

DEL NORTE COUNTY SOLID WASTE TASK FORCE

Meeting Agenda

Thursday, November 21, 2019, 2:00 - 4:00 PM
Del Norte Solid Waste Management Authority Conference Room
1700 State Street
Crescent City, CA

The Del Norte Solid Waste Task Force is now meeting in Regular Session. Only those items that indicate a specific time will be heard at the assigned time. All other items may be taken out of sequence to accommodate public and staff availability.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Call to order.
2. Public comment. Any member of the public is welcome to discuss any subject relating to solid waste issues in Del Norte County. Public comment is limited to three (3) minutes.
3. Discussion and possible action regarding minutes from the 07 November 2019 meeting of the Del Norte Solid Waste Task Force. **
4. Discussion and possible action regarding the working draft of the Five-Year Review. **
5. Discussion and possible action regarding the working draft of the Del Norte Solid Waste Task Force's letter commenting on the 5 year review. **
6. Discussion and possible action regarding the date for the next meeting of the Del Norte Solid Waste Task Force, possibly on Thursday 05 December 2019 at 2 P.M.
7. Adjournment. Adjourn to the next meeting of the Del Norte County Solid Waste Task Force at the DNSWMA Conference Room at 1700 State Street, Crescent City.

** indicates attachments

Del Norte Solid Waste Task Force Minutes

Thursday 1 October 2019

Present: Craig Strong, Chair
Joel Wallen, Hambro/WSG, Vice-Chair
Jeremy Herber, Recology Del Norte, Secretary
Eileen Cooper
Stephen Gibbs

Also Present: Tedd Ward, Authority Director

(All Present)

1. Chair Strong called the meeting to order at 2:04 PM
2. Chair Strong called for public comments. Seeing none, he closed public comments.
3. Discussion of 5 year CIWMP Template.
Discuss comments for 5-year review.

As a public comment, Eileen Cooper stated residential recycling is low. Eileen Cooper mentioned installing a recycle container at Hambros buy back center.

Tedd commented that the previous task force implemented the mandatory commercial recycling collection if more than 4 yards of trash was being collected.

Eileen Cooper wants to link Recycling vs. Reward, education, outreach, monitoring but recognizes the issue with Global recycling and market decline in collection of recycling.

Changes in recycling collection: Residential recycling could be mandated to reach recycling requirements for diversion in Del Norte County.

Eileen Cooper suggests the Authority provide outreach to the public using placards on city busses.

4. Director Ward reviewed a draft of the Non-Disposal Facility Element, explaining that this document needed revision as several changes had occurred, including the closure of Julindra, and the Recology Del Norte's purchase of that property as well as the use of the Recology Humboldt processing facility. Jeremy Herber and Joel Wallen made specific suggestions. On a motion by Craig Strong, and seconded by Joel Wallen, the revise NDFE was unanimously approved.
5. Discussion and possible action regarding the Authority's potential extension of the Collections Franchise Agreement with Recology Del Norte and the associated discussion

of rate restructuring. Director Ward discussed the Board direction to staff and the potential timing for a restructuring of the Collections Rates, and how that could be enacted following the negotiations for an extension with Recology Del Norte.

6. By consensus, the next Solid Waste Task Force meeting was set for Thursday 21st @ 2PM.
7. Adjournment. At 4:03PM, Chair Strong adjourned to the next meeting of the Del Norte Solid Waste Task Force at 2PM on 21 November 2019 at the DNSWMA conference room at 1700 State Street, Crescent City.

Respectfully submitted.

Jeremy Herber, Secretary
Del Norte Solid Waste Task Force

Five-Year CIWMP/RAIWMP Review Report Template

Public Resources Code (PRC) Sections 41770 and 41822, and Title 14, California Code of Regulations (CCR) Section 18788 require that each countywide or regional agency integrated waste management plan (CIWMP or RAIWMP), and the elements thereof, be reviewed, revised if necessary, and submitted to the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) every five years. CalRecycle developed this Five-Year CIWMP/RAIWMP Review Report template to streamline the Five-Year CIWMP/RAIWMP review, reporting, and approval process.

