

Meeting Agenda

Recycling Stakeholders

Wednesday, August 15, 2018

Time: 1:00p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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Meeting Objectives:

- To share information about the impacts of changing recycling markets on stakeholders across Washington

Agenda

Topic - Presenter	Objective
Welcome & Introductions – Alli Kingfisher, Ecology What will we cover? What brought you to the meeting today? Meeting format and asking questions.	Shared understanding of the agenda and how to ask questions.
Provide update on Ecology's efforts – Alli Kingfisher, Ecology What is Ecology working on?	Shared understanding of impacts to communities
Legislative Update – Julie Robertson, Ecology Overview of bills Ecology is working on for the upcoming session.	Information sharing.
General updates: Provide update on current market conditions — MRFs, processors, brokers, collectors, local governments, others What are noteworthy updates on markets? Where is material going? Is material being stockpiled or disposed of? What issues and concerns do communities have? Other stakeholder processes?	Shared understanding on market conditions and actions being taken
Adjourn	

Survey feedback

Move the meetings to every other month - next meeting is set for October

Restructure the meetings to focus on important topics such as changes in local recycling programs

What Ecology is up to

Washington State Recycling Steering Committee

Held initial Washington State Recycling Steering Committee meeting – did introductions and talked about purpose and goals.

Working on hiring a third party facilitator for the process.

Research

- Will not be partnering with DEQ for research projects due to the length of time necessary to negotiate intergovernmental agreements.
- Will continue to coordinate while doing some research separately

Outreach campaign

- Currently putting together a request for proposal
- Focused on reducing contamination and waste prevention
- Hopefully get this together in the next few months

Julie Robertson – Legislative update

- Putting together the revenue package for our Agency
- Draft legislation that would include a recycling development center and state and local contamination reduction and outreach plans
 - Local plans will address contamination and be able to use a state plan as guidance
 - Should have draft legislation in the next few weeks for review- will send to the group

Comments/Discussion

Comments – what are other people working on?

Nina Goodrich – Sustainable Packaging Coalition

- WRAP - Wondering if people would be interested in plastic bags and film programs
- Need to ensure that they have buyers, especially local opportunities (perhaps work with local colleges to see if they could develop programs on this)

Lisa Sepanski – King County

- King County is interested in getting involved in the WRAP program, have been trying to get a similar program going for awhile
- Question: Wondering about the scope of work development for research between DEQ and Ecology
- Alli: Oregon has the lead on this and will find out what they will be moving forward

Polagaya McLaughlin – Snohomish County

- Question: Wondering if people are having trouble with metal markets? Troy Launtenbach: Schnitzer reports that the prices for ferrous and non-ferrous are dropping
- Comments on changes in pricing:
 - Price of cardboard is dropping
 - Paper is zero
 - No plastics
 - Paying for glass

Scott Farling - Titus MRF Services

- Taking some mixed plastics to LA and will provide an update

Gene Clack – Island County:

- Changing recycling program (today 8/15/18), dropping plastics except #1 and 2
- Messaging about changes in recycling market conditions/Chinese ban on recycling

Question: What's happening in the rest of the country?



Rest of country is not as impacted as the west coast, as there are more markets developed in other parts of the country. The Southeast is not feeling as much pain, due to localized markets. Reports indicate that Vermont is having trouble with paper and Colorado starting to be impacted

Nina Goodrich - Sustainable Packaging Coalition

Upcoming conference to share what is happening in different sectors – more information to come.

Next Meeting: October 17, 2018