



Earth Action Committee

Minutes – May 13, 2020

Zoom Call

Board Members: Roger, Cheri Strong

Member-Employees: Kiya Villareal, Emily Walter

Members:

1. **Welcomes and Review** – At 6:45pm the meeting was called to order.
2. **Approve Minutes** – Consensus reached to approve the April 2020 minutes.
3. **Member Comments** - None
4. **Review Action Items** - reported by Kiya
People can bring their own shopping bags to the store now. All shopping bags must remain in the cart and bagged by the shopper. Employees are not to touch the bags.
5. **COVID-19** - reported by Kiya
Compostable produce bags will be available soon.
6. **Campaign for a composting facility** - reported by Kiya
The committee reviewed the draft campaign letter and discussed ideas for the campaign.
 - Reach out to restaurants, chambers, all municipalities, tribes, HSU, each board of supervisors.
 - Get the board to approve a letter at the June board meeting.
7. **Durables** – reported by Kiya
Because people can't use their own containers right now it is of great interest to start a deposit container in the next few months. Would like to see a system modeled after the Rogue to Go program using OZZI containers.
8. **Annual Sustainability Report** – reported by Kiya
We are planning an annual sustainability report to come out in the summer. It will include basic sustainability information of our operations that includes data such as energy use, water use and number of local producers.
9. **Sustainability Officer Update** – reported by Kiya
 - I was interviewed by the Waste Reduction and Resource Awareness Program (W.R.R.A.P.) about the Co-op. The video can be found on the WRRAP website and the Co-ops Facebook page.
 - I'm starting a monthly Co-op sustainability blog post.
10. **Next Agenda Items**
 - Durables plan
 - Purchasing Policy?
 - Industrial composter

ACTION ITEMS

- Kiya will look into information about state grants to help purchase an industrial composter.
- Kiya will talk with staff about starting a durable container deposit program.

11. Next Meeting Date

Next meeting is June 10, 6:45-8pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:23pm

Minutes by Emily Walter