

Humboldt County

Solid Waste Local Task Force-

Cities of:

Arcata
Blue Lake
Eureka
Ferndale
Fortuna
Rio Dell
Trinidad

County of Humboldt

Humboldt Waste Management Authority

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Agenda-

Monday, January 31, 2022 (11:00 am-12:30 pm)

Virtual Meeting Link

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call

2. Teleconference Meetings (report attached)

Recommendation: 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.

3. November 1, 2021 Minutes (attached) – Review & Approve

4. 2022 Chair – Elect 2022 Chairperson

5. 2022 Vice Chair- Elect 2022 Vice Chairperson

6. Jurisdiction Representative Reports- Receive updates and take action as appropriate.

7. Ongoing Discussion Items

1. Recycling

a. **CA Redemption Value Buy Back Centers-** Receive update from Peter Fuller, Executive Director of HWMA; Take action as appropriate.

b. **Curbside Recycling-** Receive update from Linda Wise, General Manager of Recology. Take action as appropriate.

c. **Contamination Ad Hoc-** *Receive update from Ad Hoc members*

2. **“Mandatory Organic Recycling” (AB1826) and “Short Lived Climate Pollutants” (SB1383) -** *Group discussion; Take action as appropriate.*

a. **Edgar and Associates Presentation-** *Receive presentation on regional SB1383 compliance efforts by Edgar & Associates*

b. **SB1383 Ad Hoc-** *Receive update from Ad Hoc members*

8. **LTF Recurring Meetings-** *Discuss recurring meeting dates to replace doodle poll system*

9. **Non-Local Task Force Organization Reports**

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1. HWMA
2. Recology
3. Zero Waste Humboldt
4. LEA

10. **Proposed Future Tasks/Actions**

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

11. **Oral and Written Communications**

- a. This time is provided for people to address the Task Force or to submit written communications concerning matters not on this agenda. Task Force Members may respond to statements, but any request that requires action will be referred to appropriate agency staff for review. Reasonable time limits may be imposed on both the total amount of time allocated for this item, and on the time permitted to each individual speaker. Such time allotment or portion thereof shall not be transferred to other speakers.

13. **Adjournment**

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REPORT

SUBJECT: Item 2) Teleconference Meetings

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Voice vote.

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.

On September 16 Governor Newsom signed AB 361 into law. The bill revises the Ralph M. Brown Act by continuing the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20's teleconference rule waivers under certain conditions through January 1, 2024.

AB 361 allows the Solid Waste Local Taskforce, its subcommittees to meet virtually provided that:

1. A state-proclaimed state of emergency exists, and
2. State or local public health officials impose or recommend social distancing measures.

The Task Force may also find that, as a result of the proclaimed emergency, meeting in-person presents an imminent threat to the health or safety of attendees. Below are the findings:

- Proclamation of Imminent Risk of In-Person Meetings. The SWLTF hereby proclaims that as Humboldt County remains an area of high transmission of COVID-19 as determined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, that meeting in-person presents imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.
- Ratification of Governor's Proclamation of a State of Emergency. The SWLTF hereby ratifies the Governor of the State of California's Proclamation of State of Emergency, effective as of its issuance date of March 4, 2020.
- Remote Teleconference Meetings. The members of the Solid Waste Local Task Force, including but not limited to the members and its subcommittees, are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this recommendation including conducting open and public meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e) and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.

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- Effective Date. This motion shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective for 30 days or until this motion is extended by a majority vote of the SWLTF
- Extension by Motion. The SWLTF may extend the application of this by motion and majority vote by up to 30 days at a time, provided that it makes all necessary findings consistent with and pursuant to the requirements of Section 54953(e)(3).

In conclusion, meeting in-person during the current state of emergency would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees. This recommendation would permit meetings under the provisions of AB 361 for a period of 30 days. After 30 days, the Task Force would need to renew its recommendation, consistent with the requirements of AB 361, if it desires to continue meeting under the modified Brown Act requirements or allow the authorization to lapse.

Staff recommends the SWLTF approve the recommendation which provides necessary findings that, as a result of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency, that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of participants.

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Meeting Minutes

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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 1st.

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

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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.