

**MINUTES OF THE**

**SANTA FE COUNTY**

**Single-Use Plastics Working Group**

**October 18, 2022**

**I. Call to Order**

This meeting of the Santa Fe County Single-Use Plastics and Polystyrene Working Group was convened by Jacqueline Y. Beam, Santa Fe County Sustainability Manager on the above-cited dated at approximately 5:33 p.m. in the Johnson Conference Room, 100 Catron St. Santa Fe, New Mexico.

This meeting was available on a Webex/audio platform.

**II. Roll Call**

Roll call indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

**Member Present:**

Karen Sweeny

Sarah Pierpont

Kim Kelly

Joseph Eigner

Gary Stoller (Arrived via Webex at 6:40)

**Members Excused:**

**Others Present:**

Jacqueline Y. Beam, Sustainability Manager

Olivia Romo, Constituent Services Liaison

Laura K. Jagles, Constituent Services Liaison

Hank Hughes, County Commissioner D5

**III. Approval of September 20, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

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## **Approval of Minutes**

All in favor of minutes, approved collectively.

## **IV. Approval of Agenda**

All in favor of agenda, approved collectively.

## **V. Matters from the Working Group**

### **A. Assignments and Research Discussion**

Jacqueline: According to the map and business list created by staff, we now have an idea about the types of businesses in the County. They are categorized by retail, restaurants, bars, and grocers.

Kim: Are we able to create a list of emails and contacts for these businesses? Restaurants might be impacted in different ways, depending on the type of business it is.

Sarah: Should we contact businesses now or do more research?

Kim: We definitely need to perform research on the amount of waste generated in the County as we contact business owners.

Joseph: Let us first determine how to reach out to those businesses and the types of products they use and distribute into the community.

Sarah: Now that we have a list based on the type of business, we may now need to determine the amount of waste within SF County. This analysis will help us understand if a single-use plastics ban is even needed. However, we need to be sensitive to not scare businesses about a potential ban until we really know what we are going to do and our approach.

Karen: We reached out to the business sector and really didn't get any interest or responses.

Kim: Maybe when we do reach out to the businesses we do something more casual, such as asking them: Are you using plastic bags? Are you incentivizing people to use alternative methods? If it costs the same, will you use something more sustainable?

Joseph: Yes, we need to create a detailed questionnaire that helps us receive data to make our impact analysis.

Kim: If I receive a questionnaire, I wouldn't fill it out or respond. Calling to speak with a manager to ask these questions might be the best route.

Sarah: We could utilize Survey Monkey and call them to fill out the survey for them.

Kim: We will retrieve more data with that method.

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## VI. Discussion & Next Steps

Motion to approve the next steps to assign Gary, Joe, and Karen to recruit more members to the committee. Assign Kim and Sarah to review the business list and reach out to business if they want to serve on the committee.

Motion to approve: Kim; Second by Karen

Roll Call: All in affirmative

Joe asked Kim what their process was in passing the plastic bag ban for the City. There were tons of push back from the plastic industry?

Kim: We did receive push back from businesses specifically about the type of take out products. Eventually, we modified the ordinance so that everyone agreed to it. We will ask Neil Denton from the City of Santa Fe to give a presentation to the committee about his lessons on the bag ban ordinance.

Joe recommends that we do a 50/50 split with the businesses if we pass a bag ban. But we need their consultation and get an update about what is working and how we can do it better if we do ban plastic bags. We should also ask about enforcement. This should be in our tasks of deliverable. Invite Neil for the December meeting?

Schedule a special meeting in November for the Jacona Transfer station. It will take about 6 hours to conduct the audit. Next meeting November 15<sup>th</sup> but we may need to move it because this is the BCC meeting. We can host it November 16<sup>th</sup>.

Motion to move meeting to November 16<sup>th</sup> by Sarah and Second by Karen. None in opposition. All in Favor. Motion passes.

Early December we can host the solid waste audit.

## VII. Matters from the Public

None were offered

## VIII. Other Business

None was offered

## IX. Adjournment

With no further business and having completed the agenda, Chair Pierpont declared the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Approved by:



Sara Pierpont

SFC Single-Use Plastics and Polystyrene

Working Group President

Respectfully submitted:




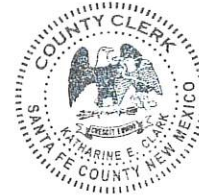
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