



Sustainable Fairfield Task Force
FOOD and WASTE subcommittee meeting

Minutes: May 3, 2024

Recycling and Waste Actions:

- a. Glass Recycling and Food waste Recycling expansion – Misty is exploring a Glass Drop off at the Grange. A group from the SWR department and SFTF will be visiting the Ridgefield ASP on May 8th.
 - b. OOPS stickers and Clean the Stream – No updates.
 - c. Options for more efficient Waste and recycling efforts – SFTF provided a suggested list of options to be more efficient in both Recycling and waste. These will be discussed at the next SWR meeting.
 - d. School recycling initiatives / Green team - McKinley is now composting cafeteria waste in 2 of the 6 lunch periods. The green teams have asked to see if there has been a significant reduction in Trash from the Current schools composting food waste and whether that is reflected in reduced costs. If so, they will ask that those savings be reflected in the next round of contract negotiations and be used to start rolling out to other schools. Several schools are now exploring how to ensure classroom waste gets recycled correctly.
 - e. Mattress Recycling - The May Mattress recycling event will be on May 4th at Veterans Park
 - f. Beach litter. – Mary will reach out to surf riders
 - g. Other recycling opportunities and upcycle programs – not discussed.
 - h. Zero waste events - Becky will reach out to Amanda.
- 2. Food Actions:**
- a. SNAP at farmer's market. – at this point, not feasible for Fairfield
 - b. Flash Food - Stop and Shop - continue outreach.
 - c. Refill program. – Mary will see if the Interns and any students would be interested in working on this
 - d. Meatless meals - continue outreach.