A county or regional agency may use this template to document its compliance with these regulatory review and reporting requirements and as a tool in its review, including obtaining Local Task Force (LTF) comments on areas of the CIWMP or RAIWMP that need revision, if any. This template also can be finalized based on these comments and submitted to CalRecycle as the county or regional agency's Five-Year CIWMP or RAIWMP Review Report.

The Five-Year CIWMP/RAIWMP Review Report Template Instructions describe each section and provide general guidelines with respect to preparing the report. Completed and signed reports should be submitted to the CalRecycle's Local Assistance & Market Development (LAMD) Branch at the address below. Upon report receipt, LAMD staff may request clarification and/or additional information if the details provided in the report are not clear or are not complete. Within 90 days of receiving a *complete* Five-Year CIWMP/RAIWMP Review Report, LAMD staff will review the report and prepare their findings for CalRecycle consideration for approval.

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Dept. of Resources Recycling & Recovery
Local Assistance & Market Development, MS-9
P. O. Box 4025
Sacramento, CA 95812-4025

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General Instructions: Please complete Sections 1 through 7, and all other applicable subsections. Double click on shaded text/areas () to select or add text.

SECTION 1.0 COUNTY OR REGIONAL AGENCY INFORMATION			
I certify that the information in this document is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and that I am authorized to complete this report and request approval of the CIWMP or RAIWMP Five-Year Review Report on behalf of:			
County or Regional Agency Name Del Norte Solid Waste Management Authority		County(s) [if a RAIWMP Review Report] Del Norte	
Authorized Signature		Title Director	
Type/Print Name of Person Signing Tedd Ward		Date 27-Dec-2019	Phone (707) 465-1100
Person Completing This Form (please print or type) Tedd Ward		Title Director	Phone (707) 465-1100
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SECTION 2.0 BACKGROUND

This is the regional agency's fourth Five-Year Review Report since the approval of the RAIWMP.

The following changes have occurred since the approval of the county's planning documents or the last Five-Year RAIWMP Review Report (whichever is most recent):

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diversion goal reduction | <input type="checkbox"/> New city (name(s) _____) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New regional agency | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Changes to regional agency | |

Additional Information (optional)

As a Rural Regional Agency, the Del Norte Solid Waste Management Authority has been granted the administrative relief of NOT having to separate out the tonnages for our two member agencies, the City of Crescent City, and the County of Del Norte.

SECTION 3.0 LOCAL TASK FORCE REVIEW

- a. In accordance with Title 14 CCR, Section 18788, the Local Task Force (LTF) reviewed each element and plan included in the CIWMP and finalized its comments
 at the _____ LTF meeting. electronically (fax, e-mail) other (Explain): _____
- b. The county received the written comments from the LTF on _____.
- c. A copy of the LTF comments
 is included as Appendix _____.
 was submitted to CalRecycle on _____.

SECTION 4.0 TITLE 14, CALIFORNIA CODE of REGULATIONS SECTION 18788 (3) (A) THROUGH (H)

The subsections below address not only the areas of change specified in the regulations, but also provide specific analyses regarding the continued adequacy of the planning documents in light of those changes, including a determination on any need for revision to one or more of the planning documents.

Section 4.1 Changes in Demographics in the County or Regional Agency

When preparing the RAIWMP Review Report, the county or regional agency must address at least the changes in demographics.

The following resources are provided to facilitate this analysis:

1. Demographic data, including population, taxable sales, employment, and consumer price index by jurisdiction for years up to 2006, are available at:
<https://www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/LGCentral/DiversionProgram/AdjustmentFactors>. Data for years beyond 2006 can be found on the following websites:

- Population: [Department of Finance](#) E-4 Historical Population Estimates for Cities, Counties, and the State
 - Taxable Sales: [Board of Equalization](#)
 - Employment: [Employment Development Department](#) Click on the link to Local Area Profile, select the county from the drop down menu, then click on the “View Local Are Profile” button.
 - Consumer Price Index: [Department of Industrial Relations](#)
2. The [Demographic Research Unit](#) of the California Department of Finance is designated as the single official source of demographic data for State planning and budgeting (e.g., find E-5 City/County Population and Housing Estimates under Reports and Research Papers and then Estimates).
 3. The Department of Finance’s Demographic Research Unit also provides a list of [State Census Data Center Network Regional Offices](#).

