

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY
INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT LOCAL TASK FORCE
September 9, 2021



Minutes

Present: Mike Rivera, Larry Laurent, Bob Nelson, Noel Bock, Lowell Hurst, Jack Dilles, Chris Lamm

Staff: Kasey Kolassa and Beau Hawksford,

Guests: Leslie O'Malley, MaryAnn LoBalbo, Christina Horvat, and Christian DiRenzo

1) Oral communications from the public

None

2) Oral communications from Task Force members

Jack Dilles welcomes Chris Lamm to the Task Force

3) Changes to the agenda

None

4) Approval of minutes from meeting of September 9, 2021 (attached)

Moved: Bob Nelson; Second: Jack Dilles; Approved: 6-0 w/Chris Lamm abstaining

5) SB 1383 Organics Diversion Update/Food Rescue Update – All

Mike Rivera – Watsonville: Confirms to comingle food/yard waste for MRWMD – 3 cart system with 1 new driver/new truck. Estimate to be between 40% - 60% implemented by January 1, 2022.

Larry Laurent – Capitola: Working with MRWMD as well

Bob Nelson – Santa Cruz: Small pilot program with 260 hours of evaluation of residential program. Commercial program is up and running with the options of taking to the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant or Santa Clara. Updating their ordinance to add separate food collection. They are looking at 6 gallon pales.

Kasey Kolassa – Santa Cruz County: Board of Supervisors to incorporate SB1383 into §7.20 of the County Code. Foodwaste up and running for Commercial customers and working to expand the program. Our plan is to mix food and yardwaste and go to MRWMD.

Chris Lamm – Scotts Valley: Currently in negotiations with GreenWaste and MRWMD and working on updating Scotts Valley's ordinances as well.

Leslie O'Malley – City of Santa Cruz: Can also drop off foodwaste at facility.

6) Local ordinance updates – All: See above in §5

Chapter 7.20 Ordinance – County: See above in §5

Cup Charge Ordinance – County: Will take effect on January 1, 2022. All businesses will be required to collect \$0.25 per disposable cup.

7) Legislative Update - Beau

Went over progress of environmental legislation bills (list attached)

8) Other issues

Noel Bock – What are we doing with Education?

9) Adjournment

Next Meeting, December 2, 2021 City of Capitola (*Virtual*)

Treated wood waste

AB332 - Allows treated wood to be managed under alternative management standards instead of as a hazardous waste. Passed Assembly, Senate concurrence pending

Batteries

SB 244 - CalFire and other agencies to develop protocol for preventing and suppressing fires caused by Lithium batteries. Passed Assembly, Awaiting concurrence

SB 289 - Product stewardship for batteries. Bill dead for this year, may return next year

Plastics

AB 842 - California Circular Economy and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act. Product stewardship for single-use packaging. Bill dead, may be revived in 2022

AB881 - Would categorize the export of plastic waste from the country as “disposal” in the source reduction and recycling elements. Passed assembly, pending senate concurrence

AB 1371 - Would prohibit online retailer from using single-use plastic packaging that consists of shipping envelopes, cushioning, or void fill to package or transport products. Bill is dead

SB 54 - Plastic pollution producer responsibility act. Single-use, disposable packaging as main target. Bill is dead.

AB 478 - thermoform plastic containers need 20-30% postconsumer recycled plastic by June 1, 2030 (bill dead)

Labelling

AB 1201 - Would prohibit the use of the term “compostable” on plastic products unless they meet certain specifications. In suspense file

AB 1469 - Prohibit sale of plastic product labelled “industrially compostable” or “compostable” unless certain standards are met. Bill is dead

SB 343 - Would limit the use of the “chasing arrows” recycling symbol and place limits on when claims can be made of a product’s recyclability. In suspense file

Single use food accessories

AB 1276 - Would prohibit a food facility or 3rd party delivery platform from providing single-use food accessories unless requested by the customer. In suspense file

Dumping

AB 659 - Fines for dumping on private property punishable by a fine between 250-1000 for first conviction, with increasing fines for multiple convictions ultimately including 30 days jail time. Bill is dead.

Organic waste

AB 504 - **chaptered**. Organics waste for theme parks, amusement parks, water parks, zoo, resorts, similar facilities not required to provide organic recycling bin or container if they can implement an alternate process for organic recycling that yields results comparable or greater in volume and quality to a bin.

AB 734 - Revises the edible food goal recovery goal by allowing food recovery for animal and livestock consumption in addition to recovery for human consumption. Bill currently dead, may come back in 2022

AB 1027 - Seeks to postpone organic waste implementation due to COVID-19. Bill is dead.

AB 1086 - Request the CA council on Science and Technology complete a report on achieving the state's organic waste goals, and related climate change and air quality targets. Bill is dead.

Beverage containers

AB 962 - Authorizes CalRecycle to approve processors that wash and reuse returnable beverage containers. Bill is dead

SB 38 - would convert beverage container product stewardship program. Bill is dead

SB 451 - Would create pilot program to include beverage containers not currently in the beverage container program. Wine bottles, milk and infant formula beverages, beverages in containers that are not glass, plastic, aluminum or bimetal. Bill is dead.

Microfiber pollution

two bills, AB802 and AB622, aim to target the control of microfiber pollution by requiring machines to have better filtration systems. Both bills dead

Cannabis waste

AB 318 - Would require DTSC to provide guidance on how to characterize cannabis waste, under haz waste laws and regs. Bill is inactive

Green Chemistry

SB 502 - Updates DTSC's green chemistry program including: allowing DTSC to use a wider range of resources and reports as the basis for regulatory responses, provides more formal rules for commenting and dispute resolution processes, and providing more authority for DTSC to request data on priority products. Bill inactive.