

Humboldt County

Solid Waste Local Task Force

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Arcata
Blue Lake
Eureka
Ferndale
Fortuna
Rio Dell
Trinidad

County of Humboldt

Humboldt Waste
Management Authority

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The Local Task Force is also responsible for assisting in the coordination, review and implementation the county and cities 5-Year CIWMP Report.

Agenda

Thursday, October 10, 2019 (9am-10am)

Adorni Center Conference Room (1011 Waterfront Dr.)

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- 1. Call to order**
- 2. Introductions/Roll Call**
- 3. July 11, 2019 Minutes (attached) – Approval**
- 4. Jurisdiction Representative Reports- Review and discuss**
- 5. Recycling Contamination Regional Approach**
- 6. Compliance Issues (CRV, Plastic Bags & Straws, Contamination etc.)**
 - a. Review CalRecycle compliance (attached)**
- 7. Zero Waste Concept Proposal (attached)**
 - a. Zero Waste Goal Resolution – Review and discuss**
- 8. HWMA Report**
- 9. Oral and Written Communications**

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- 10. Adjournment**

July 11, 2019 Minutes

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Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2019
Eureka City Hall, Room 207
531 K St.

Local Task Force Representatives:

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| Arcata | Julie Neander |
| Blue Lake | Nathan Sailor |
| Eureka | Miles Slattery |
| Ferndale | <i>Not Present</i> |
| Fortuna | Kevin Carter |
| Humboldt Co. | Tom Matteson |
| Trinidad | Eli Naffah |
| Rio Dell | Kyle Knopp |

HWMA Jill Duffy

Members of the Public – Zero Waste Humboldt, CalRecycle, and County of Humboldt Environmental Health staff were present.

Meeting was called to order by Miles Slattery at 9:00am, with introductions by all attendees.

- 11. Call to order**
- 12. Introductions/Roll Call**
- 13. October 15, 2018 Minutes (attached) – Approval**

Summary – No Comments

Motion/Second – Kyle/Tom

Public Comment - NA

Vote – Passed Unanimously

- 14. Waste Characterization Proposal (attached)**

Jill Duffy, HWMA provided a proposal by Cascadia to conduct a Waste Characterization. The last characterization was nearly 10 years ago and the scope of waste has changed since then which means we could learn new things from a new study. HWMA has budgeted for

this expense in their 2020 budget. While HWMA board has the power to approve this proposal, HWMA seeks recommendation from the LTF. Both Arcata and Eureka expressed support. Motion was made to recommend HWMA pursue the proposal.

Motion/Second- Miles/Julie

Public Comment - NA

Vote – Passed Unanimously

15. Jurisdiction Representative Reports- *Review and discuss*

Eureka- Updated on Zero Waste Action Plan. Have contracted with Zero Waste Humboldt and are in data gathering and public outreach stage.

Humboldt County- Their current big project is the Redway transfer station remodel. The space has been outdated, inefficient, and needing work for a long time.

Arcata- Awarded Cal Recycle food rescue grant to expand food recovery to more businesses and organizations. They also recently created a Zero Waste Taskforce appointed by council comprised of community members and business reps. Their task is to help implement the ZWAP goals. They expect final recommendations later this year. Their council is also looking at a takeout container ordinance and staff are working on an ordinance that balances waste concerns and business viability.

Rio Dell- Currently looking into multi-family units not composting food or green waste. Also looking into mandatory universal garbage service though not sure of timeline.

HWMA- Would like to propose to cancel the staff meetings to review HWMA board agenda prior to monthly HWMA board meetings. The reasoning is often no member has any concerns about the agenda so many people do not attend. Members will still receive the agenda over email and are welcome to reach out to Jill with any concerns. Others present suggested a monthly phone call check in with is optional.

16. Compliance Issues (CRV, Plastic Bags & Straws, Contamination etc.)

Eureka is deficient in compliance on west side of Indianola. Arcata has no CRV facility but understands themselves as exempt by CalRecycle due to the lack of economic viability of a facility. HWMA had looked into a reverse vending machine in Arcata but that still was not economically viable due to still requiring a staff present in case of technical difficulties. CRV facilities only make money off of scrap profits which is little.

State plastic bag law was discussed and what each jurisdictions requirement is. Group concluded that it is state responsibility but reps from Eureka and Arcata agreed it was still in jurisdiction interest to support the law. Arcata conducts outreach to businesses

and looks into any complaints. Zero Waste Humboldt mentioned clerks need to notify of 10 cent fee upon purchase and sees this is not happening. Fortuna and County believe this is because clerks assume people already know and that it is common knowledge. Eureka suggested stickers for businesses to put at cash register. Group is interested in what resources the state provides for compliance and CalRecycle said they would let us know. Update on this topic will occur at the next meeting.

CalRecycle also shared that there will be a state law down the line requiring color coding disposal bins.