Analysis

Upon review of demographic changes since double-click here:¹

- The demographic changes since the development of the RAIWMP do not warrant a revision to any of the regionwide planning documents. Specifically, _____.
- These demographic changes since the development of the RAIWMP warrant a revision to one or more of the regionwide planning documents. Specifically, _____. See Section 7 for the revision schedule(s).

Additional Analysis (optional)

Section 4.2 Changes in Quantities of Waste within the County or Regional Agency; and Changes in Permitted Disposal Capacity and Waste Disposed in the County or Regional Agency

A number of tools to facilitate the analysis and review of such changes in the waste stream are available from the following CalRecycle sources:

1. Various statewide, regional, and local disposal reports are available at <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/LGCentral/Reports/DRS/Default.aspx>.
 - a. CalRecycle's [Disposal Reporting System](#) tracks and reports the annual estimates of the disposal amounts for jurisdictions in California; additional California solid waste [statistics](#) are also available.
 - b. CalRecycle’s Waste Flow by [Destination](#) or [Origin](#) reports include solid waste disposal, export, and alternative daily cover. They show how much waste was produced within the boundaries of an individual city, or within all jurisdictions comprising a county or

¹ The year of the data included in the planning documents, which is generally 1990 or 1991.

regional agency. These data also cover what was disposed at a particular facility or at all facilities within a county or regional agency.

2. The [Waste Characterization Database](#) provides estimates of the types and amounts of materials in the waste streams of *individual California jurisdictions* in 1999. For background information and more recent statewide characterizations, please see <https://www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/WasteCharacterization/>
3. CalRecycle's [Countywide, Regionwide, and Statewide Jurisdiction Diversion Progress Report](#) provides both summary and detailed information on compliance, diversion rates/50 percent equivalent per capita disposal target and rates, and waste diversion program implementation for all California jurisdictions. Diversion program implementation summaries are available at <https://www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/LGCentral/DiversionProgram>

Together, these reports help illustrate changes in the quantities of waste within the county or regional agency as well as in permitted disposal capacity. This information also summarizes each jurisdiction's progress in implementing the Source Reduction and Recycling Element (SRRE) and complying with the 50 percent diversion rate requirement (now calculated as the 50 percent equivalent per capita disposal target), see [Per Capita Disposal and Goal Measurement \(2007 and Later\)](#) for details

- The county or regional agency (if it includes the entire county) continues to have adequate disposal capacity (i.e., equal to or greater than 15 years).
- The county does not have 15 years remaining disposal capacity within its physical boundaries, but the Siting Element does provide a strategy² for obtaining 15 years remaining disposal capacity.
- The county does not have 15 years remaining disposal capacity and the Siting Element does not provide a strategy² for obtaining 15 years remaining disposal capacity. See Section 7 for the revision schedule(s).

Analysis

- These changes in quantities of waste and changes in permitted disposal capacity since the development of the RAIWMP do not warrant a revision to any of the countywide planning documents. Specifically, _____.
- These changes in quantities of waste and changes in permitted disposal capacity since the development of the CIWMP warrant a revision to one or more of the planning documents. Specifically, _____. See Section 7 for the revision schedule(s).

Additional Analysis (optional)

² Such a strategy includes a description of the diversion or export programs to be implemented to address the solid waste capacity needs. The description shall identify the existing solid waste disposal facilities, including those outside of the county or regional agency, which will be used to implement these programs. The description should address how the proposed programs shall provide the county or regional agency with sufficient disposal capacity to meet the required minimum of 15 years of combined permitted disposal capacity.

