

Organics Committee of the Statewide Commission on Recycling Markets and Curbside Recycling

Draft Meeting Notes

Date: November 23, 2020

Time: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Location: Remote

Present:

Commissioners: Deborah Cadena, Laura Ferrante, Joseph Kalpakoff, Eric Potashner, Coby Skye, Tedd Ward, Nick Lapis

Absent:

Commissioners: Alex Oseguera

Agenda:

Agenda Item 1: Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of Quorum

Chair Potashner called the meeting to order. Commissioners Oseguera and Lapis were absent at the time roll was called. A quorum was established.

Commissioner Lapis arrived at 1:03 pm.

Public Comments: None

Agenda Item 2: Public Comment Review – Items Not on the Agenda

Public Comments: None

Agenda Item 3: Review and Potential Approval of Meeting Notes

No changes were made to the draft meeting notes from November 9th, 2020. Vice Chair Ward moved to approve the meeting notes, and Commissioner Skye seconded. The meeting notes were unanimously approved.

Public Comments: None

Agenda Item 4: Recommendations Relating to Compostable Packaging, Food Rescue, Waste Prevention, Infrastructure, Organics Products, Procurement and Market Development

Commissioners Skye and Lapis presented a draft policy recommendation regarding compostable packaging. Commissioners Lapis and Skye requested feedback from Commissioners and other stakeholders. After making revisions based on the discussion, the revised draft recommendation will be presented at the next Organics Committee meeting before going to the full Commission for review.

Commissioner Skye also presented a draft policy recommendation on problem products that addresses materials that hamper the recyclability and processing of products. Commissioner Ward proposed that the draft recommendation be presented to the Full Commission. Commissioner Skye seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Ward presented a policy proposal on carbon farming. Commissioner Ward and Commissioner Lapis will revise the draft recommendation to include the Healthy Soils Initiative before moving the proposal to the full Commission for review.

Commissioner Ward also proposed adding information on existing programs related to food waste and community composting to the resources section of the report. Commissioners voted unanimously to include these resources in the report.

Commissioner Potashner stepped out of the meeting at 1:45 pm and returned at 1:55 pm.

Public Comment (for complete text of comment, see Appendix I)

- Nicole Quinonez

Agenda Item 5: Presentations on Compostable Packaging, Food Rescue, Waste Prevention, Infrastructure, Organics Products, Procurement and Market Development

No presentations were provided to the Committee.

Public Comments: None

Agenda Item 6: Next Meeting, Proposed Meeting Schedule for 2020-2021, and Agenda Items for Future Meetings

Commissioners Kalpakoff and Oseguera will discuss recommendations related to infrastructure at the next Organics Committee meeting. Commissioner Ward requested that representatives from the food service industry and producers of single-use food packaging be invited to present at an upcoming meeting. Suggestions were made to potentially invite the California Restaurant Association, the American Forest and Paper Association, the American Food Packaging Institute, or a representative from other food service groups.

The Commissioners will meet every other Monday from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm for the rest of the year. The next Committee meeting will be on Monday, December 7, 2020.

Public Comments: None

Agenda Item 7: Meeting Summary and Closing

Commissioner Ward provided closing remarks.

Public Comments: None

The meeting ended at approximately 2:20 pm.

Appendix I:

Nicole Quinonez, Madden Quinonez Advocacy

Are the draft compostable packaging policy recommendations available in the google drive? If so, can you please advise where. If not, can they be uploaded so we can better follow along during this meeting? Thank you.