

## RESOLUTION NO. 13217

### A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A ZERO WASTE GOAL

**WHEREAS**, approximately 14% of the greenhouse gases emitted within the City of San Rafael in 2005 were associated with waste disposal; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB 939) required that all California jurisdictions achieve a landfill diversion 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 method is used; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Marin has established itself as a State leader in waste diversion and sustainability practices by exceeding the requirements of AB 939 to achieve a 77% diversion rate in 2004 and is constantly looking for innovative ways to decrease waste; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2001 the California Integrated Waste management Board set a goal of Zero Waste in its strategic plan for the state; and cities, councils, counties, and states worldwide have adopted a goal of achieving zero waste, including the counties of San Francisco, Santa Cruz, San Luis Obispo, and Del Norte in California; the cities of Palo Alto, Oakland and Berkeley in California, Seattle in Washington, Toronto in Canada, and Canberra in Australia; and the local state of New South Wales in Australia; and 45% of New Zealand's local government councils; and

**WHEREAS**, strategies to reach zero waste can help to promote the over-arching goal of each generation leaving less of an ecological footprint on the earth; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 20, 2009 the San Rafael City Council adopted the San Rafael Climate Change Action Plan which includes Program LF-11 which states, "Adopt a Zero Waste Goal and develop a Zero Waste Strategic Plan for San Rafael"; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 18, 2011 the San Rafael City Council added the Sustainability Element to General Plan 2020, which includes Policy SU-9 which states, "Reduce material consumption and waste generation, increase resource re-use and composting of organic waste, and recycle to significantly reduce and ultimately eliminate landfill disposal," and Program SU-9a, which states, "Adopt a Zero Waste Goal and a Zero Waste Strategic Plan to achieve this goal"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Marin County Hazardous and Solid Waste Management Joint Powers Authority passed a Zero Waste resolution on November 9, 2006 and the County of Marin passed a Zero Waste resolution on April 17, 2007.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of San Rafael joins the Marin County Hazardous and Solid Waste Management Joint Powers Authority ("JPA") representing the eleven cities and towns of Marin and the County of Marin, and hereby adopts a goal of 80% landfill diversion by 2012 and 94% diversion by 2025, with diversion meaning the elimination of materials from being disposed of in a landfill, diversion of recyclable materials to be reprocessed into usable forms with minimal transport, energy use and other deleterious environmental or social effects, the maximum practical reuse, recirculation and repair of usable items and components, the reduction of unnecessary packaging.

Exhibit 1

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City of San Rafael commits itself to the ultimate goal of Zero Waste, whereby no materials are landfilled, but instead fully recycled, repaired and reused.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City of San Rafael, through the JPA, will support the implementation and progressive refinement and strengthening of the Regional Integrated Waste Management Plan and the development of a Strategic Plan that will provide guidance in the planning and decision-making process to achieve the County's Zero Waste Goal.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City of San Rafael will partner with regional, state, national and international communities to actively pursue strategies that will go beyond reuse and recycling to eliminate waste upstream.

I, ESTHER C. BEIRNE, Clerk of the City of San Rafael, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly introduced and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of San Rafael, held on Monday, the first day of August, 2011 by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Brockbank, Connolly, Heller & Mayor Boro
NOES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None
ABSENT:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Levine

*Esther C. Beirne*

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ESTHER C. BEIRNE, City Clerk