Section 4.3 Changes in Funding Source for Administration of the Siting Element (SE) and Summary Plan (SP)

Since the approval of the RAIWMP or the last Five-Year RAIWMP Review Report (whichever is most recent), the regional agency experienced the following significant changes in funding for the SE or SP:

- _____

Analysis

- There have been no significant changes in funding for administration of the SE and SP or the changes that have occurred do not warrant a revision to any of the regionwide planning documents. Specifically, _____.
- These changes in funding for the administration of the SE and SP warrant a revision to one or more of the countywide planning documents. Specifically, _____. See Section 7 for the revision schedule(s).

Additional Analysis (optional)

Section 4.4 Changes in Administrative Responsibilities

The regional agency experienced significant changes in the following administrative responsibilities since the approval of the RAIWMP or the last Five-Year RAIWMP Review Report (whichever is most recent):

- _____

Analysis

- There have been no significant changes in administrative responsibilities or the changes in administrative responsibilities do not warrant a revision to any of the planning documents. Specifically, _____.
- These changes in administrative responsibilities warrant a revision to one or more of the planning documents. Specifically, _____. See Section 7 for the revision schedule(s).

Additional Analysis (optional)

Section 4.5 Programs that Were Scheduled to Be Implemented, But Were Not

This section addresses programs that were scheduled to be implemented, but were not; why they were not implemented; the progress of programs that were implemented; a statement as to whether programs are meeting their goals; and if not, what contingency measures are being enacted to ensure compliance with Public Resources Code Section 41751.

1. Progress of Program Implementation

a. SRRE and Household Hazardous Waste Element (HHWE)

- All program implementation information has been updated in the CalRecycle Electronic Annual Report (EAR), including the reason for not implementing specific programs, if applicable.

All program implementation information has not been updated in the EAR. Attachment _____ lists the SRRE and/or HHWE programs selected for implementation, but which have not yet been implemented, including a statement as to why they were not implemented.

b. Nondisposal Facility Element (NDFE)

There have been no changes in the use of nondisposal facilities (based on the current NDFEs and any amendments and/or updates).

Attachment _____ lists changes in the use of nondisposal facilities (based on the current NDFEs).

c. Countywide Siting Element (SE)

There have been no changes to the information provided in the current SE.

Attachment _____ lists changes to the information provided in the current SE.

d. Summary Plan

There have been no changes to the information provided in the current SP.

Attachment _____ lists changes to the information provided in the current SP.

2. Statement regarding whether Programs are Meeting their Goals

The programs are meeting their goals.

The programs are not meeting their goals. The discussion that follows in the analysis section below addresses the contingency measures that are being enacted to ensure compliance with PRC Section 41751 (i.e., specific steps are being taken by local agencies, acting independently and in concert with _____, to achieve the purposes of the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989) and whether the listed changes in program implementation necessitate a revision to one or more of the planning documents. _____

Analysis

The aforementioned changes in program implementation do not warrant a revision to any of the planning documents. Specifically, _____.

Changes in program implementation warrant a revision to one or more of the planning documents. Specifically, _____. See Section 7 for the revision schedule(s).

Additional Analysis (optional)

Section 4.6 Changes in Available Markets for Recyclable Materials

The regional agency experienced changes in the following available markets for recyclable materials since the approval of the RAIWMP or the last Five-Year RAIWMP Review Report (whichever is most recent):

Analysis

There are no significant changes in available markets for recycled materials to warrant a revision to any of the planning documents. Specifically, _____.

Changes in available markets for recycled materials warrant a revision to one or more of the planning documents. Specifically, _____. See Section 7 for the revision schedule(s).

Additional Analysis (optional)

Section 4.7 Changes in the Implementation Schedule

The following addresses changes to the regional agency's implementation schedule that are not already addressed in Section 4.5:

Analysis

- There are no significant changes in the implementation schedule to warrant a revision to any of the planning documents. Specifically, _____.
- Changes in the implementation schedule warrant a revision to one or more of the planning documents. Specifically, _____.

Additional Analysis (optional)

Note: Consider for each jurisdiction within the county or regional agency the changes noted in Sections 4.1 through 4.7 and explain whether the changes necessitate revisions to any of the jurisdictions' planning documents.

