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Humboldt Waste
Management Authority

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Humboldt County

Solid Waste Local Task Force-

Agenda-

Monday, October 23, 2023 (11:00 am-12:30 pm)

Meeting Occurs in Person at:

***Eureka Council Chambers
531 K St.***

Eureka, CA 95501

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- 1. Call to Order/Roll Call**
- 2. July 24, 2023 Minutes (attached) – Review & Approve**
- 3. Jurisdiction Representative Reports- Receive updates and take action as appropriate.**
- 4. Ongoing Discussion Items**
 - 1. Recycling**
 - a. CA Redemption Value Buy Back Centers- Receive update from Hambro; Take action as appropriate.**
 - b. Curbside Recycling- Receive update from Linda Wise, General Manager of Recology. Take action as appropriate.**
 - 2. “Mandatory Organic Recycling” (AB1826) and “Short Lived Climate Pollutants” (SB1383) - Group discussion; Take action as appropriate.**

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- a. **Regional Food Recovery Manager- Receive update from Tom Mattson, County of Humboldt.**

5. Non-Local Task Force Organization Reports

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

6. Proposed Future Tasks/Actions

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

7. 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.

8. Adjournment

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call

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

HWMA – Eric Keller-Heckman

Members of the Public

Hambro
Nikki Burke – Recology
Mario Kalson – County Department of Environmental Health
Sarah Sanders – LEA
Krista Miller – Zero Waste Humboldt
Martha Walden

2. Approval of October 24, 2022 Minutes

Motion to approve minutes as submitted by Kyle Knopp (Rio Dell).
Second by Merritt Perry (Fortuna).

Public comment open and closed.

Motion passed.

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

Noes: None

Absent: Blue Lake, Ferndale, Trinidad

Abstain: None

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3. Approval of January 23, 2023 Minutes

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

Public comment open and closed.

Motion passed.

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

Noes: None

Absent: Blue Lake, Ferndale, Trinidad

Abstain: None

4. Jurisdiction Representative Reports

Arcata – Like the County, Arcata also submitted an extension request of their CAP due to franchise negotiations. In May, City Council authorized entering into sole source negotiations with Recology. In June, Council authorized signing on to the edible food recovery MOU with the County to move the program forward.

Eureka – Similar to the other jurisdictions, Eureka also has a Corrective Action Plan and will likely need to submit an extension request so it's helpful to know what others are submitting for their CAP. Franchise negotiations continue and there is now a financial analyst on board to assist with financial proposals for services.

Humboldt County – Updated our CAP effective June 30th to change ordinance due date to December 31st and are waiting to hear back from Cal Recycle on acceptance of this change as it will affect 12 other items with the franchise negotiation.

Fortuna – Like other jurisdictions is working to submit an extension for the CAP. One item that Cal Recycle will accept an extension on is the procurement deadline. There is a rural exemption that may be pursued.

Rio Dell – There were significant earthquakes on December 20th and New Year's Day. There were a number of dumpsters were deployed that were used heavily, daily, mostly filled with earthquake debris. Rio Dell was able to work with Clean California to provide vouchers for people to take materials to the Recology facility in Fortuna and the program was filled up within the first hour of it being open. The annual community clean-up through with the franchise agreement with Recology saw the highest numbers to date of material collected.

Trinidad – No report.

Blue Lake, Ferndale – Not present.

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5. Ongoing Discussion Items

1. Recycling

a. CA Redemption Value Buy Back Centers

Hambro provided an update. Since the last meeting, the pilot program has started with Willow Creek up and running. It has been well attended by the recyclers. Redway is delayed and they are working through some permit issues with the County. Fortuna is doing well and is impacted by events such as the rodeo and car show but it all seems to catch up. Arcata is doing well but not what was expected as it moves into the second year of buy back. They have focused on outreach and increased the marketing on the recycle center. Overall, very happy with Humboldt and are working on loose ends.

Robin Praszker (Eureka) – Have you seen any opportunity to expand into Eureka or any interest to?

Hambro – Eureka is really challenging due to land. It is preferred people go to Arcata. If something came up and made sense in Eureka, it will be explored.

Robin Praszker (Eureka) – Is there an update on Cal Recycle wondering if the County has considered waiving the 1-mile radius convenience zone?

Tom Mattson (County) – It has not been moved forward. We would like input from other cities and it would need to go to the Board so everyone would know because it will be a significant impact to the community and all of the cities. The County has the authority to waive the \$100 fee for stores to not collect recycling due to a lack of recycling centers. When there was just HWMA and Eel River, the entire County was waived. We can go back to that. In Eureka, there isn't that service anymore so Eureka City Council may want to weigh in on that. It will need to go before the Board so a decision can be made based on what's best for the entire County.

