

# MARIN COUNTY HAZARDOUS AND SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

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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.

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As background, the JPA was formed in 1996, as a partnership of Marin's Cities and the County to form a unified entity to monitor, document and report compliance with the California Integrated Waste Management Act, which requires all cities and counties in California to divert 50% of their waste from disposal. The JPA Board was comprised of City and County representatives because only cities and counties were liable for State fines should they not meet the mandates of AB939. During this fifteen year period the JPA exceeded the goal by achieving 75% diversion of waste from the landfill.

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The JPA is funded by disposal fees collected from all the County's haulers and Redwood Landfill. Since a large portion of Redwood Landfill's waste is imported from outside the County over 50% of the JPA's budget is paid from out of County sources. These funds are used for program administration, reporting, waste reduction programs, and to pay for the Marin Household Hazardous Waste Facility.

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 JPA conducted numerous public meetings in producing this study and hopefully your District has some awareness of this study. The study can be found on the front page of [MarinRecycles.org](http://www.marinrecycles.org), more specifically 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 that include Marin's cities, 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. However, the new programs would require some additional funding. 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.

The Hazardous and Solid Waste JPA members and staff want to ensure that your Special Districts 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 District Board meeting to outline the proposed Zero Waste program and answer any questions.

Sincerely,



Debra Stutsman, Chair  
Hazardous & Solid Waste JPA