



**SANTA CRUZ COUNTY  
INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT LOCAL TASK  
FORCE Thursday, February 8, 2024, 3:00 – 5:00 pm**

**County Board Chambers  
701 Ocean Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Santa Cruz CA 95060**

Hybrid Meeting Information:

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**Meeting Minutes**

- 1) Welcome and Quorum Verification:** The meeting began at 3:00pm with five members/alternates present.
  - Members/Alternates Present: Felipe Hernandez (County, vice-chair) Jacob Guth (County, citizen rep), Will Smith (Wat), Tami Stolzenthaller (Wat, alt.), Leslie O'Malley (SC, alt).
  - Members/Alternates Absent: Justin Cummings (County, chair), Scott Newsome (SC), Bob Nelson (SC), Rene Golder (SC, alt), Jessica Kahn (Cap), Alexander Pedersen (Cap, alt), Allan Timms (SV), Eduardo Montesino (Wat), Danielle Green (Wat, alt).
  - Task Force Staff Present: Kasey Kolassa (County online) Beau Hawksford (County), Darcy Pruitt (County)
  - Agency Staff Present: Christina Horvat (County), Mary Ann LoBalbo (County).
  - Guests: Laura Chain (CalRecycle online), Javier Pedroza (Grey Bears online).
- 2) Election of Officers:** Task Force held annual officer election for Commission Chair and Vice-Chair.
  - Felipe Hernandez, Task Force Vice-Chair for 2024-2025 session.
    - Hernandez volunteered to continue to serve as Vice-Chair, 2nd by Smith.
    - Hernandez unanimously elected as Vice-Chair.
  - Justin Cummings, Task Force Chair for 2024-2025 session.
    - Nominated by Guth, 2nd by Smith.
    - Cummings unanimously elected as Chair.
- 3) Oral Communications from the Public:** No communications from the public.
- 4) Oral Communications from Task Force Members/Alternates:** No communications from members/alternates.
- 5) Approve December 5, 2023 Meeting Minutes:** Staff indicated that comments and minor corrections to were received from the Santa Cruz Mountains Stewardship Network in relation to their presentation. Staff outlined these minor changes. O'Malley made a motion to approve the December meeting minutes with minor corrections to the Santa Cruz Mountains Stewardship Network presentation summary. Smith seconded. Amended minutes approved unanimously.

**6) Approve 2024 Meeting Locations:** Smith made a motion for the remaining 2024 meetings to be held at the following locations:

- June 6<sup>th</sup> – City of Watsonville location,
- September 5<sup>th</sup> - City of Santa Cruz location,
- December 5<sup>th</sup> – County Westfield location in Watsonville.

Vice-Chair Hernandez seconded the motion. 2024 Meeting locations approved unanimously.

**7) Review, Comment On, and Approve 5-Year Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan**

**Review Report** – Staff provided an oral report summarizing the Five Year Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan (CIWMP) Review Report (Five-Year Review Report) to Task Force members. Staff discussed population, housing, and waste management data included within the Five-Year Review Report. Commission members discussed the information contained in the report. Commissioners Smith and Guth asked clarifying questions regarding Section 4.2 of the report outlining the waste goals set by the CIWMP and each jurisdiction's success in meeting these targets. Staff responded that this success in meeting both residential and employment-based waste reduction targets was its main rationale for asking the Task Force to approve the Five-Year Review Report without recommending revisions to the CIWMP. Staff asked the Task Force to recommend that the Board of Supervisors determine that no changes are needed to the CIWMP at this time for the same reason. Motion was made by Smith to approve the Five-Year Review Report as presented and seconded by Stolzenhaller. Five-Year CIWMP Review Report approved unanimously.

**8) Review, Comment On, and Approve Task Force Annual Report and Recommendations to the County Board of Supervisors** – Staff provided an overview of the annual report, attendance report, and recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. Commissioners discussed work from 2023 and next steps related to SB54. Commissioners requested staff track rule making on SB54. Smith made motion to approve the Annual Report and recommend the Board of Supervisors determine that no changes to the CIWMP are needed at this time. The motion was seconded by Guth and unanimously approved.

**9) Consider Multi-Jurisdictional Waste Characterization Study** – Staff provided an overview of the recently released CalRecycle 2021 waste characterization report. Staff indicated that CalRecycle had recategorized organics and if the County wants to use local data it will need to conduct its next waste characterization using the new waste categories identified by CalRecycle. Commissioners discussed the possibilities and usefulness of collaborating on a countywide waste characterization study. Questions arose regarding the purposes that a waste characterization would provide for individual jurisdictions. Commission directed staff to investigate and report on the purposes of a waste characterization study would provide so that it can consider countywide cost sharing and collaboration.

**10) Report on Items from Prior Agendas**

- **SB 54 Update** – Draft regulation available 12/28/2023, Formal rulemaking to process starts Spring 2024, Producer Responsibility Organization selected [Circular Action Alliance], Advisory Board appointed on February 2, 2024.
  - Commissioners directed staff to follow SB54 rulemaking and to call a special meeting if comments are needed before the June Task Force meeting.
- **Forest Biomass Letter to EPA** – Staff received an update from the Santa Cruz Mountain Stewardship Network that MBARD agreed that disaster debris cleanup is

exempt from Title V Subpart EEE. Staff reported back to commissioners that Task Force letter of support is not needed.

**11) Legislative Update** – Staff provided a summary of current legislative update. There were no questions from the public or the commission.

**12) Call for June Agenda Items**

- Update on SB 54 rulemaking
- Multi-jurisdictional waste characterization facts

**13) Adjourn:** 4:15pm