

MINUTES

The meeting was convened at 5:35pm with Steve Sherman presiding as Chair.

ROLL CALL

Present: Philip Monrad, Steven Sherman, Claire Wilson, Sandra Curtis, Dennis Uyat, Layla Dargahi, Lucy Longwell

LOA:

Absent: Barun Singh

STAFF PRESENT: Julia A. Heath, Johnny de Lara

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT: 2

PUBLIC COMMENTS (on non-agenda items): 1

ACTION MINUTES:

- **Approval of the June 17, 2026 Regular Meeting Agenda**

Action Taken: M/S/C (Uyat/Dargahi) to approve the June 17, 2026 meeting agenda.

Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: Singh

- **Approval of the May 20, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Action Taken: M/S/C (Dargahi/Uyat) to approve the May 20, 2026 meeting minutes.

Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: Monrad, Curtis None; Absent: Singh

Action Taken: M/S/C (Sherman/Monrad) To revote on the minutes

Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: Singh

Action Taken: M/S/C (Uyat/Dargahi) revoting to approve the May 20, 2026 meeting minutes.

Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: Monrad, Curtis None; Absent: Singh

- **Public Comment**

1 public comment. No Action Taken.

- 1100 Block of Addison St. resident: Fining people for having their bins moved out of position? Not a fine, you are charged for a special pickup if the driver cannot service your cart, meaning you are paying the cost for a driver to come collect your cart on a different day while they're servicing a different route.

- **Staff Updates**

Discussion only. No Action Taken.

- Ad campaigns finally going out!

- Trying to work with an ad agency to get contractors in compliance with Cal Green requirements
- Starting route reviews on July 10th
- Council passed compliance/inspection fees
 - i. \$250 flat rate, and it assumes 2 hours for each plan check and inspection

- **Compliance and Circularity in Regulated Waste – Lisa Puckett**

Discussion only. No Action Taken.

Public Comment:

- **Continue discussion of which initiatives from the Zero Waste Strategic Plan Executive Summary commissioners will work on**

Discussion only. No Action Taken

- Sherman: Zero Waste Events, Rate Structures
- Dargahi: SUDs, Food Recovery Program Expansion, Public Engagement
- Curtis: SUDs Update, Public Engagement
- Longwell: Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance, Stormwater Management and Discharge Control Ordinance
- Monrad: Zero Waste Events, Space Allocation follow-up
- Wilson: SUDs, Food Recovery Program Expansion, Public Engagement
- Uyat: Lease Language, Mobile Food Vending, Zero Waste Packaging and Refill Stores, Public Engagement
- Singh:
- Subcommittees:
 - i. SUDs (Dargahi, Wilson, Curtis)
 - 1. Possibly include Mobile Food Vending work here?
 - ii. Zero Waste Events Ordinance (Sherman, Monrad)
 - iii. Food Recovery Program Expansion (Uyat, Dargahi, Wilson)
 - iv. ~~Public Engagement (Curtis, Uyat, Wilson, Dargahi)~~

Public Comment:

- **ZWC Workplan Progress Check**

Discussion only. No Action Taken.

- Making progress on Commission visibility/public engagement!

Public Comment:

- **Discuss SB343 going into effect in October: extended producer responsibility for recyclables**

Discussion only. No Action Taken.

- Truth in labeling
- Covered materials list also included in SB54
- CAA would need to be the one to find responsible end markets, enforcement won't necessarily be up to the jurisdiction

Public Comment:

- **Subcommittee Updates**

- a) **Special Events Subcommittee**

- In limbo

- b) **Lease Language Subcommittee**

- Feedback from Swasti
 - Consider doing good outreach for this

Discussion only. No Action Taken.

Public Comment:

- **Commissioner Announcements**

Discussion only. No Action Taken.

- Curtis: Reach the Decision Makers Fellowship. Trying to reduce microplastics.
- Wilson: Emphasizing lithium-ion battery education. There was a fire started from this item in Napa.
- Uyat: Global Zero Waste Forum in Istanbul accompanied by a public Zero Waste Festival. Hosted by the Turkish gov. Trying to make "Zero Waste" a mainstream climate topic, especially looking to COP 31.
- Dargahi: Meeting with City staff about food recovery and expanding basic needs programs. YWCA may be able to host a "Back to School Garage Sale" or something similar to the Cooperative Reuse Event.
- Sherman: Sunday 3pm singing at Baker and Commons. Connected Dennis with a UC researcher who's researching batteries.

Public Comment:

- **Discuss Future Agenda Items**

- Bring back discussion of the Budget/Fund Forecast
 - i. Can we attach the most recent Budget report for the new fiscal year?
 - ii. Hold this for September
- Bring in Operations Manager for the July Meeting
- Send commissioners a copy of which initiatives they want to work on

- Formally create subcommittees
- Discussion Item: What do we want to convey during tabling/increasing visibility?
Discuss a short list of that.
- Include an agenda item for YWCA items
- Katie from Berkeley Food Network would be happy to make a presentation

Discussion only. No Action Taken.

Public Comment:

- **Adjournment at 7:35 p.m.**

M/S/C (Sherman/Monrad) to extend the meeting.

M/S/C (Sherman/Monrad) to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent:

The next regular meeting of the Zero Waste Commission will be held on Wednesday, July 15, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in person at City of Berkeley Corporation Yard (Ratcliff Building, Willow Room) 1326 Allston Way, Berkeley.

Respectfully Submitted

Julia A. Heath, Secretary