



Earth Action Committee Minutes – January 8, 2020 Arcata Co-op Conference Room, Arcata

Board Members: Cheri Strong, Roger

Member-Employees: Kiya Villareal, Emily Walter

1. **Welcomes and Review** - At 6:45pm the meeting was called to order.
2. **Approve Minutes** - Consensus reached to approve the December 2019 minutes.
3. **Member Comments**
None
4. **Power Outages**
ACTION: Emily will ask Jason to include information about best practices concerning generators in the February GM Report.
5. **Campaign for a Composting Facility**
Kiya is looking forward to attending a meeting being held in Eureka this month that will inform us exactly where the county is on getting a composting facility. Kiya will report back at the February EAC meeting.
6. **Renewable Energy Plan**
Kiya researched a 100% renewable energy plan and it's not feasible. It is feasible to increase the amount of renewable energy the store produces. One way is to increase solar panel capacity.
 - Roger – it would be great to see exactly what we can accomplish and raise funds from the membership to make it affordable.
7. **Durable Incentives**
Discussed ideas for incentives and charges for durables. Kiya is working on a proposal for what discounts and charges to implement when the City of Arcata passes its plastic ordinance.
 - One idea is that instead of people getting a discount it is donated to the Cooperative Community Fund.
8. **Sustainability Officer Update** – reported by Kiya
Kiya met with Sean and Larry to discuss the current purchasing policy and how they want to revamp it. The first step to revamp the policy is to create a large “no ingredients” list as a guide for what products the Co-op will and won't sell. They are looking at some of the no ingredients lists that other Co-ops use as reference.
9. **Next Agenda Items**
 - Composting Facility Update
 - Renewable Energy Plan Update
 - Purchasing Policy Update

Floating Items:

 - Plastic Free Month
10. **Next Meeting Date**
Next meeting will be February 12, 6:45-8pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:33pm

Minutes by Emily Walter

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