



San Benito County Integrated Waste Management Regional Agency Local Task Force

IWM Task Force Members: San Benito County Board of Supervisor & Local Task Force Chair **Angela Curro**, San Benito County Board of Supervisor **Mindy Sotelo** (Alternate), City of Hollister Council Member **Dolores Morales**, City of Hollister Council Member **Priscilla de Anda** (Alternate), City of San Juan Bautista Councilmember **Jose Arranda**, City of San Juan Bautista Councilmember **Jackie Morris-Lopez** (Alternate)
IWM Staff: County Resource Management Agency Public Works Administrator **Steve Loupe**, IWM Manager **Celina Stotler**, IWM Staff Analyst **Kathryn Ramirez**, IWM Recycling Coordinator **Frankie Sanchez**, IWM Staff Services Specialist **Esmeralda Gomez-Del Real**, IWM Recycling Intern **Laurie Tankersley**.

Integrated Waste Management (IWM) Local Task Force

Meeting Minutes February 26, 2025 - 6:30 PM

I. Call to Order

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Acknowledge [Certificate of Posting](#)
4. Approve minutes for [December 12, 2025](#)

Meeting was held in the San Benito County Chamber and by Zoom.

Meeting was called to order at 6:34pm

The following LTF members were present: Supervisor Angela Curro, Councilmember Dolores Morales, and Councilmember Jose Aranda.

The following IWM Staff were present: Celina Stotler, Frankie Sanchez, and Esmeralda Gomez.

Acknowledge Certificate of Posting

Supervisor Curro made a motion to acknowledge the certificate of posting on the record. Seconded by Councilmember Arranda.

Approve minutes for December 12, 2024

Supervisor Curro made a motion to approve the minutes. Second by Councilmember Morales.

Motion carried 3-0

II. Staff Announcements

Details Below.

III. IWM Local Task Force Member Announcements

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IV. Public Comment

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V. [Presentations](#) and Discussion Items

1. Appointment of Local Task Force Chair and Vice Chair

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2. Local Task Force Meeting [Master Calendar](#) and Select Meeting Dates

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4. Review of IWM Regional Agency Quarterly Expenditure

- a. [FY 24-25 Payroll Report](#)
- b. [FY 24-25 Services & Supplies Expenditure Report](#)

Details Below

5. FY 25-26 Recommended IWM Regional Agency Budget

Details Below

VI. Adjourn

Chair Curro made a motion to adjourn at 8:33 p.m. The agenda was completed in totality.

Meeting Details:

Staff Announcements

Illegal Dumping and Litter Abatement Coordinator Frankie Sanchez delivered updates and announcements of IWM programming, including grants and funding updates, Q4 2024 events, and upcoming events.

Illegal Dumping and Litter Abatement Coordinator, Frankie Sanchez, delivered illegal dumping and litter abatement program updates, specifically signage and the Mattress Recycling Council Grant work.



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Councilmember Aranda inquired how he can support the San Juan Bautista Cleanups and Art Poster Contest in the future. Was also interested in how many San Juan Bautista residents participated in the February 2025 Recycle Day Event.

IWM Manager, Celina Stotler, provided more in-depth information regarding IWM's outreach and promotional efforts and how LTF members can support.

Councilmember Morales requested more information regarding outcomes and measurable results of our events and programs. She suggested that staff utilize the "Need, Risk, and Responsibility" model.

Supervisor Curro recommended SBCvolunteer.org to staff, a new website that connects potential volunteers to volunteer opportunities. She also mentioned a software program that monitors cell phones and utilizes spatial data to track attendance at certain events and where the attendees came from. A resource like this could help allocate resources to underserved communities.

IWM Local Task Force Member Announcements

Supervisor Curro expressed her excitement to be on the Local Task Force and looks forward to working with the other jurisdictions, as well as a deep dive into SB 1383.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Presentations & Discussion Items

1. Appointment of Local Task Force Chair and Vice Chair

Councilmember Aranda nominated Supervisor Curro as LTF Chair, seconded by Councilmember Morales.

Councilmember Morales nominated Councilmember Aranda as LTF Vice Chair, seconded by Chair Curro.

