ZERO WASTE MARIN

MARIN COUNTY HAZARDOUS AND SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

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AGENDA: AB 939 LOCAL TASK FORCE MEETING

DATE Thursday, September 3, 2026

TIME 10:00am – 11:15am

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

Local Task Force Members Present

Special Districts
Angela Beran, Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District
Casey Poldino, Novato Sanitary District
Kevin McElroy, Bolinas Public Utilities District

Environmental Organizations
Susan Hopp, Plastic Free Marin

Haulers
Greg Christie, Bay Cities Refuse
Justin Wilcock, Marin Sanitary Service
Celia Furber, Recology Sonoma-Marin

Public
Jinesse Reynolds, Ross Valley
Deirdre Fennessy, Unincorporated
Chuck Hornbrook, Southern Marin

Staff Present

Kimberly Scheibly (Executive Director)
Amy Kolnes (Staff)
Casey Fritz (Staff)
Meilin Tsao (Staff)
Ellie Vendegna (Staff)
Justin Newsome (Admin)

Public Non-Members Present:

Nik Kaestner, CupCycle

CALL TO ORDER

Regular session was called to order at 10:01 a.m.

1. **Open Time for Public Comment (Items not on the agenda)**
   No public comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. Approve LTF Meeting Minutes from July 9th 2026

Motion to approve the LTF Meeting Minutes from July 9th 2026.
First Kevin McElroy, Bolinas Public Utilities District
Second Jinesse Reynolds, Ross Valley

Vote Count

Angela Beran: Aye
Casey Poldino: Aye
Kevin McElroy: Aye
Susan Hopp: Aye
Kyle LaRue: Absent
Greg Christie: Aye
Justin Wilcock: Absent
Celia Furber: Aye
Matt McCarron: Absent
Jinesse Reynolds: Aye
Deirdre Fennessy: Aye
Chuck Hornbrook: Absent

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

Motion passed

3. Legislative Update

ZWM staff Meilin Tsao updated the Local Task Force (LTF) on what makes up the SB 54 single-use packaging and requirements for producers. By 2032 (In California), 100% of single-use packaging and plastic single-use food ware will be recyclable or compostable, with 65% of plastic single-use packaging and food ware to be recycled. CalRecle will regulate and oversee compliance, Circular Action Alliance (CAA) will operate the program with local jurisdictions being the service providers.

Local jurisdictions/haulers must include recyclable and compostable covered materials in their programs by January 1, 2027 or receive an exemption from CalRecycle with the list of covered materials being updated annually. The Plastic Pollution Mitigation Fund (PPMF) is headed up by the CalEPA, CA Natural Resources (CNRA), Strategic Growth Council (CSG), and CA Department of Justice (DOJ) with 5 billion dollars allocated over 10 years to mitigate impacts of plastic pollution. ZWM Staff Tsao additionally covered the funding eligibility and categories along with the program guidelines.

The reimbursable costs were highlighted to included outreach and education, transportation of covered materials, waste audits, transportation of covered materials, and system improvements. ZWM currently attend regional planning meetings. In addition, created a Marin-specific CMC list, responsibility matrix, reimbursable cost

chart, worked with the Technical Advisory Council with jurisdiction staff and created exemption documentation and processes.

ZWM staff identified 31 bills relating to HHW, solid waste, recycling waste, organics, and food recovery. During the months of January through August these bills are tracked for updates. September is when the passed bills make it to the Governor's desk to be signed of vetoed. ZWM has signed onto coalition letters (AB 762, AB 1604, AB 2667, SB 501, SB 936) and letters of support for the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund.

4. **CupCycle Pilot Presentation**
ZWM staff Casey Fritz introduced Nik Kaestner of CupCycle, who presented to the LTF on reusables. Nick shared background on CupCycle and waste data with the LTF. The goal with CupCycle is to eventually be a non-profit and work within government systems to create an accessible system. Nick highlighted pain points for implementation and resuse rates. Additionally, CupCycle's checkout process, cup design, reuse, and RFID check-in process for used cups. Nick closed out with final takeaways of the program.

Information Only

Board Comments
A brief Q&A was held

Public Comments
No public comments

5. **ZWM Annual Report 2025-26 FY**
ZWM staff Fritz briefly highlighted the partnership between the Marin County Office of Education, in which, the vape pin collection efforts totaled 437 vape pens from Marin County schools. The cost-share subsidy program for farms and gardens with compost and mulch products. ZWM staff inspected 56 edible food generators in compliance with SB 1383 and 90 on-site visits to businesses for aid with assistance. Color coded containers were distributed along with the first ever public informational workshop that was held to solicit feedback on the Waste Characterization Study (WCS). It was also mentioned the battery drop-off was extended and the success of the Repair Fair program (520 items fixed). A postcard was sent to county residents focusing on composting; the procurement of recycled organic waste products and grant for used motor oil grant from CalRecycle continued. The financial audit was completed and the CalRecycle Electronic Annual Report. ZWM programs have certified 28 of 47 schools have been certified and the Give Old Food New Life campaign received over 5 million impressions over the social media platforms.

A brief Q&A was held.

6. **Studies Update**
   ZWM staff Tsao shared the results of the Organics Capacity Study which found the county is slightly short of the being able to manage if the SB 1383 goal of 100% organics recycling in Marin County. The biomass study recommended composting capacity increases in addition to other organics products. ZWM staff has an implementation plan for the WCS and will give quarterly updates to the LTF and JPA board.

7. **Subcommittee Updates**
   Infrastructure and End Markers reported a July trip to explore reuse. The highlights were the importance of real estate and proximity between the locations visited.

   Construction and Demolition reported the desire to speak with the former Executive Director of the waste station and a field trip to visit Green Lakes. Two seminars will be hosted with Green Lakes and the Reuse Alliance (Belvedere-Tiburon Library, September 9th 6pm-7:30pm and Mill Valley Library, September 24th 6pm-7:30pm)

   Education and Outreach reported success of one-on-one workshops and Plastic Free Marin viewing a documentary (Plastic Detox - Mill Valley Library September 23rd).

8. **Suggested Agenda Items**
   No items reported

9. **Adjournment**
   Chair Celia Furber adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

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: _____

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Abstentions: _____