Merritt Perry (Fortuna) – Some of the stores in Fortuna were disappointed when Hambro opened being 1.1 miles away from the recycling center in Fortuna and had been paying that fine.

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Businesses contact Fortuna and staff met with the assistance of state elected officials McGuire and Wood, a meeting was had with the higher ups at Cal Recycle and a resolution was reached with an exemption. The details can be shared with interested jurisdictions.

Robin Praszker (Eureka) – It sounds like Eureka would be the biggest impact.

Hambro – One of the things that we’re trying to do in Eureka, Arcata and Fortuna, is increase public outreach. When retail businesses contact the city, can they contact Hambro? We have flyers, stickers about where people can bring their CRV.

Merritt Perry (Fortuna)– Fortuna is interested and is happy to help get the word out to the stores.

Eli Naffah (Trinidad) - Trinidad would like to have some flyers/stickers as well.

Mario Kalson (DHHS-DEH)– Environmental Health is also open to distributing flyers to businesses as well.

b. Curbside Recycling

Nikki Burke (Recology) Burke, Recology, shared there is no update.

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

a. Regional Food Recovery Manager

Tom Mattson (County) – This is the subject of the MOU and signatures are needed from Arcata and Eureka. Once those are obtained it will go to the Board on August 8th and that afternoon we can get the company going.

Merritt Perry (Fortuna) – Really pleased to get this going. It’s really going to give us the product that we need, not just the reporting but allowing the county to proceed in the long term either with a consultant or training the municipalities.

Tom Mattson (County)– This is a task in our CAP with a deadline of August 31st so it will get done in August.

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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** – Eric Keller-Heckman provided a report. HWMA will be having a board meeting in August, the July meeting didn't take place due to lack of a quorum. The date for the August meeting has not yet been identified; however, staff are working with Board members to determine a date and proper notifications will go out. HWMA ordered a new stock of a number of backyard organic composters and will sell them at cost to interested community members. They are around \$35 and is done annually. They have been very popular and sold out in previous years and we are looking to see how they will sell this year to see if they need to increase the \$5,000 allotment next year. Eric offered to speak to any member and non-member agency's Council or Board to discuss HWMA, SB 1383, organics processing or anything that they would like to know about HWMA.

Tom Mattson (County) – What is the capacity of the backyard composters?

Eric Keller-Heckman (HWMA) - Will have to follow up with exact number. They are approximately three feet tall by three feet around. They're not little and they take quite a bit.

Merritt Perry (Fortuna) – How's it going with the grant submission, the work at the transfer station to accept organics?

Eric Keller-Heckman (HWMA) – Will find out in October, that's when it's awarded. We're working with the LEA on the permit to fix a few things and will continue to work with them to make the July deadline next year. We put out the bid for the processing floor and didn't receive any bids. It went back to their engineers for review to make sure that there wasn't anything precluding someone from bidding. The engineers didn't find anything and said it was ok. Staff reached out to contacts that they usually work with and the response received was that they were too busy. It will be going out to bid again and will be going outside of the general area. It will be expanded to Redding and down south.

Merritt Perry (Fortuna) – Does your procurement policy you to negotiate if you don't receive a bid. Were you happy with the technical work done by Edgar for the grant work?

Eric Keller-Heckman (HWMA) – Yes, I was very happy with the work that Edgar & Associates and their team did. They did an exceptional job along with HWMA staff. Edgar & Associates said that it's a very competitive grant

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with over 400 jurisdictions vying for the grant as well. The only drawback to our grant application is HWMA not being permit ready. It's hard to be further along in a process when you don't know how that process is going to go. The technical work from Edgar & Associates was exceptional.

Robin Praszker (Eureka)– Karla shared that the backyard composter capacity is 80 gallons.

Tom Mattson (County) – The County shares their bids with all of the Builders Exchanges throughout California and can share that list with HWMA.

2. **Recology** –Nikki Burke provided a report. Over the last quarter, we're seeing a fall in the residual rate but it's still in the 20-24% range which is creating a challenge in processing capabilities and cost. We've gotten back to a couple of jurisdictions about the draft franchise agreements. We see a path forward once the point of term is addressed.

Krista Miller (Zero Waste Humboldt) – Is there any language in the negotiation regarding a waiver for backyard composters for those that don't generate enough food waste to warrant service?

Nikki Burke (Recology) – Generally the waivers are jurisdictions hand out waivers. Probably what would happen is citizens would apply with their city for a waiver and Recology would make a note. We can assist more with the commercial waivers and have our Zero Waste Team assist and see if the amount of waste would warrant service.

Krista Miller (Zero Waste Humboldt) – Is the City of Eureka looking into that? It wasn't addressed in the ordinance but the suggestion was to take their waste to community compost events/opportunities. Does the Eureka have plans for a waiver?