2. Local Task Force Meeting Master Calendar and Select Meeting Dates

The LTF decided on the following meeting dates:

SPECIAL MEETING: March 18th 4:30 PM

Monday, June 9th @ 6:00 PM

Monday, September 8th @ 6:00 PM

Monday, December 8th @ 6:00 PM

Councilmember Morales requested staff to intentionally engage the community and invite interested stakeholders to the LTF meetings to provide input and feedback. She also inquired on the state's carpet recycling program through the state, and asked if staff could look into it.

No Public Comment.



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3. Recology San Benito County Quarterly Updates

Zero Waste Manager, Adrian Sahagun, presented 2024 Annual updates including diversion rates, residential highlights (outreach efforts, social media, etc.), commercial highlights (organics service, event diversion, etc.), and compliance with AB 1826, AB 341, and SB 1383.

No Public Comment.

Councilmember Aranda inquired about how total diversion is measured at various events. He also asked about how San Benito County compares to other jurisdictions in the region in terms of diversion. Also mentioned if the supporting documents could be added to the Agenda link for simpler access.

Recology Zero Waste Manager, Adrian Sahagun, mentioned San Benito County does really well compared to surrounding counties. He credited the Recology staff and the Infinity Staffing for their hard work.

IWM Manager, Celina Stotler, clarified the contractual overall diversion goal is 45%, however, the statewide goal is closer to 75% for overall diversion from landfill. She mentioned staff will come prepared to discuss these numbers at the next meeting.

Councilmember Morales inquired about the different pieces of legislation and what they address. (SB 1383, AB 1826, AB 341, and AB 939). She mentioned it would be helpful if staff provided a one-page summary of all the important pieces of legislation and their implications.

IWM Manager, Celina Stotler, mentioned CalRecycle has a resource that explains the various legislation in further detail, and staff can share this with the LTF.

Supervisor Curro mentioned we aren't getting the full diversion data for residents in the discretionary zone and would like to have further discussions on how we can increase diversion for residents in the discretionary and voluntary service areas.

4. Review of IWM Regional Agency Quarterly Expenditures

IWM Manager, Celina Stotler, presented on the FY24-25 RA Payroll Report and the FY24-25 RA Services and Supplies Expenditure Report.

Councilmember Morales mentioned it is challenging to find the total costs of certain line items on the expenditure report. She mentions the purpose of a budget is to see where we are over a period of time and project future costs. Councilmember Morales also mentioned budgets are essential to the decision-making process and can help negotiate savings. "It's about Contribution vs Return."

Councilmember Aranda mentioned he would also like access to the Excel documents so that he can familiarize himself.

Chair Curro further inquired RE IWM RA budget.

IWM Manager, Celina Stotler, provided greater detail on IWM's budget and how it is structured.



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Chair Curro mentioned the ERP system can put out a report that breaks down the cost for any given event, for each jurisdiction, and that a report like this would be extremely helpful for comparing the different costs. Would prefer to have the report come straight from ERP rather than be manually put together by staff.

Councilmember Aranda asked if staff could include any supporting documents or reports in the calendar invite for easier accessibility.

Councilmember Morales mentioned if there are any actions to be taken, they need to be specified in the agenda itself. This was confirmed by Sean Camerson, Deputy County Counsel.

No Public Comment.

5. FY 25-26 Recommended IWM Regional Agency Budget

IWM Manager, Celina Stotler, presented on the recommended budget for FY 25-26.

Councilmember Aranda asked what the residential and commercial refunds are and how they are paid out.

Recology General Manager, Mike Kelly, explained refunds are awarded when a customer's account is overcharged. He further explained how the refunds are deducted from the franchise fee.

Chair Curro had questions about the structure of this report and feels that the LTF members and staff can work together to simplify it. Chair Curro also requested more information on the Cost Plan and the Cost Sharing Agreement.

Councilmember Morales had questions about administrative costs and how they are billed.

Chair Curro requested more information on a later date about the Cost Plan and the Cost Sharing Agreement.

The LTF scheduled a Special Meeting for March 18th @ 4:30 PM to discuss further.

No Public Comment.

Adjourn.

Chair Curro adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.