



Earth Action Committee

Minutes – April 14, 2021

Zoom Call

Board Members: Laura Wright, Roger, Leah Stamper

Member-Employees: Emily Walter, Kiya Villarreal

Members: Colin Fiske

1. **Welcomes and Review** – At 6:45pm the meeting was called to order.

2. **Approve February Minutes**

Approved by consensus.

3. **Member Comments**

Kiya - We have updated our safety reopening plan and submitted it to the Joint Information Center. Upon approval we'll be able to have self-serve bulk again. Also, working to get bulk wellness back in Arcata.

4. **Coalition for Responsible Transportation Priorities (CRTP)**

- Kiya – we are excited to have a new Strategic Partnership with CRTP where we work together to promote alternative, safe and sustainable transportation.
- Colin (CRTP) - CRTP is excited to partner with the Co-op to work to create conditions around infrastructure and policy that encourage people to use transportation methods other than cars.

5. **Onsite Composter/Digester**

The composter has been in the works for the last two weeks and is going very well. It's very exciting and we'll be rolling it out more officially on Earth Day when members will be able to purchase a stamp card that will allow them to drop off their home compost at the Co-op.

6. **CRV**

We have been consistently calling to find out about CRV penalties. We continue to pay \$100/day for each store until policy is changed or the local recycling centers are recertified as CRV sites. CalRecycle is very aware of this situation and yet nothing is being addressed.

ACTION: Kiya will follow-up with Representatives Wood and McGuire on the letter that they submitted on behalf of northcoast businesses being affected by the CRV penalty.

7. **Tesla Battery Update**

The Tesla batteries are completely installed and ready to go. They will be put to use in about a month in accordance with the state's Tesla battery program.

8. **Member Comments**

ACTION: Kiya will poll staff on how they get to work and how they would like to get to work.

9. **Next Agenda Items**

- Composter Update
- Environmental Benchmarks Review

10. **Next Meeting Date**

Next meeting is May 12, 6:45-7:45pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:43pm

Minutes by Emily Walter