Minutes from January 8th, 2026
DATE Thursday, March 12th, 2026

Please find attached the Draft Action Minutes from the last meeting on January 8th, 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a motion to receive and file the Action Minutes.

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

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Local Task Force Members Present

Special Districts

Angela Beran, Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District

Casey Poldino, Novato Sanitary District

Environmental Organizations

Susan Hopp, Plastic Free Marin

Haulers

Greg Christie, Bay Cities Refuse

Justin Wilcock, Marin Sanitary Service

Celia Furber, Recology Sonoma-Marín

Public

Matt McCarron, Novato

Jinesse Reynolds, Ross Valley

Deirdre Fennessy, Unincorporated

Chuck Hornbrook, Southern Marin

Staff Present

Kimberly Scheibly (Executive Director)

Meilin Tsao (Staff)

Ellie Vendegna (Staff)

Justin Newsome (Admin)

Public Non-Members Present:

Jamie Harris, Waste Management

Scott Tignac, Waste Management

Bill Avery, Waste Management

Gene Della Zoppa, Mill Valley Refuse Services

CALL TO ORDER

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

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

No public comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. Approve LTF Meeting Minutes from January 8, 2026

Motion to approve the LTF Meeting Minutes from January 8, 2026

First Justin Wilcock, Marin Sanitary Service

Second Matt McCarron, Novato

Vote Count

Angela Beran: Aye

Casey Poldino: Aye

Kevin McElroy: Absent

Susan Hopp: Aye

Kyle LaRue: Absent

Greg Christie: Aye

Justin Wilcock: Aye

Celia Furber: Aye

Matt McCarron: Aye

Jinesse Reynolds: Aye

Deirdre Fennessy: Aye

Marisa Nordstrom: Absent

Chuck Hornbrook: Aye

Ayes: 10 Noes: 0 Absent: 3 Abstain: 0

Motion passed

LTF Comments

The LTF made correction mention of the dates in Section 4, 4th paragraph as they believe the dates were listed inaccurately.

Regular Agenda

3. Update on Potential Redwood Landfill Expansion from WM

Waste Management presented the proposed update by beginning with the project overview of site size, landfill life, and disposal levels. The expansion design and rationale was shared with emphasis on vertical growth rather than increasing a lateral footprint; this method avoids wetland impacts and stays within the approved tonnage volumes. If the proposed project is approved, it will result in an additional 18 years of capacity in the landfill, for a total of 28 years. This means that landfill would reach capacity in 2054. They are not proposing an increase in disposal, daily tonnage, or permitted traffic (vehicles/day) for the landfill. They have also proposed an increase in organics disposal to 250 tons per day.

The presenter continued with sharing the environmental review and permitting status which has a target timeline for the end of the year to complete the studies. Current operations and capacity are anticipated to be steady for 10 years with need for expansion based on current capacity. The long-term context is the intent to reduce landfill reliance, another landfill in Marin County is very unlikely as the wetlands inhibit future expansion options.

Some of the Zero Waste Marin (ZWM) issues were: Organics, Diversion & Zero Waste Goals, Organics & Composting Capacity, Materials Acceptance & Market Signals, and Long-Term Disposal Strategy. Along with ZWM, the Local Task Force (LTF) inquired about Environmental Review & Permitting, Operations, Monitoring & Compliance, Alternative Daily Cover (ADC), and Design Constraints & Future Modifications.

A brief Q&A discussion was held following the presentation.

4. Review Draft Deconstruction Outreach Brochure

The LTF opened the floor for discussion, the recommendations and suggestions were noted by ZWM staff.

Information Only

5. Public Meeting Regarding Waste Characterization Study

A brief Q&A discussion was held.

Recommendation form an ad hoc subcommittee to lead the planning and implementation of a public meeting to receive feedback on the draft Waste Characterization Study Implementation Plan.

Motion to approve Chuck Hornbrook, Southern Marin, Susan Hopp, Plastic Free Marin, and Greg Christie, Bay Cities Refuse with Casey Poldino (pending JPA Board approval) to be a part of the subcommittee.

First Justin Wilcock, Marin Sanitary Service

Second Jinesse Reynolds, Ross Valley

Vote Count

Angela Beran: Aye
Casey Poldino: Aye
Kevin McElroy: Absent
Susan Hopp: Aye
Kyle LaRue: Absent
Greg Christie: Aye
Justin Wilcock: Aye

Celia Furber: Aye
Matt McCarron: Aye
Jinesse Reynolds: Aye
Deirdre Fennessy: Aye
Marisa Nordstrom: Absent
Chuck Hornbrook: Aye



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Ayes: 10 Noes: 0 Absent: 3 Abstain: 0

Motion passed

6. Subcommittee Recommendation: Proposed Landfill Expansion

Recommendation directs the ZWM staff and the JPA Board to focus on the timeline of the proposed landfill expansion and to ensure that it is a regulatory priority of the staff and the Board.

