

Humboldt County Local Task Force

Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 31, 2022 at 11:00 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	Trevor Pumnea
Eureka	Donna Wood (Chair), Robin Praszker
Ferndale	Not Present
Fortuna	Merritt Perry, Bob Natt
Humboldt Co.	Tom Mattson
Trinidad	Eli Naffah
Rio Dell	Kyle Knopp (late arrival)

HWMA Peter Fuller, Eric Keller-Heckman

Members of the Public

Linda Wise – Recology
Frank Nelson – Recology
Spencer Fine – CalRecycle
Mario Kalson – DHHS – Public Health
Tasha Eisner – Humboldt Sanitation Co.
Carolyn Hawkins – Humboldt LEA
Tracy Taylor – Humboldt State

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 Emily Benvie (Arcata).

Public comment:

Carolyn Hawkins asked how remote meetings are announced publicly if people want to attend.

Robin Praszker shared that the agenda is posted physically at Eureka City Hall and on the City of Eureka's waste page online. Open to recommendation for further outreach but those are the minimum requirements.

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Motion passed.

Ayes: Arcata, Blue Lake, Eureka, Fortuna, Rio Dell, Trinidad, Humboldt County

Noes: None

Absent: Ferndale

Abstain: None

3. Approval of November 1, 2021 Minutes

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

Public comment opened and closed.

Motion passed.

Ayes: Arcata, Blue Lake, Eureka, Fortuna, Rio Dell, Trinidad, Humboldt County

Noes: None

Absent: Ferndale

Abstain: None

4. Elect 2022 Chairperson

Elect Donna Wood (Eureka) to serve as 2022 Chairperson.

Public comment opened and closed.

Ayes: Arcata, Blue Lake, Eureka, Fortuna, Rio Dell, Trinidad, Humboldt County

Noes: None

Absent: Ferndale

Abstain: None

5. Elect 2022 Vice Chairperson

Elect Emily Benvie (Arcata) to serve as 2022 Vice Chairperson.

Public comment opened and closed.

Ayes: Arcata, Blue Lake, Eureka, Fortuna, Rio Dell, Trinidad, Humboldt County

Noes: None

Absent: Ferndale

Abstain: None

6. Jurisdiction Representative Reports

Arcata – Second round of funding June 15, CalRecycle says, yes, the ordinance was required. Groups indicated that it would be required by June 2022. Arcata was feeling like Eureka that it may be too soon to have that in place. Also, happy to jump on board with bulky item. Ending CalWaste Prevention and Rescue grant.

Eureka – Preventing holiday waste PSA was well received and regionally working together on waste topics. Before COVID, we had created ads about bulky item pickup, do we want continue with that type of outreach? Linda Wise shared that the focus on holiday waste specifically had an impact. Donna Wood shared that Eureka has chosen to pause.

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Fortuna – Get SB 1383 grants in there, that’s what we’re paying for Edgar and Associates. It makes sense for people to submit that grant. Compliance with SB1383, we could get that done by April. Is an ordinance required? Mandatory ordinance by April 1st? Looking at the grant and it requires a draft resolution which is designated.

CalRecycle – Says just a resolution.

Recology – Eric Keller-Heckman from previous emails says adopt an ordinance or similar mechanism for first round funding.

Humboldt County – Encouraged to submit anyway even if we haven’t had it complete. County says yes to helping with bulky item pickup outreach.

Blue Lake, Rio Dell, Trinidad – No report.

Ferndale– Not present

7. Ongoing Discussion Items

1. Recycling

a. CA Redemption Value Buy Back Centers

Peter Fuller, HWMA, provided an update. In July direction from board for CRV, was to give Hambro the opportunity to get things going in 6 months. David Schlagel on December 14th, Arcata approved minor use permit, then went back to council for clarification. Emily Benvie shared the site location is in the coastal zone so it’s up to the Coastal Commission.

b. Curbside Recycling

Linda Wise, Recology, provided an update. It is related to CRV buy back centers. Just today we sent a confidential document to HWMA for the recycling service fee to be implemented in July for 2022-23, favorable in jurisdictions, any changes to HWMA tip fees with regard to disposal. CRV materials in the recycling, so unusual as, we get CRV curbside so we can credit that to the ratepayers. But we have issues where we could all work better with communications. 32.7 % coming out of the backend that could be contributed to HWMA. There are opportunities.

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Frank Nelson added that what is being seen on the frontline is working but we're looking for something more actionable in the future.

c. Contamination Ad Hoc

Robin Praszker (Eureka) provided an update. Ad hoc helped launch that campaign. Next month, outreach and education services from Zero Waste Humboldt, (we can report on that presentation that they'll give).

Maggie Gainer (Zero Waste Humboldt) added that there is a video from national Zero Waste conference. You can address the at-the-curb symptom (which is a confused public) such as single use plastics.

Spencer Fine (CalRecycle) shared additional information.

<https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp/owrlocalassistancegrant/faq202122> Can you please explain first and second round funding?

First round funding will go to applicants who certify that they will have an enforceable ordinance(s), or similarly enforceable mechanism (Title 14, CCR, section 18981.2) submitted to CalRecycle by April 1, 2022 and will have their Resolution(s) with, if applicable, Letters of Authorization submitted by the March 1, 2022 due date. All other applicants will have until June 14, 2022 to submit the aforementioned documentation and will receive second round funding. Samples are located on the CalRecycle Resolution and Letter Examples webpage.

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

- a. **Edgar and Associates Presentation**– SWLTF received a presentation on regional SB1383 compliance efforts by Edgar and Associates.

