**REUSE AND REPAIR STAKEHOLDER MEETING MINUTES**

**February 5, 2021**

The entire meeting was [recorded for](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6u1IzAc_feY&feature=youtu.be) those who were unable to make this fun and informative meeting.

1. Group participated in a lightening round breakout groups to informally meet one another and make connections
2. Meri provided an update to grant funding opportunities:

* [**StopWaste grant solicitation**](https://www.stopwaste.org/at-work/stopwaste-grants) now open.  Applications due **March 15th**

Please reach out to Meri Soll at [msoll@stopwaste.org](mailto:msoll@stopwaste.org) for questions or to discuss potential grant funding ideas,

* [Altamont Education Advisory Board](http://www.altamonteab.org/grant-guidelines.html) grant funding to promote waste prevention, recycling, job training and education in Alameda County – **Deadline March 5th**
* [County of San Mateo - 4 Rs grant funding](https://www.smcsustainability.org/waste-reduction/4rs-grants-program/) now available for entities operating in San Mateo.

**Deadline March 8th**

1. Virtual Field Trips!

We had 3 great virtual tours set up to show off the amazing reuse and repair work our group members are involved with.

[Tech Exchange](https://www.techexchange.org/) – Executive Director Seth Hubbert will show off their facility where they repair, refurbish and redistribute computers for free to families in need to help conquer the digital divide.  They also provide digital literacy training to low-income families, support schools' and community centers' technology needs. They have been doing this great work for over 25 years!

[Resource Area For Teachers (RAFT)](https://raft.net/)   Plan to be mesmerized by the way RAFT  innovatively repurposes donated manufacturers & businesses leftover materials into hands on learning activities tied to Common Core and Next Generation Science Standards.  Katherine Ball, Development Manager will virtually tour members around their warehouse, showing off their learning kits created from the most interesting salvaged materials!  Also operating for over 25 years!

[MudLab](https://mudlaboak.com/) – Join MudLab founder Vanessa Pope as she tours the group around their Zero Waste café and store located across from Lake Merritt in Oakland. Learn how Vanessa works with local producers to receive and serve products in reusable containers and how she takes each day as a new opportunity to improve and tighten their zero-waste operations and logistics.

1. Please use/review the [Reuse and Repair Google Doc](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1onhPTdPUWiBaC48dNmREdynS2FI7RGdR6lVz6wDmhV8/edit#gid=1508726744) which contains contact information for all members of the group. This google doc is the main contact list for meeting invites, funding opportunities and other resources related to supporting this industry. Please take a moment to review your contact information as well as any other entities that are missing from the list – help us grow this group!

Send any edits to your contact information or new member info to Meri Soll at [msoll@stopwaste.org](mailto:msoll@stopwaste.org)