



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
Solid Waste Management Division

**MINUTES**  
**ZERO WASTE COMMISSION**  
**Monday, November 26, 2012**  
**North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Avenue**  
**Workshop Room B, 1<sup>st</sup> floor**

Chair Kalil called the meeting to order with a quorum at 7:14 PM

**1. Roll Call:**

**Commissioners present:** Kalil, Schultze-Allen, Halperin, Tam (7:20)

**Commissioners absent:** Wenning (Excused), Bartlett (Excused)

**Staff:** Andy Schneider – Recycling Program Manager

**Members of the Public:** Sara MacKusick of Community Conservation Center; Dan Knapp & Mary Lou Van Deventer of Urban Ore; Alfred Twu, Steen Jensen, Shannon Davis, Carolyn Dean, Jodi Sanders

**2. Approve Agenda:**

**M/S/C Halperin/Schultze-Allen to approve amended agenda 3/0/0**

**3. Comments from the Public:** Shannon Davis announced her promotion to Campus Recycling Program Coordinator. Mary Lou Van Deventer announced her resignation from the NCRA Board and their active recruitment for Board positions. Dan Knapp announced the NCRA Recycle Update at the Freight & Salvage on March 19, with other Zero Waste events occurring that week. Dan also reported on El Cerrito's Polystyrene foam densifier for future consideration for Berkeley's programs.

**4. Announcements and Commissioner Comments:**

David Tam reported that Recology will be preparing a full EIR for its rail line landfill proposal.

**5. Approve Meeting Minutes of Oct. 29, 2012:**

Kalil requested the following corrections to the draft minutes: Section 2 Public Comments - to add "express concern" to Martin Bourque's comments on Recycling Reinvented and that "we will come back to discuss"; adding "Cal Athletics, Cal Dining and Memorial Stadium to the details of Shannon Davis' comments; and changing Plastic Free Campus from "Schultze-Allen suggested" to "was discussed". Section 6 EPR – to strike "by stating that landfilling and incineration are not sufficient disposal options – except for residuals, and strives to maintain existing resource recovery and recycling infrastructure." and replace it with "Work continues on the Commission Report with review planned for the Jan 28<sup>th</sup> ZWC meeting."

**M/S/C Tam/Schultze-Allen to approve amended Oct. 29, 2012 minutes 4/0/0**

**6. Zero Waste Week – Resolution:** Kalil proposed some corrections and additions to the draft resolution, including clarifying the dates to cover the full week.

**M/S/C Kalil/Halperin to approve amended Zero Waste Week Resolution 4/0/0**

**7. Council Item Update:** Schneider requested the Commission Report draft to accompany the EPR Resolution approved at the Oct 29<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Division Name Change report is being drafted and will likely be heard in February. Two StopWaste.org items, approving the Recycling Board as the Local Task Force, and amending the JPA to clarify rule making will also be heard by Council in February. Energy Council details of member jurisdiction voting rights were also discussed. The Ecology Center contract amendment to add a collection vehicle to accommodate additional plastics will be drafted in December. Kalil added that work continues on the commercial services RFP to analyze the best option for commercial collections.

**8. Division Update:** Schneider reported on the mailing of the residential cart Set-out Postcard and some of the public feedback the City has received. Work with Green School's Initiative on greening eight BUSD schools and some of the difficulties of overcoming custodial labor issues were discussed. The StopWaste.org Preferred Partner request to the BUSD Superintendant will be an opportunity to align our goals. Berkeley's consideration of an All-Retail Bag Ordinance will continue with drafting of a proposed ordinance for an EIR consultant to review in early 2013. There was discussion of the upcoming county-wide Reusable Bag Ordinance and how its implementation will inform the City's plan.

**9. 2013 Commission Schedule:** The Commission approved the meeting schedule for 2013

**10. Future Agenda Items:** NA

**11. Adjourn:** M/S/C Schultze-Allen/Tam to adjourn at 9:00

## **Declaring March 17-23, 2013 Zero Waste Week in Berkeley**

WHEREAS, waste reduction, reuse, recycling and composting conserve natural resources, protect human health, reduce pollution, and are cheaper than destructive disposal when all costs are considered, and create more jobs in local communities; and

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2005, the Berkeley City Council recognized these significant benefits by unanimously affirming its Zero Waste policy in Resolution 62,849–N.S.; and the Zero Waste Commission and is devoted to implementing this Zero Waste policy; and

WHEREAS, these intentions have been realized in growing achievement, and Berkeley now diverts 74% of its discarded resources away from being wasted and directs them into reuse and recycling systems; and

WHEREAS, Berkeley's policy and achievement are part of a regional movement in the direction of ending wasting, along with other cities including San Francisco, Oakland, Palo Alto, and San Jose, as well as the Alameda County Source Reduction and Recycling Board (StopWaste.org); and

WHEREAS, the policy direction and achievement in Berkeley, as well as in other cities and levels of government in the San Francisco Bay Area, have been noticed and appreciated and held up as a good example by the Northern California Recycling Association (NCRA), the GrassRoots Recycling Network (GRRN), and the Zero Waste International Alliance (ZWIA); and

WHEREAS, together NCRA, GRRN, and ZWIA will be hosting Zero Waste events in the Bay Area for people from California, from other parts of this country, and from other countries from March 18 through March 22, 2013, including: a reception at Pier 39's Zero Waste Zone in San Francisco on March 18; the 18<sup>th</sup> annual Recycling Update and 8<sup>th</sup> Zero Waste International Dialogue at the Freight and Salvage venue in downtown Berkeley on March 19 and 20; a Zero Waste Certification workshop in Oakland on March 21; and a tour of the Berkeley resource-handling system with other facilities on March 22; and a reception for attendees at Urban Ore on March 22; and

WHEREAS, Zero Waste practitioners from Australia, Brazil, Canada, France, India, Italy, New Zealand, Philippines, South Africa, Sweden, the United Kingdom, and the United States will meet in Berkeley and elsewhere in the San Francisco Bay Area to share information about Zero Waste efforts from around the world, and

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley is pleased to acknowledge that its intentions and achievements, along with those of other cities and governments in the Bay Area, have become an international model for moving toward Zero Waste; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to codify international standards for Zero Waste communities, businesses, and service providers, and to celebrate the accomplishments of the worldwide Zero Waste movement.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Berkeley declares that March 17 through March 23, 2013 is Zero Waste Week in Berkeley and encourages elected officials, City departments, commissioners and the public celebrate our achievements and rededicate to achieving our worthy goal.

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**Motion to approve the Zero Waste Week Resolution: M/S/C Kalil/Halperin. Ayes: Halperin, Kalil, Schultze-Allen, Tam; No's: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Bartlett, Wenning**