



Agenda Item No. 12a.

Staff Report

Date: March 9, 2017
To: Mayor Hoertkorn and Council Members
From: Heidi Scoble, Planning Manager
Subject: Zero Waste Marin Grants

Recommendation

Town Council approval of Resolution 1988 approving authorizing the Town Manager to submit applications for Zero Waste Grants and to Execute all necessary documents for the purposes of the grants to the Marin County Hazardous and Solid Waste Management Joint Powers Authority.

Background and discussion

The purpose of this agenda item is to allow the Town Manager to continue to submit Zero Waste Marin grant applications for another five years since Resolution 1734, adopted on April 7, 2011, has expired.

Zero Waste Marin is the formal name for the Marin Hazardous and Solid Waste Joint Powers Authority (JPA), which is comprised of all eleven cities and the County of Marin to ensure Marin's compliance with the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989. The Act requires all California jurisdictions to achieve a landfill diversion of rate of 50% by the year 2000, in addition to recycling and/or and composting all discarded materials to the maximum extent feasible prior to use of a landfill. In 2006, the JPA adopted a goal of 80% landfill diversion by 2012, and a zero waste goal by 2025. Marin's current diversion rate is 74% (up from 68% since 2007).

The mission of Zero Waste Marin is to help residents and businesses meet the county's Zero Waste goal by 2025 by reducing and recycling their solid waste and safely disposing of hazardous materials. Accordingly, the JPA has and will be offering Zero Waste Grants to member agencies. The primary focus of the grant program is to help institute programs that contribute towards reaching the goal of Zero Waste in each of the cities/towns, the County and special districts.

To date, the JPA has offered 6 cycles of grants to member agencies and special districts whose application identifies a program that works towards the JPA's zero waste goal. Member agencies

are encouraged to use their allocated grant funds to develop primary waste reduction programs as identified by the JPA.

Since the program's inception, the Town of Ross has received \$37,000 in grant money for projects such as creating a recycling ordinance, the purchase of recycling trash receptacles, and reusable trash bags and water bottles. The current Cycle 6 grant is earmarked for the installation of water bottle filling station(s) at Town Hall.

Fiscal, resource and timeline impacts

Other than staff time to prepare the grant application, project implementation, and annual reporting, there would be no financial impact to participate in the Zero Waste Marin grant program.

Alternative actions

No alternative actions are suggested.

Environmental review (if applicable)

N/A

Attachment

Resolution No. 1988

TOWN OF ROSS

RESOLUTION NO. 1988

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ROSS AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR ZERO WASTE GRANTS AND TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE GRANTS FOR THE PERIOD OF 5 YEARS TO MARIN COUNTY HAZARDOUS AND SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB 939) required that all California jurisdictions achieve a landfill diversion of rate of 50% by the year 2000, and reduce, reuse, recycle and compost all discarded materials to the maximum extent feasible before any landfilling or other destructive disposal methods is used; and

WHEREAS, the Marin County Hazardous and Solid Waste Joint Powers Authority (referred to herein as JPA) was established with all eleven cities and the County of Marin to ensure Marin's compliance with the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989; and

WHEREAS, the JPA has identified that strategies can be developed to reach zero waste can help to promote the overarching goal of each generation leaving less of an ecological footprint on the earth; and

WHEREAS, on November 14, 2006 the JPA adopted a goal of 80% landfill diversion by 2012, and Zero Waste Goal by 2025; and

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2012 the JPA approved Zero Waste Grant guidelines and established procedures governing the application, awarding, and management of the grants; and

WHEREAS, Grant Application procedures require an Applicant's governing body to authorize by resolution its approval for submittal of the Grant Application(s) identified below, and the designation by job title of the individual authorized to execute all Grant documents on behalf of the Town of Ross and

WHEREAS, if awarded, the Town of Ross will enter into a Grant Agreement with the JPA for implementation of said Grant(s).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Ross authorizes the submittal of application(s) to the JPA for all grants for which the Town of Ross is eligible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this authorization is effective from March 9, 2017, through March 9, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Manager or his designee is hereby authorized and empowered to execute in the name of the Town of Ross all grant documents, including but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments and requests for payment, necessary to secure grant funds and implement the approved grant project.

The foregoing resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the Ross Town Council at its regular meeting held on the 9th day of March 2017, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Kathleen Hoertkorn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Lopez, Town Clerk