Motion adopt a motion directing ZWM staff to review the proposed recommendation that determine appropriate next steps.

First Justin Wilcock, Marin Sanitary Service

Second Chuck Hornbrook, Southern Marin

Vote Count

Angela Beran: Aye
Casey Poldino: Aye
Kevin McElroy: Absent
Susan Hopp: Aye
Kyle LaRue: Absent
Greg Christie: Aye
Justin Wilcock: Aye

Celia Furber: Aye
Matt McCarron: Aye
Jinesse Reynolds: Aye
Deirdre Fennessy: Aye
Marisa Nordstrom: Absent
Chuck Hornbrook: Aye

Ayes: 10 Noes: 0 Absent: 3 Abstain: 0

Motion passed

7. Elect a New LTF Chair

Motion nominate and confirm a new vice co-chair of the Local Task Force

Nomination: Jinesse Reynolds, Ross Valley

First Celia Furber, Recology Sonoma-Marín

Second Chuck Hornbrook, Southern Marin

Vote Count

Angela Beran: Aye
Casey Poldino: Aye
Kevin McElroy: Absent
Susan Hopp: Aye
Kyle LaRue: Absent
Greg Christie: Aye

Justin Wilcock: Aye
Celia Furber: Aye
Matt McCarron: Aye
Jinesse Reynolds: Aye
Deirdre Fennessy: Aye
Marisa Nordstrom: Absent



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Chuck Hornbrook: Aye

Ayes: 10 Noes: 0 Absent: 3 Abstain: 0

8. Subcommittee Updates

Construction and Demolition reported that Chuck Hornbrook, Southern Marin will be the new subcommittee chair as Justin Wilcock, Marin Sanitary Service is stepping down but will remain on the subcommittee.

Infrastructure and End Markets reported continued search for locations of site visits.

Compliance and Regulations reported no updates. The Chair for this subcommittee was Dale McDonald, who is no longer on the LTF. A new Chair will need to be chosen.

Outreach and Education reported no updates.

9. Suggested Agenda Items

Subcommittee chair replacement

10. Adjournment

Chair Celia Furber adjourned the meeting at 11:04 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: _____

Abstentions: _____



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UPDATE ON RECOMMENDATION TO THE JPA BOARD – ITEM 3

TO Local Task Force
FROM Casey Fritz, Senior Planner
SUBJECT Update on Potential Redwood Landfill Expansion from WM
DATE Thursday, March 12th, 2026

In December 2025 Zero Waste Marin (ZWM) staff received a formal proposal from the Infrastructure & End Markets Subcommittee entitled “Long-Range Landfill Planning Prioritization in Marin County”. This proposal was meant to ensure that Marin’s landfill capacity at the Redwood Landfill in Novato remains top of mind for the JPA Board.

The proposed timeline included in the recommendation was:

- 2026: JPA Board prioritizes landfill expansion, works with Marin County agencies and Redwood Landfill staff to explore landfill expansion possibilities, provides bi-monthly updates to LTF.
- 2027: JPA Board updates their landfill expansion plan for Marin County, continues to provide bi-monthly updates to LTF.
- 2028 – 2035: JPA Board works with relevant local and state agencies to implement the updated landfill expansion plan.

Updates regarding this recommendation include:

- February 26, 2026: ZWM staff included the I&EM recommendation at the JPA Board meeting. At this meeting, the JPA Board voted to approve the recommendation from staff:
 - “Adopt a motion to accept the Local Task Force recommendation titled *Long-Range Landfill Planning Prioritization in Marin County*; and Direct Zero Waste Marin staff to implement the Executive Director’s recommended next steps, including coordination with Redwood Landfill and Environmental Health Services, regular permit status updates, review of AB 939 planning requirements, and exploration of a Countywide Materials Flow Study; and Establish landfill capacity planning as a standing item for periodic updates to the JPA Board and the Local Task Force.”

ATTACHMENTS:

1. LTF Recommendation “Long-Range Landfill Planning Prioritization in Marin County”
2. JPA Board Meeting Staff Report on LTF Recommendation from 2/26/2026 Meeting

RECOMMENDATION

Information Only. Receive and file.