SECTION 5.0 OTHER ISSUES OR SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION (optional)

The following addresses any other significant issues/changes in the regional agency and whether these changes affect the adequacy of the RAIWMP to the extent that a revision to one or more of the planning documents is needed:

Analysis

SECTION 6.0 ANNUAL REPORT REVIEW

- The Annual Reports for each jurisdiction in the regional agency have been reviewed, specifically those sections that address the adequacy of the **CIWMP** elements. No jurisdictions reported the need to revise one or more of these planning documents.
- The Annual Reports for each jurisdiction in the county have been reviewed, specifically those sections that address the adequacy of the CIWMP (or RAIWMP) elements. The following jurisdictions reported the need to revise one or more of these planning documents, as listed.

Analysis

The discussion below addresses the county's evaluation of the Annual Report data relating to planning document adequacy and includes determination regarding the need to revise one or more of the documents:

SECTION 7.0 REVISION SCHEDULE (if required)

15 November 2019

To: Del Norte Solid Waste Management Authority
1700 State Street
Crescent City, CA 95531

SUBJECT: Comments for Five Year Review

Commissioners of the Del Norte Solid Waste Management Authority:

This is the official response from the Del Norte County Local Solid Waste Task Force regarding the Five Year Review of the Countywide Rural Regional Integrated Waste Management Plan, also known as a Regional Agency Integrated Waste Management Plan (RAIWMP) called for under section 40950 (a) of the California Public Resources Code.

Under section 40950 c of the California Public Resources Code, the Local Task Force has been established 'to ensure a coordinated and cost-effective regional recycling system,' doing all of the following:

1. Identify solid waste management issues of countywide or regional concern.
2. Determine the need for solid waste collection and transfer systems, processing facilities, and marketing strategies that can serve more than one jurisdiction in the region.
3. Facilitate multi-jurisdictional arrangements for marketing recyclable materials.
4. Facilitate resolution of conflicts and inconsistencies between City and County Source Reduction and Recycling Elements (SRREs).

The Del Norte County Local Solid Waste Task Force has the following comments and suggestions regarding the adopted Rural Regional Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan adopted by the Del Norte Solid Waste Management Authority, with findings and conclusions specific to any necessary revisions to the original planning documents:

OVERALL:

1. The Del Norte Solid Waste Task Force notes that the Electronic Annual Report submitted by Authority staff for 2018 exceeded the per capita disposal targets (4.1 pounds per person per day vs. a target of 4.0 pounds/person-day), though the per-employee disposal was well below that disposal target (13.6 pounds/employee-day vs. a target of 14.8 pounds/employee-day). Generally, this indicates a need to increase or expand current residential recovery programs, however, we further noted that both local factors and global markets for recycled materials have impacted the effective diversion rate in recent years. The closure of the main recycling NDF(?) in the county resulted in more disposal until an alternate facility was found.?. We concluded that the per capita target was likely not met due to this and other infrastructure challenges, not due to policy or functions of the Authority.
- 2.
2. The Del Norte Solid Waste Task Force believes that it can continue to provide a valuable forum for community discussion regarding solid waste and recycling issues of regional concern and its members can assist the Authority in providing public outreach at community events.
3. The Authority currently has secured disposal capacity through 03 March 2040 - more than the required 15 years of disposal capacity.

4.

DIVERSION

RECYCLING:

4. The Authority staff have used the electronic annual reporting process to incorporate into the Recycling Element the new recycling programs which have been established at the Del Norte County Transfer Station since the last 5 year report. Product stewardship programs in effect at the transfer station include expanded recycling of architectural coatings with PaintCare, recycling of carpet and carpet padding with the Carpet America Recovery Effort, recycling of all household batteries under a partnership with Call2Recycle, and offering a reward for mercury thermostats in partnership with the Thermostat Recycling Corporation. **CS NOTE: DROP THIS LAST SENTENCE, OUTDATED? as well as the expanded recycling collection services offered under the new collections franchise that began in July 2011.**
5. In the past few years, the infrastructure in Del Norte County for buy-back centers and processing recyclables has changed substantially. Consequently, the Del Norte Solid Waste Task Force has reviewed the Non-Disposal Facilities Element of Del Norte's Regional Agency Integrated Waste Management Plan. Changes include the closure of Julindra Recycling as a buy-back center, the opening of the Hambro Recycling Buy-

back on Elk Valley Road, and Recology Del Norte's purchase and re-purposing of the former Julindra facility to be a consolidation/transfer and corrugated cardboard recycling facility. All other (non-cardboard) recyclables collected by Recology Del Norte are being sorted, processed and marketed by Recology Humboldt County.

