

JPA LTF on Solid and Hazardous Waste  
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Judith Silver of LTF/Marin/would like a tour of the plant. [jsilver@marincounty.org](mailto:jsilver@marincounty.org)

Organics subcommittee Report: SB 1383. Air board regs affecting composting facilities. Food waste from power outage. Drawdown Marin's food waste meeting tomorrow (Thurs.)

**Staff report: Next JPA Board meeting Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am at Central Marin Police, Doherty Dr. Need to have more \$ in advertising.** Board Chair, Garret Toy from Fairfax will be chair. Rate Hearings: MSS 4.2% and Recology 30.2% rates set by BOS. [Recology took over for Ratto Group (Novato); had submitted a 70% rate increase.] Zero Waste Marin flow capacity; need more composting/organics processing; even more needed due to all the tree/brush cutting going on. Best things don't come in a box; buy less stuff PSAs from Gigantic Idea Studios. Ran on social media and at the movies. Updated C&D forms are out. Strategic Zero Waste plan being done; will be presented at Jan. board meeting. Rene Goddard—film on plastics coming to Fairfax.

For 2020, Rene Goddard elected as chair and Dee Johnson Vice Chair, but will act as Co-Chairs.

Discussion: Single Item for LTF to focus on:

- Recycling contamination
- Plastics/Styrofoam ban, single use ordinances
- EPR (Extended Producer Responsibility)
- Food Waste (esp b/c of power outages)
- Funding/Assistance with SB 1383 ordinances and expansion of organics processing

**Recycling contamination:** Education and Outreach/Legislation/Product Bans

Reporting/Ideas: Poor response to newspaper ads; better w/social media. Have Gigantic Idea group as messaging helper. NextDoor and Facebook ads. MSS active on Instagram; catching the kids. Coffee cups are not compostable and recyclable. Banners. Have on online portal where they pay the bill have info. ZeroWaste site for info. Stickers on garbage cans. Commercial outreach. Tagging/not collecting/special charges if contaminated. Bus signs/bus wrappers. App with a notification to the phone that pops up on the phone when things change. Dual bins are good. What is contamination? Eg Nonrecyclables in the plastics or wet stuff in the paper side?

Legislation: Ordinances locally? Promoting Reusables.

**Plastics & Styrofoam:** Bans, locally and state. Fairfax, Sausalito, San Anselmo passed; County considering. Conservation Corps may be able to take on Styrofoam, with funding. Big commercial packaging Styrofoam the issue. R3 working w/county on reusable foodware ban. Want every city/town to adopt this for consistency. Food inspectors will enforce/message. EFM Master Class students to help w/single use plastics; could help develop a campaign for after the ban. Waste **reduction** most important! EPR. Disposable plastics vs single use plastics. Redwood Landfill has a list of acceptable products for composting. Marin County project w/R3 is

developing a list of acceptables. **Reusable** Foodware ordinance—to promote positive action (Vs Disposable). By end of month there will be a public draft. Based on Fairfax ban that was passed.

EPR: what can we do? We can support legislation on the table. Kim has meeting about upcoming legislation; will report back to group. New beverage bill will be EPR; **SB 168**, in committee now. Bottlers will have to create an association to take back beverage containers. Old bottle bill charges were not covering costs for reuse/recycling. AB1080 also. Vending machines for take back. Andy's Grocery store has this—we can honor this, to help create more. Stores would now become drop off sites w/new bottle bill.

Food Waste/Organics: SB1383, ordinances will change franchise agreements. Immediate thing is food waste during power outages. Pre-education needed. Conservation corps as food distributors in general.

Need for more ed and outreach to public for whatever plan we choose. Many environmental groups working to create BMPs for JPA for Fire. GreenWaste is there. Need to partner with that piece. Cogen plant? Biochar? Drawdown and Climate Action plans. Nexus with other groups to be developed. Judith and Kim and Garran on the Drawdown committee. Resilient Neighborhoods also developing plans to help inform county. Composting at churches, events, yacht clubs, caterers; in-house kitchens will now be addressed by SB1383 that says they HAVE to compost; before was just recommended.

**Action:** ask JPA Board for increase in \$ for education/outreach to help move behavior to the Reduce (Priority), Reuse (second), Recycle (third). Consistency of messaging is critical. County will be doing that on their ordinance.

Large item reuse? Right to repair act! Going through legislature now. AB 1163.

CalRecycle meeting going...on state SB1383 re: compliance, SB 1826.

Heather: Reusable Marin website—Marianne Gordon and MV reusable group. Restaurant forum. Tam environmental team—want to have composting at TAM and they don't have it. After Hours Chamber parties w/reusable ware. Can be rented for a small fee, if they come back clean.

Future Agendas request: Gigantic Ideas presentation. Upcoming Legislation at State level. CCC on environmental issues (Kyle Laroux)