

# MARIN COUNTY HAZARDOUS AND SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

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From: Debra Stutsman, Chair  
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**SUBJECT: HAZARDOUS AND SOLID WASTE JPA  
ZERO WASTE PROGRAM**

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As the Chair of the Hazardous and Solid Waste JPA, I have been asked to tell you about the JPA's proposed work plan for the upcoming year.

As background, for the last fifteen years, the JPA's primary goal was to monitor, document and report compliance with the State's Integrated Waste Management Act, which requires all cities and counties in California to divert 50% of their waste from disposal. During this fifteen year period the JPA exceeded the goal by achieving 75% diversion of waste from the landfill.

In 2007, the JPA adopted a resolution setting a goal of diverting 80% of Marin's waste by 2012, achieving Zero Waste by year 2025. Additionally, the resolution called for the JPA to develop a Zero Waste study to provide guidance in zero waste planning decisions and reconvene its Local Task Force to assist in the JPA's zero waste efforts.

In 2009, the JPA commissioned a Zero Waste Feasibility Study to identify ways for Marin to reduce waste and also to divert waste away from the landfill. The study outlined steps the JPA could pursue to reduce its disposal by 95%. The study can be found at <http://www.marinrecycles.org/Docs/Final Draft Zero Waste Feasibility Study 012710.pdf>.

The next step is the development of an implementation strategy, detailing choices of specific programs and policies to achieve zero waste. These programs will need to be implemented at multiple levels, including cities and the County, special districts involved in solid waste and at the JPA to meet the desired zero waste goal.

The JPA's budget subcommittee has been meeting with JPA staff to formulate the 2010-11 zero waste work plan and associated funding. The proposed budget provides funding for program development, agency implementation, staffing and public education needs, as follows:

1. \$100,000 to contract with a consultant to develop a Zero Waste Tool Kit, to include model ordinance and franchise agreement language and implementation assistance.
2. \$300,000 to assist local agencies in implementing programs outlined in the Zero Waste Tool Kit.
3. \$200,000 to contract with an advertising agency to produce a public education program to encourage waste reduction behavior in the community.
4. \$168,401 to be added to the County contract to fund a zero waste coordinator to focus on implementing new programs, assisting member agencies, special districts and the community in implementing zero waste goals.

The JPA has a carryover of \$300,000 to fund a portion of the above stated program costs. However, the new programs would require some additional funding. Revenue for the JPA is established by a tipping fee on disposed waste. Of note is that over one half of this tipping fee revenue comes from local landfills receiving 'out of county' waste.

Additionally, the JPA has been working with the San Rafael Fire Department on reviewing and updating the current agreement, services and contracted costs with the Marin Resource Recovery's Center (MRRC). For over 15 years, MRRC has successfully operated the Household Hazardous Waste site for most of the Marin agencies. Changes to State regulations, and incorporating best practices for HHW programs will be an integral part of this new agreement.

The proposed budget would be funded by a \$7.17 per ton tipping fee (\$1.08 for the program budget, \$1.61 for zero waste and \$4.48 for the Hazardous Household Waste program). This proposed tipping fee is an increase of \$2.89 per ton from fiscal year 2009-10.

Our Board will be meeting on June 24<sup>th</sup> to consider formal action on the budget, work program and tipping fees. It is the JPA's desire to reach out and speak to you and your Councils prior to formalizing JPA actions for the coming 2010-2011 year.

The Hazardous and Solid Waste JPA members and staff want to ensure that our elected officials are fully in the loop with respect to the proposed next steps with the Zero Waste program and have an opportunity for input, comments and questions. To that end, JPA staff is ready and willing, should it be desired, to make a presentation at an upcoming Council or Board meeting to outline the Zero Waste program and answer any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Debra Stutsman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Debra Stutsman, Chair  
Hazardous & Solid Waste JPA