



Earth Action Committee

Minutes – October 14, 2020

Zoom Call

Board Members:

Member-Employees: Kiya Villarreal, Emily Walter

Members: Cheryl Kelly

1. **Welcomes and Review** – At 6:50pm the meeting was called to order.

2. **Approve Minutes** – Consensus reached to approve the September 2020 minutes.

3. Member Comments

- Pizza comment

4. **Plastic Produce Labels** - reported by Kiya

Any labels we do in store are paper labels. We will sign the petition. CA against waste, sierra club and others will be working together to get a single use plastic bill on the ballot in 2022, which would include fruit stickers.

5. **Durable Containers** - reported by Kiya

Working on a press release about getting OZZI machines from HSU. Kiya is working with the Prepared Foods Director to discuss the future how using them in the Co-op Stores.

- We spoke with the local health department regarding customer durable use. The general take away was there are industry guidance froms available by industry. We fall within the retail category which has different cleaning protocols for cleanliness of durables. There are protocols for cleaning containers that are touched by multiple individuals. It made it clear that providing a durable program would be the way to fulfill the guidelines./protocols.

7. **Sustainability Officer Update** – reported by Kiya

The new purchasing policy was passed by the board. Next steps are culling products that no longer meet this policy and begin ordering replacement products that do meant the policy.

The coop will be talking at the Zero Waste Conference.

Choose to Reusue campaign – reimage the campaign by the coop and include messaging to put pressure on businesses to reduce their packaging.

Kiya is still working on the local makers line.

New cheese clothes to reduce energy use.

Backyard compostable bags are now available in bulk.

8. Next Agenda Items

- Arcata Plastic Ordinance
- Husky durable cups
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9. Next Meeting Date

Next meeting is November 11, 6:45-8pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:20pm

Minutes by Emily Walter