



**Suppliers Partnership for the Environment (SP)
Biodiversity Work Group Meeting
March 11, 2019**

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Kellen Mahoney, SP, called the SP Responsible Battery work group meeting to order at 10:00am EDT. He reviewed SP's antitrust guidelines and recommended that everyone indicate in their notes of the meeting that the guidelines were reviewed and that they would be complied with.

Work Group Co-Chair, Sam Qureshi, Waste Management, reviewed the mission of the Biodiversity work group and the progress that the group has made in the past year. Kellen Mahoney then facilitated discussion on setting overall goals for the work group's efforts in 2019, including:

1. Establish a signature species for conservation.
2. Establish 15 more sites within the SP membership.
3. Develop clear partnerships with organizations that can support and verify our work (WHC, Pollinator Partnership, etc)
4. Establish a data gathering and monitoring system to curate the impacts of the programs.

Sara Cook, WHC, shared information on plans for a SP / WHC Conservation Toolkit, along with a series of webinars with the first webinar scheduled for March 15 at 12PM EDT. Sara noted that WHC has data on 100s of certified programs from companies that are members of both SP and WHC and will share more information on this with the group in the future.

Through the discussion, the participants agreed to the following next steps:

1. SP participants will continue to work together to advance Biodiversity Work Group mission with focus on conservation of monarch as species of concern in 2019.
 - a. The work group's goal in 2019 will be to establish / expand pollinator projects at 15 SP member sites to support monarch conservation. Members also encouraged to consider complementary conservation programs for other species as appropriate given their location, resources, etc.
 - b. SP will draft and distribute a letter requesting member commitments in support of the 2019 goal.
2. SP will continue to work with ERA, WHC, Pollinator Partnership and others to develop a system to collect and report data on SP members impacts and present an update on this at the Q2 SP meeting.
3. SP will continue to work with WHC and other partners to support the work group goals this year through development of SP / WHC conservation toolkit, webinars and other targeted outreach / education.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00AM EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Kellen Mahoney
Program Director

Attendees

Lori Voss Bosch
Faith Forbush DENSO
Gary Vegh ERA
Ariel Broca ERA
David Ness ERA
Erin Manitou ERA
John Bradburn ERA
Tyler Olgan FCA
Sue Rokosz Ford

Rae Howard GM
Lee Ann Slosar GM
Kurt Wirgau Heritage
Jack Nunes Lear
Steve Hellem SP
Kellen Mahoney SP
Gail Carr TestAmerica
Sara Cook WHC
Sam Qureshi WM