

Sebastopol City Council Zero Waste Study Session.

Sept 18th, 5:00-6:30pm, Community Center Youth Annex, 425 Morris St., Sebastopol

I. Welcome, introduction, outline of presentation (2 min)- Sunny Galbraith, 350 Sonoma

II. Short presentations on Zero Waste (25 minutes total)

- A. Intro to Zero Waste (3 minutes) – Portia Sinnott, Zero Waste Action- Sonoma County
- B. Explanation of who and what is the Zero Waste Task Force (8 minutes) – Leslie Lukacs, SCS Engineers
 - Zero Waste Resolution Request- brief overview
- C. Zero Waste = Good Jobs (10 minutes) – Marty Bennett, North Bay Jobs with Justice; Mike Yates, Teamsters Local 665
- D. Organics Management: resource recovery, renewable energy, healthy soils and carbon farming. (3 minutes) – Will Bakx, Renewable Sonoma

III. Our Asks: actions we would like the Council to take in the short term (12 minutes total)

- A. Support and approve the Zero Waste Resolution request (already presented by Leslie Lukacs in part II)
- B. Support and approve the Sonoma County Waste Management Agency’s model ordinance: “Ordinance to Prohibit Use and Sale of Disposable Food Service Ware and Other Products Containing Polystyrene” (6 minutes) –Patrick Carter, Executive Director, Sonoma County Waste Management Agency (examples of other cities with such ordinances: City of Alameda, City of Berkeley, Santa Cruz)
- C. Event Permitting: make recycling and organics collection mandatory at special events that pull a permit from the city (3 min) –Mary Munat, president, Green Mary Event Waste Diversion and Greening.
- D. Lead by example: green the city offices and city council events (2 minutes) – Sunny Galbraith
 - i. Ban city from purchasing single-use water bottles
 - ii. Eliminate single-use service ware and switch to use reusable service ware (cups, mugs, plates, utensils) on city property/ in city offices

IV. Survey of other actions the Council can take to promote Zero Waste (12 minutes total)

- A. Collaboration with Businesses
 - i. Mandatory recycling and composting at businesses and residents (3 min) – Ambrosia Thompson, Recology Zero Waste Specialist for Sebastopol area- examples of restaurants in Sebastopol that are already diverting food waste to compost, and other cities with mandatory compost and recycling
 - 1. Business owners Maraline Olsen, Screamin Mimi’s ice cream and/or owner/ manager from Handline on their successful use of compostable food containers (3 min)
 - 2. Tasha Beauchamp- Zero Waste month at with businesses through Sebastopol Chamber of Commerce (2 min)
 - ii. (2 min) Incentivize restaurants, caterers, grocery stores, and other venues and businesses to donate excess edible food-to-food distribution programs consistent with state laws. (June Michaels, Sonoma Food Runners- need to confirm availability)
- B. “Sonoma County Zero Waste Initiatives Suggestions” document (2 min)
 - i. Brief look at this resource document compiled by the Zero Waste Task Force for further ideas to promote Zero Waste (Portia or Leslie)
 - 1. Example: promote the development of reuse infrastructure such as take-back programs for refillable glass containers, bulk stores, bulk beverage containers (growlers and kegs) and propane tanks. (i.e. expedite permit process, tax incentives, etc.)

V. Closing of presentation portion: the power of Zero Waste as a community-building endeavor (5 minutes total)

- A. Students from Analy High School, Orchard View School, Apple Blossom Elementary, and Santa Rosa Junior college share their experiences working to promote Zero Waste on their campuses

VI. Questions and Answers (30 minutes)