Local Task Force Recommendation to Zero Waste Marin JPA Board

Recommendation Title:	Long-Range Landfill Planning Prioritization in Marin County
Recommending Subcommittee:	Infrastructure & End Markets (I&EM)
Prepared By:	Kevin McElroy, edited by I&EM Subcommittee members

Description of Recommended Action or Program:

At our November 2025 LTF meeting we listened to members of the Marin County Environmental Health Department and representatives from Waste Management talk about landfill capacity in Marin County, and plans for expansion. Members of our subcommittee are concerned this matter isn't getting the attention it deserves from Zero Waste Marin staff and board members. Subcommittee members stressed that past landfill expansion efforts have taken many years to complete, requiring coordination across multiple local and state agencies.

At our I&EM subcommittee meetings in November and December 2025, we decided to make a formal recommendation to the Zero Waste Marin JPA Board to:

- prioritize long-range landfill planning, both the expansion of the existing site and exploration of alternate sites,
- request Zero Waste Marin work closely with other relevant Marin County departments to address landfill planning,
- request a regular item on JPA board meeting agendas to address landfill planning,
- request regular landfill planning updates from Zero Waste Marin staff to the LTF, including an updated timeline for current landfill capacity.

Additional Details:

Proposed Timeline of Actions:

2026: JPA Board prioritizes landfill expansion, works with Marin County agencies and Redwood Landfill staff to explore landfill expansion possibilities, provides bi-monthly updates to LTF.

2027: JPA Board updates their landfill expansion plan for Marin County, continues to provide bi-monthly updates to LTF.

2028-2035: JPA Board works with relevant local and state agencies to implement the updated landfill expansion plan.



Evaluation of Equity Impact of Proposed Action or Program:

Subcommittee members are concerned that as landfill capacity is reduced without an updated expansion plan, refuse rates will continue to rise, disproportionately affecting lower-income Marin County residents. If additional landfill capacity is not secured, refuse hauling rates may continue to rise as landfill sites outside our county must be utilized. The subcommittee asks the JPA Board to prioritize this matter to keep costs down.

Estimated Fiscal Impact of Proposed Action or Program:

Minimal.

Comments by Zero Waste Marin Staff:

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Recommendation by Zero Waste Marin Executive Director:

Recommended next steps:	
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STAFF REPORT – ITEM 10

TO JPA Board of Directors
FROM Casey Fritz, Senior Planner
SUBJECT Local Task Force (LTF) Recommendation
DATE February 26, 2026

At the Local Task Force (LTF) meeting September 11, 2026, requested to receive updates on the status of the potential expansion of Redwood Landfill. To that end, ZWM staff invited two guest speakers to join LTF meetings to share information:

- November 2025: Greg Pirie and Tara Erfani from County of Marin Environmental Health Services (EHS); EHS approves waste facility permits in Marin
- January 2026: Jamie Harris, Scott Tignac, Bill Avery and Jeffrey Ziegenbein from Waste Management, the private company that owns and operates the Redwood Landfill in Novato

Following these presentations, the LTF Infrastructure & End Markets (I&EM) Subcommittee submitted a formal recommendation to the JPA Board titled *Long-Range Landfill Planning Prioritization in Marin County*. The LTF recommends that the JPA Board:

- Prioritize long-range landfill planning, including expansion of the existing site and exploration of alternative sites;
- Direct Zero Waste Marin to coordinate with relevant Marin County departments;
- Establish landfill planning as a regular item on JPA Board agendas;
- Provide regular updates to the LTF, including updated timelines for remaining landfill capacity.

A multi-year timeline for prioritization, plan development and implementation was outlined. The Executive Director identified specific next steps to operationalize the LTF recommendations through fiscal year 2027 including:

- Coordinating presentations and permit updates from Redwood Landfill;
- Establishing recurring coordination meetings with EHS regarding permit status;
- Reviewing Integrated Waste Management Plan requirements under AB 939;
- Providing regular updates to both the JPA Board and LTF;
- Exploring issuance of an RFP for a Countywide Materials Flow Study

These actions are intended to ensure proactive planning, regulatory coordination, and data-informed decision-making regarding long-term landfill capacity in Marin County.

FISCAL IMPACT

Negligible, apart from staff time.

