

Humboldt County Local Task Force

Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 25, 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	Not Present
Eureka	Donna Wood (Chair), Robin Praszker
Ferndale	Jay Parrish
Fortuna	Merritt Perry
Humboldt Co.	Tom Mattson
Trinidad	Eli Naffah
Rio Dell	Kyle Knopp

HWMA Peter Fuller, Eric Keller-Heckman

Members of the Public

Linda Wise – Recology
Spencer Fine – CalRecycle
Marshelle Graham – CalRecycle
Krista Miller – Zero Waste Humboldt
Shelly Reider – Zero Waste Humboldt
Carolyn Hawkins – Humboldt LEA
Sara Sanders – Humboldt LEA
Evan Edgar – Edgar & Associates
Monica White – Abound

2. Teleconference Meetings

Motion to authorize remote teleconference meeting 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 and revisit at next meeting, July 25th by Jay Parrish (Ferndale). Second by Kyle Knopp (Rio Dell).

Public comment opened and closed at 11:02 am.

Tom Mattson (County), Merritt Perry (Fortuna) and Donna Wood (Eureka) are open to continuing to Zoom or in-person meetings.

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Emily Benvie (Arcata) asked if Chair's IT would be able to support a hybrid meeting. Arcata City Council meetings are hybrid but not committee meetings due to IT capacity. Would it be feasible? Should it be entirely Zoom or in-person?

Motion passed.

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

Noes: None

Absent: Blue Lake

Abstain: None

3. Approval of January 31, 2022 Minutes

No action was taken.

4. Jurisdiction Representative Reports

Eureka – Eureka did not apply for the grant funding due to the strict timeline for enacting an ordinance but did submit for a notice of intent to comply and had a revision request and were able to revise and resubmit. Eureka is happy with the draft compliance roadmap that Evan has put together. Eureka is feeling the pressure for the critical path to get the organics processing figured out. HWMA has been floated as a location and the board will vote on it next month.

Arcata – Arcata did not apply for the grant funding due to the timeline for enacting an ordinance and submitted a notice of intent to comply. A revision request was recently received from CalRecycle and the revisions have not been made but it is Arcata's intent to resubmit. Arcata is working through the edits of the compliance road map after reviewing the initial draft to see how the feedback was integrated.

Fortuna – Fortuna is pleased with the compliance roadmap and sees it as a working document. There is concern about the long-term food recovery, the cost...Fortuna is up to date on notice of intent and did apply for the grant funding and will be bringing it to Council next month. In working with Spencer and Marchelle from CalRecycle, the ordinance can be adopted with an implementation date of July 2023 when Recology thinks they will have the equipment and bins in place as well as a location to take it. CalRecycle confirmed that we can take the grant funds and put them toward the countywide compliance project or legal counsel changes for the ordinance. Fortuna is also working on reviewing the franchise agreement with Recology and working on a draft of the procurement policy.

Humboldt County – County is currently working on a draft of the ordinance and Environmental Health is reviewing it and are figuring out the enforcement element. A notice of intent to comply was submitted and did apply for grant funding. We need to work with Recology to revise our agreement as there are areas that need to comply that are outside of the franchise area and will need to talk to counsel to discuss changing the franchise boundaries or putting those areas out to bid in order to bring them into compliance. The census tracks do not follow the franchise

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boundaries so there are areas inside the franchise area that are not required and areas outside the County's franchise area that are required to comply. A person has been found for the solid waste position and the new staff will be starting in mid-May.

Rio Dell – Rio Dell did apply for the grant funding.

Ferndale– Ferndale is looking at the second round of the grant and is working with Recology.

Trinidad – Trinidad applied for the exemption and received it so they basically have five years. Trinidad would like a sample copy of a resolution or ordinance.

Blue Lake – No report.

5. Ongoing Discussion Items

1. Recycling

a. CA Redemption Value Buy Back Centers

Peter Fuller, HWMA, provided an update. On April 14th, the board directed staff not to pursue CRV at Hawthorne Street. Eric is working on a plan to address 1383 food issue that will be at the main meeting. CRV is currently happening at Hambro.

b. Curbside Recycling

Linda Wise, Recology, provided an update. Recology is now in the second quarter of doing the SB1383 requirement audits of materials at the transfer stations.

c. Contamination Ad Hoc

Robin Praszker (Eureka) provided an update. The ad hoc has been discussing contamination and with SB1383 laying out contamination auditing requirements, what the frequency is and concentrating on problem routes. Would like to propose ending this contamination ad hoc and folding in contamination monitoring with SB1383 process. Eric, Peter or Evan, would it be appropriate to schedule a contamination monitoring workshop in the next few months to really get into the requirements?

Evan Edgar (Edgar & Associates) – Edgar & Associates would be happy to do a workshop and is always good for ordinances as well as food recovery.

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Linda Wise (Recology) – Recommends that the workshops go hand in hand with franchise agreements and ordinances. It would be important to have collection agencies in attendance.

Evan Edgar (Edgar & Associates) – Any workshops that we do will focus on ordinances but not franchise agreements as those are so specific.

Donna Wood (Eureka) – Any feedback on suggestion to cease contamination ad hoc and fold auditing into SB1383 process?