Robin Praszker (Eureka) – Right now, the ordinance passed earlier this year doesn't preclude anyone from home composting. Eureka does have an exemption program and intends to continue it. So, if someone doesn't need a curbside organics bin because they don't generate a lot or they handle it themselves, they can apply for an exemption; however, the way the exemption program is currently built, it is an exemption from all curbside services, so garbage and recycling.

Krista Miller (Zero Waste Humboldt) – Is there a window to explore an exemption for just organics bins?

Robin Praszker (Eureka) – Not at this time.

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Krista Miller (Zero Waste Humboldt) – Do you have any guidance for community groups that need to come with a proposal looking to get something started?

Robin Praszker (Eureka) – Not at this time however we are open to conversations.

Tom Mattson (County) – The County intends to offer waivers for backyard composting and working with some of the larger commercial customers and community gardeners to provide grant resources to obtain larger composting equipment so they can accept from the community. We're also working with our SWAP farm is a huge composter and getting them a bigger facility so they can be 100% aero waste facility. We haven't done anything yet, but will really push those interested in backyard composting to do it.

Merritt Perry (Fortuna) – For meat eaters, what are they to do with bones or other meat products?

Krista Miller (Zero Waste Humboldt) – Robin and I have talked about that. We live in City proper and have bears in our neighborhood and will be putting out meat scraps. Would love to continue the discussion on how to problem solve that.

Eric Keller-Heckman (HWMA) – It will also depend on the process that the cities, HWMA and the citizens use. Generally, fats and meat are considered solid waste.

Robin Praszker (Eureka) – These programs are new to all of us and we are trying to build an ordinance and work with Cal Recycle.

Nikki Burke (Recology) – As we see lower participating in the organics program, we won't be able to reduce the cost as much. That is an issue with encouraging backyard composting. Meat and bones may be accepted. There may not be that much additional cost to provide an organics bins to everyone because we would be circulating past those houses and neighborhoods where people are choosing not to backyard composting.

Mario Kalson (DHHS-DEH) – There is a potential for generating factors and composting correctly. Environmental Health will accept complaints regarding vectors. There will need to be a best practice guide for backyard composting.

Krista Miller (Zero Waste Humboldt) – Cal Recycle already has a fantastic home composting webpage and there is support there that can be reposted wherever possible.

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Robin Praszker (Eureka) – Has Zero Waste Humboldt ever put on a workshop on how to do backyard composting?

Krista Miller (Zero Waste Humboldt) – There has been some work done at a few schools.

3. **Zero Waste Humboldt** – No report provided.

4. **LEA** – Mario Kalson wanted to make an announcement that Environmental Health offers to provide edible food recovery inspections. It is with its counsel and they hope to share a template. Feel free to reach out with any questions about a timeline.

Sarah Sanders reported. Congratulations, Eric on completing the grant application. We're looking at an RFI amendment. There were many components to the grant application regarding permitting. Switching topics to composting, could we promote a training with the cooperative extension to get home composters going in the right direction. Not sure if there is something that HWMA has in their budget.

Curtis (Hambro) – Maybe some of our recycling facilities maybe a place to host a composting training or some information.

Merritt Perry (Fortuna) – It may be beneficial to do outreach at schools or summer camps to get kids excited as they will take that information and interest home.

Robin Praszker (Eureka) – Curtis provided his email in the Zoom chat so it can be shared with those interested.

5. **CalRecycle** – Kathleen Strickley provided a report. There is an update that will be sent out to the group on upcoming legislation as well as grant opportunities. August 1st the annual report is due.

Robin Praszker (Eureka) – Were you still planning to do a site visit in the fall?

Kathleen Strickley (Cal Recycle)– Yes, the last week in September and October. Last year, there were a number of people that came to Sacramento as members of a group. I'd like to take a look at facilities to see how material is moving around as well as a few businesses. Everyone is doing great with backyard composting and are on the right track.

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Robin Praszker (Eureka) – would it be better to label your report as LEA or Environmental Health?

Sarah Sanders (LEA)– Either would be okay.

Mario Kalson (DHHS-DEH)– LEA is fine and Environmental Health is happy to part of the conversation.

Krista Miller (Zero Waste Humboldt) – Zero Waste Humboldt is developing a builder reuse project in Valley West in Arcata. We are looking for advice and conversations about this project, whoever would like to be involved. There are a number of avenues for construction waste. It would be in between waste streams such as doors, windows, boards., etc. and how to process the different type of materials that would come into a retail establishment such as asbestos and lead. How do we promote other entrepreneurial efforts for reusing building materials?

8. **Oral and Written Communications** –Public comment opened and closed.
9. **Adjournment.** Next meeting on October 23, 2023.