

# Humboldt County Local Task Force

## Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 1, 2021 at 10:30 AM

### Cities of:

Arcata  
Blue Lake  
Eureka  
Ferndale  
Fortuna  
Rio Dell  
Trinidad

### County of Humboldt

### Humboldt Waste Management Authority

*The Humboldt County Local Task Force serves in an advisory capacity to individual agencies and the HWMA towards the implementation of the integrated management of solid wastes and recyclables.*

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

### Virtual Meeting Link

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## 1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Arcata	Emily Benvie
Blue Lake	Not Present
Eureka	Donna Wood (Chair), Robin Praszker
Ferndale	Not Present
Fortuna	Merritt Perry
Humboldt Co.	Tom Mattson
Trinidad	Eli Naffah (late arrival)
Rio Dell	Kyle Knopp

HWMA Jill Duffy, Eric Keller-Heckman

### Members of the Public

Linda Wise – Recology  
Frank Nelson - Recology  
Spencer Fine – CalRecycle  
Maggie Gainer – Zero Waste Humboldt  
Bob Natt  
LB

## 2. Teleconference Meetings

Motion to authorize remote teleconference meetings of the Solid Waste Local Task Force pursuant to Brown Act provisions due to a state of emergency and imminent risk of in-person meetings as Humboldt County remains an area of high COVID-19 transmission by Merritt Perry (Fortuna). Second by Tom Mattson (Humboldt County).

Public comment opened and closed at 10:33am.

Motion passed.

Ayes: Arcata, Eureka, Fortuna, Rio Dell, Humboldt County

Noes: None

Absent: Blue Lake, Ferndale, Trinidad

Abstain: None

## 3. Approval of July 6, 2021 Minutes

Motion to approve minutes as submitted by Merritt Perry (Fortuna). Second by Emily Benvie (Arcata).

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Public comment opened and closed at 10:34am.

Motion passed.

Ayes: Arcata, Eureka, Fortuna, Rio Dell, Humboldt County

Noes: None

Absent: Blue Lake, Ferndale, Trinidad

Abstain: None

#### **4. Approval of August 30, 2021 Minutes**

Motion to approve minutes as submitted by Emily Benvie (Arcata). Second by Tom Mattson (Humboldt County).

Public comment opened and closed at 10:35am.

Motion passed.

Ayes: Arcata, Eureka, Fortuna, Rio Dell, Humboldt County

Noes: None

Absent: Blue Lake, Ferndale, Trinidad

Abstain: None

#### **5. Jurisdiction Representative Reports**

Arcata – Staff have been working hard as a member of the SB 1383 Ad Hoc Committee.

Eureka – Staff have been active on the SB 1383 Ad Hoc Committee. Thank you to Arcata and Fortuna for sharing their power point presentations as Eureka staff will be going to council later this month.

Humboldt County – The recruitment for a solid waste program coordinator was poor so the position will be listed as open until filled.

Fortuna, Rio Dell, Trinidad – No report.

Blue Lake, Ferndale– Not present

#### **6. Ongoing Discussion Items**

##### **1. Recycling**

##### **a. CA Redemption Value Buy Back Centers**

Jill Duffy, HWMA, provided an update. Hambro is still working on the permitting process with the City of Arcata. They are sharing on social media about not opening on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

##### **b. Curbside Recycling**

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Linda Wise, Recology, provided an update. Recology continues to sample curbside customers.

### **c. Contamination Ad Hoc**

Robin Praszker (Eureka) provided an update. There is not a lot to update and is an overlap of committee members between the ad hoc committees. The committee is slated to receive a presentation from Recology regarding contamination and have received presentations from two other Recology branches.

## **2. “Mandatory Organic Recycling (AB1826) and “Short Lived Climate Pollutants” (SB1383)**

**a. SB1383 Ad Hoc** – Donna Wood (Eureka, Chair) shared that the next agenda item will serve as the update.

## **7. SB1383 Consultant RFP**

HWMA – Jill Duffy provided a report and presentation. HWMA, Arcata, Eureka, Fortuna and Humboldt County have been working together as the SB 1383 ad hoc committee. HWMA would act as a lead to find a consultant for SB1383 compliance with approval from the HWMA Board. The scope of services will consist of a compliance plan roadmap, organics processing and collection, edible food recovery, procurement and waste management structure. An RFP was released and proposals were reviewed and scored by ad hoc committee members. Out of the proposals received, Edgar & Associates was ranked number one.