Tom Mattson (County), Kyle Knopp (Rio Dell), Jay Parrish (Ferndale) support suggestion.

Robin Praszker (Eureka) – Regarding the workshop, step one would be to get into the mandate and what it's requiring and then it would be up to each jurisdiction to implement.

Motion to end current contamination ad hoc and roll it into SB1383 committee and schedule a contamination workshop submitted by Tom Mattson (County). Second by Kyle Knopp (Rio Dell).

Public Comment:

Krista Miller (Zero Waste Humboldt) – Zero Waste Humboldt would be a willing to facilitate a workshop to help save costs.

Motion passed.

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

Noes: None

Absent: Blue Lake

Abstain: None

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

a. **Edgar and Associates**– SWLTF received a presentation on the SB1383 Compliance Plan Roadmap.

Emily Benvie (Arcata) – How can we effectively communicate that timelines are subject to change while having the roadmap serve its function as a roadmap? For example, if we have a short-term facility but don't have the third can or trucks/routes solidified.

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Merritt Perry (Fortuna) – Will a first reading of adopting an ordinance before June 14th satisfy for local assistance grant funding?

Marshelle Graham (CalRecycle) – Jurisdictions need to have at minimum a second reading or ordinance adoption by June 14th.

Merritt Perry (Fortuna) – Should we be looking at grants for anaerobic digestors if a private option isn't identified?

Evan Edgar (Edgar & Associates) – We hope to have grant funding in the future. It could be a public works project or a private project. It's a great question and depends on what happens at Hawthorne. Should Hawthorne not be approved for organics processing, we'll need to look at other options.

Robin Praszker (Eureka) – Processing at HWMA, wouldn't composted at HWMA, it would tipped at that location and be composted at another location.

Tom Mattson (County) – HWMA also has another asset, a closed landfill. Has a facility up there been considered since it's already a solid waste site?

Evan Edgar (Edgar & Associates) – It is controversial and an option.

Peter Fuller (HWMA) – It's an option but a tenuous one. There would be push back from residents due to the increase of traffic from trucks. It doesn't seem like a viable option.

Donna Wood (Eureka) – Spencer Fine (CalRecycle) suggested in the chat, the pig farm, County's SWAP program may be a potential site.

Tom Mattson (County) – We can talk to the Sheriff but there are a lot of issues with anything that generates birds near an airport.

Monica White (Abound) – Provided an update on edible food recovery.

Robin Praszker (Eureka) – If someone is considered a Tier 1 generator and it's determined that they have no food to donate, what is the SB1383 regulatory mechanism to assert that to CalRecycle?

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Monica White (Abound) – The burden of proof is on them to demonstrate there is no food waste. They could contract with a food bank to say that if there ever is any food waste, that it will be donated.

Tom Mattson (County)– Evan, can you summarize and send information regarding the jail, MRE culinary program information to pass along to our Sheriff? The County is in the process of designing a re-entry facility.

Evan Edgar (Edgar & Associates) – Mike from Abound had that study so we can get that to you.

Eric Keller-Heckman (HWMA) – If participating jurisdictions want to have an ordinance webinar that we would roll procurement into that.

Emily Benvie (Arcata) – An ordinance webinar would be helpful.

Donna Wood (Eureka), Merritt Perry (Fortuna) and Jay Parrish (Ferndale) agree.

Evan Edgar (Edgar & Associates) – We can include contamination minimization into the ordinance as well.

Eric Keller-Heckman (HWMA) – Can we schedule it before meeting adjournment to get Edgar a proposed date?

Donna Wood (Eureka) – What about May 9th?

Evan Edgar (Edgar & Associates) – 11:00 am by Zoom.

6. 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** –No report.
3. **Zero Waste Humboldt** –Krista Miller introduced Shelly Reider who provided a brief update of food waste and recovery project Zero Waste Humboldt worked on with the City of Arcata.

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4. **LEA** – No report.

5. **CalRecycle** – No report.

7. Proposed Future Tasks/Actions

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

No comments.

8. Oral and Written Communications

Public comment:

Krista Miller (Zero Waste Humboldt)– The roadmap included a call for master gardeners and master canners for some of the outreach and education.

Spencer Fine (CalRecycle)– Advertising with television and media channels will go to rural areas such as Del Norte County or Trinity County where they don't have their own TV stations, so all of their media comes from Humboldt. This is something to keep in mind when doing education campaigns as it may reach jurisdictions that may be exempt.

Robin Praszker (Eureka) – LEA position was finally filled, when would the group want to talk about the monitoring and inspection of food rescue?

Monica White (Abound) – It's up to the jurisdiction how they want to enforce food recovery.

Carolyn Hawkins (LEA) – Within our unit, we are looking into that. If done by Environmental Health, it would be done by Consumer Protection.

Merritt Perry (Fortuna) – It would be great to figure it out sooner rather than later.

Monica White – If Mike is coming up there for an inspection of food pantries, we could schedule a one-hour meeting between the individuals and talk through what works well in other areas and see if those responsibilities fall within that department.

9. **Adjournment at 12:27 pm.** Next meeting July 25th at 11:00 am by Zoom.