



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
Zero Waste Division

**MINUTES**  
**ZERO WASTE COMMISSION**  
**Monday, April 27, 2015**  
**City of Berkeley Corporation Yard - 1326 Allston Way**  
**Ratcliff Building, Willow Room**

Chair Cowles called the meeting to order with a quorum at 7:04 PM

**1. Roll Call:**

**Commissioners present:** Cowles, Schultze-Allen, Wenning, Twu, Noonan, Halperin, Watson (7:45)

**Commissioners absent:** None

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

**Members of the Public:** Daniel Maher of Ecology Center; Sara MacKusick & Jeff Belchamber of CCC; Carolyn Dean

**2. Approve Agenda: Request to reorder agenda by putting Officer Election at end of meeting. M/S/C Halperin/Cowles to approve agenda as amended 6/0/0**

**3. Comments from the Public: None**

**4. Announcements and Commissioner Comments: Schultze-Allen announced that this will be his last meeting as a Zero Waste Commissioner.**

**5. Approve Meeting Minutes of March 23, 2015: M/S/C to approve the March 23, 2015 Minutes: Schultze-Allen/Twu 6/0/0**

**6. CEAC Referral requiring Multi-family Recycling Signage: The Commission reviewed the referral from CEAC and decided that Cowles & Noonan would meet with the CEAC liaison to discuss the proposal and any next steps.**

**7. Strategic Plan Subcommittee – Update on Subcommittee Progress: Watson updated the Commission on the status of the Strategic Plan process and voted to officially submit the Commission Report recommending that staff move forward immediately to release the RFP for a strategic plan consultant. Language was agreed on which would change the report from an information item to an action report and the following resolution was approved: *In order to meet our Zero Waste Goal, and in response to the City Auditor's recommendations, the Zero Waste Commission recommends that the City move forward immediately to 1) redefine the Zero Waste Goal and 2) issue the RFP for a consultant to develop a Strategic Plan which will lead the City towards that goal. M/S/C Immediately Update the Zero Waste Goal and Issue RFP for Zero Waste Strategic Plan Consultant - Watson/Noonan 7/0/0***

**8. Big Belly Solar Compactor Discussion: The proposed installation of solar compactors was discussed, including options for public place recycling & composting, locations and collection. More information is needed on potential funding sources.**

**9. ZWC Field Trip Opportunities: Possible field trips to El Cerrito Recycling Center and Recology/Grover organics processing facility were discussed. Dates, times and logistics-TBD.**

**10. Officer Election for Vice Chair Position:** Following the resignation of former Vice-Chair Sherman, Elisabeth Watson was nominated for Vice-Chair. **M/S/C to approve Watson as Vice-Chair: Halperin/Wenning 7/0/0**

**11. Future Agenda Items:** Strategic Planning, CEAC referral, Commercial Franchise, Public space recycling.

**12. Adjourn:** M/S/C Schultze-Allen/Watson to adjourn at 9:00 7/0/0