SB 1383 Ad Hoc recommendations are as follows:

1. That the Chair of the Humboldt County Solid Waste Local Task Force recommend to the HWMA Board of Directors at their November 11, 2021 meeting to enter into a professional agreement with Edgar & Associates for SB 1383 & Organics Compliance Services; and
2. That HWMA serve as the lead for project administration, with assistance from participating jurisdiction representatives. The designated HWMA representative will be the Executive Director, or her/his designee; and
3. That participating jurisdictions contribute a share of cost to assist in the service funding through a letter of commitment to HWMA.

Humboldt County – This was very rigorous, robust and energetic process. Thank you to all of the committee members for really taking the time to do homework and research.

Fortuna – This is a good process. Question for HWMA, what do you think about the negotiation of fee?

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HWMA – Jill will have to get back to everyone on that as it wasn't discussed. A copy of the contract was submitted with the proposal and there were no objections to the contract. A conversation is needed to refine tasks and change of cost associated. Guidance is needed from the LTF.

Arcata – We have a really strong team. Everyone spent several hours individually and collectively. There is really great diversity and perspective and we're feeling really confident and comfortable with where we landed.

Rio Dell – Question on recommendation number 3. Any question regarding the smaller cities and the fixed fee?

HWMA – The County is able to pay a specified amount. There is a formula to calculate a portion of each jurisdiction's share. HWMA need to have a conversation with each jurisdiction in order to fine tune the share of cost. The LTF needs to make a decision or recommendation.

Fortuna – Once there's the cost breakdown, a letter of commitment is needed from each jurisdiction.

Humboldt County– If the smaller cities don't participate now, they will be doing this whole process on their own in two years. Participating now will provide the most cost savings.

Public comment opened and closed at 11:01am.

Motion to approve SB 1383 Ad Hoc Committee recommendations 1-3 as presented by Kyle Knopp (Rio Dell). Second by Emily Benvie (Arcata).

Motion passed.

Ayes: Arcata, Eureka, Fortuna, Rio Dell, Humboldt County

Noes: None

Absent: Blue Lake, Ferndale

Abstain: Trinidad

### **8. Humboldt Waste Management Authority Waste Characterization Study – Final Report – September 2021**

Jill Duffy (HWMA) provided a report. The presentation is available online along with the report.

### **9. Integrated Waste Management Plan**

HWMA – Jill Duffy provided a report. The draft report was circulated at the June meeting. It is a more robust report process and is prepared every 5 years. The LTF

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needs to review and approve the plan before it can be uploaded to the CalRecycle website.

CalRecycle – Spencer Fine shared that Jill nailed it in her report. The report is not due until 2022 and you are ahead of schedule.

Public comment was open and closed at 11:09am.

Motion to approve the five-year integration plan by Merritt Perry (Fortuna). Second by Kyle Knopp (Rio Dell).

Motion passed.

Ayes: Eureka, Arcata, Trinidad, Fortuna, County, Rio Dell

Noes: None

Absent: Blue Lake, Ferndale

Abstain: None

### **10. Non-Local Task Force Organization Reports**

This is a standing agenda item for non-member organizations to provide reports to the SWLTF on their respective waste management topics.

1. **HWMA** –No report.
2. **Recology** –Linda Wise provided a report. Recology is getting into 1383 ready mode. There will be a ballot measure in 2022 and local government support for the initiative is requested.
3. **Zero Waste Humboldt** –Maggie Gainer provided a report. She shared information about the movie *Reuse*. Laws can't solve the problem but can help and are being driven by the State's concern for global warming.
4. **LEA** – No report.
5. **CalRecycle** – No report.

### **11. Proposed Future Tasks/Actions**

The LTF will identify tasks or action items to be addressed at a specified LTF meeting.

Eureka – Any thought on when to have the next meeting? January or February?  
Robin will send a doodle poll.

Humboldt County – February is preferred for the next meeting.

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Zero Waste Humboldt – Maggie Gainer shared that Zero Waste Humboldt can give a presentation on upcoming legislation and SB 1383.

Recology – Linda Wise can provide outreach materials to communities about SB 1383.

CalRecycle – Spencer Fine shared that SB 619 passed and allows alternative pathways to compliance.

12. **Oral and Written Communications** –Public comment opened and closed at 11:21am.

13. **Adjournment** at 11:22am. Next meeting to be determined by chair.