



Earth Action Committee

Minutes – February 12, 2020

Arcata Co-op Conference Room, Arcata

Board Members: Colin Fiske, Roger, Cheri Strong

Member-Employees: Kiya Villareal

1. **Welcomes and Review** – At 6:40pm the meeting was called to order.
2. **Approve Minutes** – Consensus reached to approve the January 2020 minutes.
3. **Member Comments**
 - Roger – would like to see a plastic-display to show you that the receiving side is plastic intensive to be separate from our Earth Day roll-out. Can the Co-op provide addresses of many brands to write customer letters to?
4. **Campaign for a Composting Facility**

Find the entity and office responsible for pursuing an industrial composter and ask what has already been done to inform our request.
5. **Renewable Energy Plan**

There is interest in focusing to fundraising for a partial solar system. Regardless of size it's a long-term money-saving investment. Two separate funds are needed - one for infrastructure for the lines, the other for actual panels so that it can be done incrementally rather than at once. We could fundraise for a smaller 20,000-watt system. What about doing a Seeds for Change Round Up in 2021 for the Co-op Solar System? Can funding come from CCF. One fundraising idea is to sell metal pins/buttons.
6. **Purchasing Policy Update**

Updates to the Purchasing Policy are in-progress. The final draft of the unacceptable ingredient list should be ready to share at the next EAC meeting.
7. ~~**Durable Incentives**~~
8. **Sustainability Officer Update** – reported by Kiya
See attachment A.
9. **Next Agenda Items**
 - Campaign for a Composting Facility
 - Renewable Energy Plan
 - Purchasing Policy Update

ACTION ITEMS

- Each attendee from tonight will ask around for leads about getting a composting facility.
- Kiya will contact RCEA and ask what we can do to support their goal of 100% renewable energy?

Floating Items:

- Plastic Free Month

10. **Next Meeting Date**

Next meeting will be March 11, 6:45-8pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:37pm

Minutes by Kiya Villareal

ATTACHMENT A

Sustainability Update

February 2020
by Kiya Villarreal

Municipal engagement

The City of Arcata passed Ordinance Code No. 1527 as amended. It is ambitious, enforcement begins January 2021. I've been engaging with city staffers, prepared foods department, and supply vendors throughout the process and am beginning to implement necessary changes to comply prior to the enforcement date.

The City of Eureka will be meeting with Co-op staff in February to plan a bulk tutorial video.

I attended the County Climate Action Plan workshop.

Purchasing

New wholesale vendors are being identified to fill desired product gaps that can help us meet our goals of increased durable use.

Our current Purchasing Policy is being examined and amended to include banned ingredients. Banned ingredients have been identified and are being cross-checked for validity.

Facilities

Our composting and scrap diversion practices are being reevaluated. Mid-year our operations will be altered and accompanied with a training video to be viewed by all current and new staff (during orientation). This will be a joint effort of between myself, the Maintenance department and the Marketing department.