EQUITY IMPACT

The LTF stressed equity concerns if landfill capacity is not properly managed, citing the possibility for rates to increase if waste needs to be hauled elsewhere. This would disproportionately affect low-income ratepayers.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a motion to accept the Local Task Force recommendation titled *Long-Range Landfill Planning Prioritization in Marin County*; and Direct Zero Waste Marin staff to implement the Executive Director's recommended next steps, including coordination with Redwood Landfill and Environmental Health Services, regular permit status updates, review of AB 939 planning requirements, and exploration of a Countywide Materials Flow Study; and Establish landfill capacity planning as a standing item for periodic updates to the JPA Board and the Local Task Force.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Local Task Force Recommendation: Long-Range Landfill Planning Prioritization in Marin County



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PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING WASTE CHARACTERIZATION STUDY – ITEM 4

TO Local Task Force
FROM Meilin Tsao, Waste Management Specialist
SUBJECT Public Meeting Regarding Waste Characterization Study
DATE Thursday, March 12th, 2026

This item is to provide an update on the WCS Implementation Plan and the WCS Ad-Hoc Subcommittee. The group met on 2/19/2026 to discuss next steps for a public workshop to receive feedback on ZWM's Waste Characterization Study Implementation Plan. The group refined that the purpose of hosting a public workshop is for ZWM to host a forum for public participation with staff and LTF members, and to receive comments on how ZWM should direct programming to effectively implement the recommendations SCS provided in the WCS report. Also, the Subcommittee emphasized that ZWM and the LTF should focus on increasing public knowledge and progressively growing public knowledge towards stronger public actions.

The group discussed the options of one or two workshops, but staff concluded that only one is feasible at this time. As San Rafael is the most central location in Marin, we are inquiring with facilities that may be able to accommodate us on a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday evening from 5:30-7pm. Spanish translation services and light refreshments will be available.

The format of the workshop will be as follows: ZWM will give a 10-15 minute presentation in which staff will outline what is a WCS, why did ZWM conduct a WCS study, the results of the study, the recommendations SCS provided, and what ZWM has implemented since receiving the recommendations. After the presentation, the room will be opened to a poster-board style format; the broad recommendations with ZWM and LTF refined strategies will be throughout the room and attendees will provide feedback via notes. Staff and LTF members who choose to attend will be available for attendees to speak with throughout the workshop. Attendees are welcome to come and go as they please.

RECOMMENDATION

Information only. Receive and file.



SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES – ITEM 5

TO Local Task Force
FROM Casey Fritz, Senior Planner
SUBJECT Subcommittee Updates
DATE Thursday, March 12th, 2026

Subcommittees were established in the November 2023 Local Task Force meeting with a goal of facilitating more focused discussion and recommendations. The Subcommittees formed included:

- Infrastructure & End Markets
- Compliance & Regulations
- Outreach & Education
- Construction & Demolition

At each meeting, Subcommittees will report on their recent activities and any upcoming recommendations or projects.

RECOMMENDATION

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UPDATE SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP / LEADERSHIP – ITEM 6

TO Local Task Force
FROM Casey Fritz, Senior Planner
SUBJECT Update Subcommittee Membership and Leadership
DATE Thursday, March 12th, 2026

Dale McDonald, the previous Chair of the Compliance & Regulations Subcommittee, has stepped down from the Local Task Force. As a result, the Compliance & Regulations Subcommittee currently does not have a designated chair and has not been meeting regularly. This vacancy presents an opportunity for the LTF to not only appoint a new Chair, but also to conduct a broader review of the purpose, activity level, and structure of all existing subcommittees to ensure they remain aligned with the current priorities.

The LTF currently has four Subcommittees. The status is summarized below:

Subcommittee Name	Subcommittee Chair	Subcommittee Membership	Meets Regularly?
Infrastructure & End Markets	Kevin McElroy	Kevin McElroy Celia Furber Greg Christie Matt McCarron Justin Wilcock	Yes
Compliance & Regulations	VACANT	Greg Christie Deirdre Fennessy Justin Wilcock	No
Outreach & Education	No Chair designated	Susan Hopp Jinesse Reynolds Deirdre Fennessy Marisa Nordstrom Kyle LaRue	?
Construction & Demolition	Justin Wilcock	Justin Wilcock Chuck Hornbrook Greg Chrisite Kevin McElroy	Yes



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RECOMMENDATION

Action: ZWM recommends that the LTF review all existing Subcommittees and determine whether any Subcommittees need to be dissolved, consolidated, restructured, or newly created. Following the review, ZWM recommends the LTF appoint Subcommittee Chairs and confirm membership of all active subcommittees to ensure clear leadership, accountability, and ongoing engagement.



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SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS – ITEM 7

TO Local Task Force
FROM Casey Fritz, Senior Planner
SUBJECT Suggested Agenda Items
DATE Thursday, March 12th, 2026

Local Task Force members can suggest agenda items for the next meeting during this time.

RECOMMENDATION
Information Only. Receive and file.