PRESENTATION: Friday – edible food recovery. (Email Eric Keller-Heckman for video.) SB619 was just being signed. Have programs phased in by 2022 as late as 2023. Surplus money \$60 million will go to local jurisdictions. Round 1 – ordinance must be done. Round 2 – awarded as late as September with a lot of flexibility, but a lot of accountability. Enforcement ordinance – we do have a model ordinance

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(but for smaller places with a 5-year waiver) they can be modified. (Still apply, due February 1st.) We can also do a presentation on that. First compliance, second, collection and processing. How do we collect the food waste? Backyard compost, community, commercial, etc. Three collection options, modify permits, presenting on February 16th, a compliance organics road map finished by April 16, 2022. Peter Fuller (HWMA) is hosting a meeting in February (what are the difference aspects). March 1st compliance schedule for what parts of 1383 will be implemented. January 1, 2023 a collection program in place and how do we process it and what are the options. Get feedback from LTF, the authority (February 17th), Zero Waste Humboldt with Maggie Gainer & and intern that is reaching out to different stakeholders. Three effort (good faith effort), substantial effort by CalRecycle, and reasonable effort – so some programs will have to span after 2023, permit for a transfer station to accept food waste. So what would be a reasonable date for residential and commercial organic waste that would be accepted by HWMA? (Consult with Eric Keller-Heckman).

Tom Mattson (Humboldt County) – I'd like to pick Edgars brain. Right now food is going out with MSW going to Dry Creek, but how can we do this in a county capacity? Ferndale said they could do agricultural compost. What's the procurement – how does the community buy back compost and mulch? Or bioenergy..? Through CalRecycle agricultural recycle permit?

Edgar and Associates – Compost on the farm, good examples in California. Clean green material – sequester that material and carbon into the soil (carbon farming – prevent erosion, and soil going back in to the soil). Keep clean green compost in Humboldt County. What is organic and what is not? What goes into a green bin? what is compostable, and compostable packaging? What can really go in? Have that in a common ordinance. That is in the drop box of record – Eric Keller-Heckman (HWMA) said he sent the files to the drop-box destination link. How can cities use that as a framework? Important to put that ordinance in a workshop setting.

Peter Fuller (HWMA) – don't over communicate, to what we can do.

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Tom Mattson (Humboldt County) – On the farm composting, but farmers are very scared about the compliance. The last thing they want is more water board regulations.

Edgar and Associates – We've made other presentations but there should be a new presentation for composting food waste. We do not want to send the food waste out of the area for processing and it has to be clean green 12,500 cubic yards. Slurry it? Mix it for feed stock? February 16th then finalize by April 16th.

Mario Kalson – DHHS – Looking to recruit a full-time senior (so additionally at environmental health).

Ben Dolf – Supervisor at DHHS for the retail food team – please reach out.

Evan Edgar – A food waste slurry at the Hawthorne site. Good case studies and LEA's out there. LEA, CalRecycle oversight, and local planning to fit county and city codes.

Peter Fuller (HWMA) – Thanks, Tom Mattson, clarifying fact over fiction (and lots of people are very concerned with making sure they are compliant.)

Maggie Gainer (Zero Waste Humboldt) – She's excited about carbon farming and wants to do a webinar.

Robin Praszker (Eureka) – Notice of intent – wants to make sure Fortuna is in place (and if they're going for a waiver too?)

Evan Edgar – Said that they did meet but not sure what they've applied for. So he works with HWMA – to assist and facilitate – he doesn't know what each city is particularly doing.

Linda Wise (Recology) – What are we doing for organics processing? Is there something we can refer them to, that is consistent so we can put it on our website?

Spencer Fine – CalRecycle (even small population waiver) there are still requirements and opportunities for that.

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Evan Edgar – Small population or rural jurisdiction. Can you explain what requirements, edible food recovery and procurement, rurals are exempt from procurement but not exempt from the paper procurement requirement.

Trinidad – Still requirements they have to do.

Evan Edgar – Said small population is exempt for 5 years, but 1826 is still enforced with 1383?

Eric Keller-Heckman (HWMA) says he will double check.

CalRecycle posts a lot of Q&A on their website.

b. SB1383 Ad Hoc

Is the ad hoc still needed or is the timing okay to diminish the ad hoc?

Tom Mattson (Humboldt County) thinks SWLTF can let it go now that we have a consultant on board.

Donna Wood (Eureka) and Emily Benvie (Arcata) agree.

Robin Praszker (Eureka) would like SB1383 to stay on the agenda.

8. LTF Recurring Meetings

Once every five years, to one year, to now quarterly... A regular meeting time? Fourth Monday of the beginning of every quarter? Consistent? Potentially Monday at 11am.

Humboldt County – No Tuesdays.

Recology – 11am is good.

9. 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 writing a letter of support for the Nordic Aqua Farms project. It will clean-up the peninsula but

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co-businesses with that. Possibilities for the organics program. Anyone else interested in submitting a letter of support can copy Recology's.

3. **Zero Waste Humboldt** –Maggie Gainer provided a report. Zero Waste Humboldt is doing business outreach. We've learned the most effective way is to really feature, showcase and publicly applaud people who are going above and beyond. Please forward any nominations to Zero Waste Humboldt. Waste education for shoppers? Join one meeting a month. Social media, countywide voice. If September, a north country fair, Zero Waste Humboldt may manage it this year. We have had events for large outdoor event producers. Zero Waste Humboldt has new employees and a new board that they're excited about.
4. **LEA** – Carolyn Hawkins reported. She like the holiday waste prevention PSAs. It's so nice for everyone in the local task force to be together.
5. **CalRecycle** – No report.

10. Proposed Future Tasks/Actions

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

Eureka – Maybe third Mondays?

Peter Fuller (HWMA) – Focus is SB1383.

11. **Oral and Written Communications** –Public comment opened and closed.

12. **Adjournment.** Next meeting to be determined by chair.