

Resolution 2016-15
LAKE COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
Zero Waste Resolution

WHEREAS, Zero Waste policies and programs will establish practical ways to eliminate waste and/or to safely reuse, recycle or compost discarded products and packaging; and

WHEREAS, the Zero Waste International Alliance (ZWIA) was established in 2002 to develop worldwide standards and principles to guide the development of Zero Waste in the world; and

WHEREAS, ZWIA adopted its current definition of Zero Waste in 2009 that says:

“Zero Waste is a goal that is ethical, economical, efficient and visionary, to guide people in changing their lifestyles and practices to emulate sustainable natural cycles, where all discarded materials are designed to become resources for others to use.

Zero Waste means designing and managing products and processes to systematically avoid and eliminate the volume and toxicity of waste and materials, conserve and recover all resources, and not burn or bury them.

Implementing Zero Waste will eliminate all discharges to land, water or air that are a threat to planetary, human, animal or plant health.”; and

WHEREAS, the key measure of performance towards that goal is diverting 90% of all discarded materials from landfills, incinerators and the environment. That performance measure is established in the ZWIA Zero Waste Community Principles and ZWIA Zero Waste Business Principles and can be found at www.zwia.org/standards; and

WHEREAS, the ZWIA definition of Zero Waste is the only peer reviewed definition of Zero Waste accepted by worldwide environmental, recycling and Zero Waste leaders; and

WHEREAS, many organizations, businesses and communities have adopted the ZWIA definition of Zero Waste and support the ZWIA definition; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 the National Recycling Coalition adopted this Zero Waste definition as a means for its members to strive for the highest diversion possible; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Solid Waste Management District (District) is striving to join communities around the U.S. who are striving for Zero Waste, including New York, Boston, Austin, Dallas, San Antonio and Chicago; and

WHEREAS, the District’s method of achieving Zero Waste is through a consistent and incremental approach to encourage and seek out opportunities for waste diversion, reuse, recycling and composting. The process will be branded by the District as “Journey to Zero”; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to provide clear direction of what Zero Waste means to help advance that process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

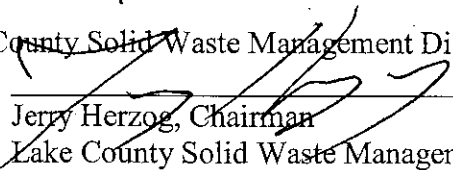
The District Board of Directors ("Board") hereby adopts the ZWIA definition of Zero Waste to clarify what Zero Waste means and encourages its members, municipalities, businesses, stakeholders and other interested parties to adopt this ZWIA definition of Zero Waste as well; and

The Board further directs the District staff to develop a plan to implement a "Journey to Zero" program and submit said plan to the Board for approval no later than November 16, 2017.

ALL OF WHICH IS ADOPTED AND RESOLVED this 15th day of September, 2016 by a vote of 14 in favor and 0 opposed.

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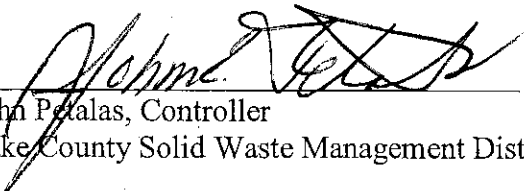
By:


Jerry Herzog, Chairman

Lake County Solid Waste Management District

Attest:

By:


John Petalas, Controller

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