17. Consolidated 2017 Diversion Reports and Pounds Per Person Per Day (attached)-
Review and discuss

HWMA provided this info to jurisdictions so they can check it for accuracy. There were some discrepancies and HWMA clarified section labels and pointed out some jurisdiction numbers which should be looked into.

18. Zero Waste Strategies

HWMA brought forward a recommendation for the LTF to adopt a zero-waste goal. Something achievable such as a % reduction by a certain date. This item will appear on the next agenda for closer consideration.

19. Regional Recycling

a. Organics Diversion Efforts Recommendations (attached)

HWMA has an organics diversion presentation available for jurisdictions to use and modify for their own needs. Jurisdictions are encouraged to use it.

9. HWMA Report- none

10. Oral and Written Communications- none

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Cal Recycle Compliance

Spencer Fine, CalRecycle (in reference to plastic bag law):

Below is an excerpt from The Public Resources Code which describes the enforcement of SB 270. CalRecycle is not the enforcement authority so we are unable to provide interpretation of the statute in regards to compliance with its provisions. Enforcement authority is with local governments and the Office of the Attorney General. CalRecycle typically refer complaints regarding producers of reusable grocery bags or stores not charging for bags to the Office of the Attorney General and their District Attorney when we receive them. CalRecycle have previously received complaints regarding stores giving out bags for free or not giving bags out at all but since we are not the enforcement authority, we do not pursue the complaints.

Article 4. Enforcement

42285.

- (a) A city, a county, a city and county, or the state may impose civil liability on a person or entity that knowingly violated this chapter, or reasonably should have known that it violated this chapter, in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per day for the first violation of this chapter, two thousand dollars (\$2,000) per day for the second violation, and five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per day for the third and subsequent violations.

- (b) Any civil penalties collected pursuant to subdivision (a) shall be paid to the office of the city attorney, city prosecutor, district attorney, or Attorney General, whichever office brought the action. The penalties collected pursuant to this section by the Attorney General may be expended by the Attorney General, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to enforce this chapter.

Zero Waste Concept Proposal



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Date: July 10, 2019

To: Local Task Force Members

From: Jill Duffy, Executive Director

Subject: Consider Zero Waste Concept Proposal

Concept Proposal:

That the Local Task Force consider 1) establishing a “Zero Waste Goal”, and develop a “Zero Waste Resolution” with broad goals and policies that jurisdictions can customize as appropriate for their individual community to reflect unique community needs and work together regionally.

Additionally, that the LTF develop and circulate a menu of “Zero Waste Principles & Strategies” for distribution to jurisdictions and other interested persons or community groups.

Background

HWMA adopted a 75% diversion goal in May 2013; however beyond diversion activities performed by HWMA at satellite sites and the transfer station implementation of regional efforts and activities will require active participation of Member Agencies and public.

Arcata is committed to developing and implementing Zero Waste Strategies, and City of Eureka staff is initiating strategies. By setting regional Zero Waste Goal all jurisdictions would be able to work in a coordinated manner.

Pathway & Action

1. That the LTF place this item onto a future agenda for discussion and action.
2. With approval of the LTF, HWMA will initiate development of a model Zero Waste Resolution, principles and strategies that LTF members can review and amend as appropriate.

- a. The model resolution could incorporate principles and strategies consistent with existing goals and strategies approved by the cities of Arcata and Eureka.
 - b. Develop actions in a menu typ application for customization by jurisdictions.
 - c. Be inclusive of solid waste reduction, expand recycling, organic diversion and re-use.
3. Demonstrate a regional commitment that could assist in planning for sustain funding for infrastructure development.
 4. Jurisdictions could better coordinate for curbside services and processing with franchise haulers where appropriate.

Objectives for consideration could include:

1. Jurisdictions to lead by example. Institute and/or expand high diversion and ZW goals and programs for local government facilities, events and projects.
2. Encourage the public to use existing and future diversion services.
3. Educate the public by expanding information illustrating existing diversion opportunities, benefits of reducing wasteful consumption and increasing diversion through reuse, upcycling, repair, composting and recycling.
4. Commit to reducing the total pounds per person per day generated by at least 10% annually. The current PPPD ranges between 2.9-7.6 PPD, depending on jurisdiction.
5. Set a Zero Waste goal to divert X% of waste from landfills by 20xx
6. Jurisdictions to lead by example. Institute and/or expand high diversion and Zero Waste goals and programs for local government facilities, events, and projects. (how to incorporate federal, state and tribal lands within Humboldt County)
7. Other strategies....

These objectives would assist in meeting the goals to:

- Reduce waste generation and maximize diversion of resources from landfill disposal
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 1) progressive reduction of material in landfills; and 2) potentially reduce transportation related GHG of material
- Benefit public and environmental health through the proper handling and diversion of material for appropriate reuse or recycling.
- Create jobs and encourage entrepreneurs to create goods, thus strengthening our local economy.
- Create a locally sustainable county.