6.

7. **DURATION OF HAMBRO RESALE STORE (UNDER 1060-SR-MTE). This counted as an NDF? If so put this bullet in next section. Need mention?**

8. Contamination of the diverted recycle stream with garbage and non-recyclable materials continues to be a problem for the Authority in meeting waste reduction targets and for the profitability of the collections contractor in processing recyclables. The Authority should pursue options for reducing contamination and improving recycle diversion, including:

A) Exploring the possibility of mandatory residential collection as an element of the collection contract renewal. This would allow the collections franchise to improve diversion via an incentive / penalty pricing structures at individual residences as is currently in effect for collections customers. **(MORE ON INCENTIVE)**

EC: I would be entirely against mandatory residential collection. It doesn't work for outlying residential areas. Too much territory to cover for gas guzzling trucks. Big trucks stopping at every door, even when there is an itsy bitsy bit of trash is a wasteful fossil fuel idea as well.

In my neighborhood, families organize their waste loads together, and go to the transfere station which is very close by. This saves residents lots of money and saves fossil fuel burning trucks the bother. Neighbors who produce very little trash coordinate together for door to door pick up. This is also efficient.

Recology has only just recently implemented a penalty system for contaminated street side recycling pickup bins that is working to effectively eliminate contamination of the street side pickup recycling stream.

However, I know from the attitudes in my neighborhood, that mandatory pickup would be very much opposed. It would make trash collection much more unaffordable for low income families that are doing a good job. And it would be inherently unfair, as outlying neighborhoods in rural Del Norte cannot be efficiently.

The key is to:

Improve the oversight of self haul recycling collection sites. That is the problem area. This includes all unmanned recycling bins, including apartment buildings, and the Smith River Collection area.

With the planned new Smith River Transfer station, oversight of recycling will improve this situation.

Having a manned drop off at Hambros for all recycled material, along with the Buy Back Center would probably increase recycling efforts by everyone that self hauls. It is close by to the Transfer Station on Elk Valley, and it would make sense to shift some of the collection responsibility and payment schedule to Hambro's if they wanted to be involved. There are studies that show when you combine buy backs with general recycling that diversion rates increase (Ted Ward).

Explore the possibility of a very inexpensive small self haul trash bag that is prepaid, and can fit in the trunk of a small car and be disposed of at Hambros or the Transfer Station, along with other recyclables. Please see my attachment.

It might also be worth exploring the possibility of prison labor as a source of low cost recycling industry for Del Norte.

- B)
- C) Better enforcement of commercial recycling to maintain compliance with AB 341
- D) Better oversight and data on commercial self haulers regarding diversion effort.
- E) Better enforcement of correct diversion at community drop off bins (reduced non-recyclable material contamination).

EDUCATION AND PUBLIC INFORMATION:

NOTE, needed are what is new since last.

7. The Authority's efforts to educate the Del Norte community had been supported by block grants provided through the California Department of Conservation. Existing education and outreach programs have focused on source reduction with composting and purchasing education, and diversion via recycling and EPR education. While these programs are considered successful, there is no practical means of quantifying them.
8. The Authority's collections contractor, Recology Del Norte, has substantially increased the public outreach in the schools of the Del Norte County Unified School District, including both efforts required under contract and additional efforts made at Recology Del Norte's own initiative. (Recology to revise based on their current plans for school outreach and Zero Waste Coordinator)
9. Staff appear on scheduled radio shows highlighting opportunities for reduction and

recycling and other aspects of solid waste management. OTHER

EC: The Redwood Coast Transit Authority buses have underutilized interior poster space to advertise effectively to the low income sector about recycling opportunities.

