



# Earth Action Committee

Minutes – March 10, 2021

Zoom Call

**Board Members:** Pamela Lee, Roger

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

**Members:**

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

2. **Approve February Minutes**

Approved by consensus.

3. **Member Comments**

- Pamela – when I get stuff from the bulk department they ask if we want paper or plastic? Can they just ask if paper is okay? It is a better default.

ACTION: Kiya will talk with the store managers about this great idea.

*Roger departed the meeting.*

4. **Onsite Composter/Digester**

The composter is officially in transit and should arrive around March 17.

Kiya is finishing up the plan for customers to be able to purchase a compost stamp card and get a compost bucket to join the Co-op compost program to be able to drop off home compost at the Co-op.

The committee agrees they want to see used buckets be upcycled for the compost program.

5. **CRV**

The Co-op received its first out of compliance CRV bill which charges the Co-op a fee of \$100/day. We never received a response from the emergency letter that was sent to the CA Governor and CalRecycle to allow local CRV centers to be recertified. Kiya will continue communication with the local CRV working group and report back.

6. **Tesla Battery Update**

The Co-op is receiving a large Tesla battery via a CA grant program. The battery should take demand off the grid during peak times and will save the Co-op money on its electric bill. It will also serve as a power source when the power is out. The Eureka store will be closed on March 20 for the initial install of the battery.

7. **Sustainability Officer Update**

Kiya reviewed the attached Sustainability Update.

7. **Next Agenda Items**

- Composter Update
- Tesla Power Bank Update
- CRV Update

8. **Next Meeting Date**

Next meeting is April 14, 6:45-7:45pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:25pm

*Minutes by Emily Walter*

## EAC Sustainability Update February 2021

### In-store:

- Store managers and the Sustainability Officer continue discussion on how to bring Bulk durables back into the stores.
- The EcoRich Food Digester is scheduled to be installed on 3/17/2021.
- The Alternative Transportation Stamp Card and Co-op Compost Stamp Card will be spotlighted during March.
- Zagster has been dissolved as a company and we will be moving forward with removal of any remaining Zagster bike parking equipment. We will continue educating members and shoppers on the Alternative Transportation Stamp Card program.
- The Eureka energy audit is completed and submitted for Tesla project.

### Alternative Transportation Stamp Card usage

<b>Month</b>	<b>Eureka</b>	<b>Arcata</b>
January	1 redeemed	7 redeemed
February	2 redeemed	5 redeemed

### Legislation/Community:

We have received our first invoice from CalRecycle regarding CRV daily fee. No announcements have been made from CalRecycle's Director, or Governor Newsom, regarding the Statewide Commission's emergency letter requesting CRV action.