



# Earth Action Committee

Minutes – January 13, 2021

Zoom Call

**Board Members:** Pamela Lee, Roger, Laura Wright

**Member-Employees:** Emily Walter, Kiya Villarreal

**Members:** Dan Chandler, Diane Ryerson

1. **Welcomes and Review** – At 6:45pm the meeting was called to order.
2. **Approve November Minutes**  
Approved by consensus.
3. **Member Comments**
  - Emily – wants to see Kiya highlighted in social media, showing off new sustainable items, why they are good and her experiences with them.
  - Dan – discussed refrigerants and global warming impacts. New requirements were passed in early December 2020. Can the Co-op do more to eliminate refrigerant leaks in its system? Mentioned an EAP program called Green Chill for supermarkets to help reduce leaks. Dan and Diane will email more information to Kiya about new legislation and CO2 systems. We need to start budgeting now for future upgrades.
4. **Onsite Composter/Digester** – reported by Kiya  
The contract for the composter was signed today. It will be located in Arcata. We are planning a monthly membership program where members would pay a fee to drop off their home compost. This will keep us in line with legislation requiring reduced waste and we hope it will encourage other business to get their own.
5. **CalRecycle Commission Meeting** – reported by Kiya  
In cooperation with other local grocers and the CalRecycle Recycling Committee we have successfully advocated for the CalRecycle Statewide Commission to approve an emergency memo to be sent directly to Governor Newsom and CalRecycle Director Rachel Wagoner requesting recertification of local recycling centers as certified CRV Redemption Sites open to serve our community on an appointment-basis.
6. **Sustainability Officer Update**  
Kiya reviewed the attached Sustainability Update.
7. **Next Agenda Items**
  - Plastic Display
  - CRV
8. **Next Meeting Date**  
Next meeting is February 13, 6:45-8pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45pm

*Minutes by Emily Walter*

## EAC Sustainability Update December 2020

### Legislation

Approved SB 1383: “jurisdictions will need to implement programs to recover 20 percent of commercial edible food from disposal” While the Co-op does already meet these requirements, we can strengthen our recording efforts to include estimated weights of landfill diversion by farmer pick-ups which we did not previously record by estimates.

[G22 SB1383-Checklist-FINAL.pdf \(1383compliance.com\)](#)

In-Progress: SB 372 Will help our recycling efforts and CRV mandates for the region however legislation takes 24-36 months to be put into effect fully.

[Bill Text - SB-372 Beverage Container Recycling Act of 2020. \(ca.gov\)](#)

### CalRecycle Commission Meeting

At the urging of public comment and Commissioner Donleavy, the recycling committee is drafting an emergency response regarding the lack of infrastructure and CRV sites available to retailers and residents of Humboldt County.

### Incoming Food Digester

<b>Daily Processing Capacity (lbs.)</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Approx. Daily Output (lbs.)</b>	10
<b>Connected Load kW</b>	4.7
<b>Power Supply</b>	220Volts/60Hz Three Phase
<b>Estimated 24hr Power consumption (kW hours)<sup>1</sup></b>	20-25
<b>Machine Dimensions (W x D x H) - feet</b>	5.7 x 3.25 x 4.9

### Alternative Transportation Stamp Card

Promotional materials planned for February and March 2021 to spread more awareness of the availability of the Alternative Transportation stamp card.