The walls surrounding the Transfere Station should be decorated with murals to broadcast and advertise the benefits of recycling in a humorous fashion. This area is a straight of way with clear line of sight and where traffic needs to slowdown anyway because of an approaching intersection where speeds are too high.

10. The Authority should include necessary resources within their annual budget to provide educational outreach regarding changing requirements under state law relating to product stewardship programs or other state mandates potentially impacting Del Norte's residences, businesses, industries and agencies.

NON-DISPOSAL FACILITIES

11. The Authority should continue to support Del Norte County businesses which legally collect, process and resell recovered materials and products.
12. The Non-Disposal Facilities Element has been (?) updated to reflect changes in recycling infrastructure as described in (5). NEED THIS NEXT STATEMENT? should be updated to incorporate descriptions of any reuse, repair, composting, or recycling business that processes more than two material types and is an essential element of the resource recovery infrastructure in Del Norte County.
13. Hambro/WSG now processes and disposes of leaves, grass and brush from the Del Norte County Transfer Station at out-of-County facilities. The Authority should evaluate potential strategies to foster the development of in-County facilities for processing these materials. JOEL: ANY LIKELIHOOD OF HAMBRO WSG STARTING AN IN-COUNTY FACILITY FOR YARD WASTE / WOODY DEBRIS??
14. Since the opening of the Del Norte County Transfer Station in March 2011, the transfer station operations contractor Hambro/WSG has accepted Christmas trees for no charge and without compensation. Recology Del Norte also relies on Hambro/WSG waiving these fees to provide no-cost collection of Christmas Trees from their residential customers. The lack of in-County facilities to process these materials may result in program changes or increasing costs to customers in the future.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTES (HHW)

15. The Authority should direct staff to re-assess and evaluate the overall effectiveness of the HHW Collection events as a primary tool for the collection and proper disposal of common household hazardous wastes.
16. The Authority has secured a CalRecycle grant to curtail single use Hazardous Waste items (eg camping propane bottles, marine flares, other?) and to provide alternatives within the county.
17. To the extent practical, recyclable HHW should be received every day at the Del Norte County Transfer Station. The Authority's HHW programs should be expanded as necessary to receive and process universal wastes using regional resources where such use could increase convenience or reduce program cost. SPECIFICALLY, THE AUTHORITY SHOULD EVALUATE THE COST AND BENEFIT OF MAINTAINING A TEMPORARY HHW STORAGE FACILITY FOR THE PERIOD PRIOR TO THE HHW COLLECTION EVENT(S) Such a facility could also serve as a HHW exchange. Charges for receiving HHW should be set and/or subsidized as necessary to deter illegal handling and/or disposal of any HHW material or product.
18. The Local Task Force supports the use of extended producer responsibility (EPR), product stewardship, or grants to reduce customer costs and to enhance and expand regional programs for hazardous wastes and other products banned from mixed waste disposal in California.
19. For customers with hazardous wastes that cannot be readily collected at the Del Norte County Transfer Station which require immediate disposal, or which exceed household quantities, Authority staff should provide information for safe and legal disposal to the extent possible or refer such customers to companies which could potentially provide such services.
20. The Authority should continue holding annual HHW Collection events ~~on a transitional, voluntary basis at least until~~ and should continue to promote additional EPR-based collection programs in Del Norte County.

COLLECTIONS FRANCHISE - ?APPROPRIATE COMMENT?

21. We evaluated the functional relationship of the Authority with the current collections franchise, Recology Del Norte, and found that there is a good contractual and voluntary partnership with respect to common goals of increasing the quality and quantity of diverted materials. We encourage the authority to continue negotiations with Recology Del Norte in renewal of their collections contract.

These conclusions and the recommendations described in this letter were reviewed and

adopted at the Del Norte Solid Waste Task Force Meeting of 21 November 2019.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Sincerely,

(Original Signed by)
Craig Strong, Chair
Del Norte Solid Waste Task Force