

# September Mixer 2020

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The fourth virtual Eureka Chamber Mixer, hosted by **Recology Humboldt County**, was held via Zoom on September 17th. In a change-of-pace, Eureka Chamber President and CEO Donna Wright first welcomed attendees then handed the meeting to Chamber Ambassador Chair Teresa Conley. Chamber Ambassadors Chris Nelson, Kara Clower and Carole Crossley provided the monthly Chamber updates, which highlighted the upcoming January, 2021 Virtual Chamber Dinner and Membership Meeting, the Art Biz auction for promoting local artists as part of our business community and the soon-to-be-published, as well as greatly enhanced and expanded, Eureka Chamber Annual Membership Directory.

Donna took a moment to spotlight the Chamber's Premier Members and thank them for their ongoing support, especially during this critical time, before introducing virtual mixer host and featured guest speaker Linda Wise, General Manager of Recology Humboldt County.

Spotlighting Recology's Samoa Processing Facility, Linda highlighted Recology's commitment to solutions for Humboldt County's waste and recycling challenges. 100% employee-owned and now 100-years old, the 129 local Recology Humboldt County employees are actually part of the larger 6,500 employee strong Recology Company. Through 40 operations within California, and additional operations in the States of Oregon and Washington, Recology provides environmental services to roughly 140 communities. Recology's facilities annually process approximately 2.8 million tons of community generated waste.

As guest speaker, Linda Wise provided a shared presentation on how Recology coordinates locally with community stakeholders/decision makers and directs services toward the company's collection, recycling and processing/marketing objectives. Of particular interest were the discussions of incoming recycling and the impacts of both the overall markets and the quality of the materials processed. Linda highlighted the continuing impacts to Recology's processed materials marketing efforts due to China's drastic curtailment of accepting even slightly tainted materials from the United States beginning in 2017.

The next virtual mixer is Thursday, October 15th at 5:30pm, hosted by Coast Central Credit Union. With the fast approaching General Election looming on November 3rd, this month's timely guest speaker is Kelly Sanders of the Humboldt County Office of Elections. For more information on the Eureka Chamber or the Chamber's upcoming events, visit the Chamber website at [eurekachamber.com](http://eurekachamber.com) or their Facebook page.

