

# Meeting Agenda

## Recycling Stakeholders

April 2, 2019 10:00am – 12:00pm

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### Meeting Objectives:

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

### Agenda

Time	Topic – Presenter	Objective
10:00 am	<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions – Heather Church, Ecology</b> What will we cover?	Shared understanding of the agenda and how to ask questions.
10:05 - 10:20 am	<b>Update on current status of recycling/plastics bills in the 2019 legislative session – Julie Robertson, Ecology</b>	Shared understanding on current status of recycling and plastics bills in the 2019 legislative session
10:20 - 10:30 am	<b>Provide update on Ecology's efforts – Heather Church, Ecology</b> What is Ecology working on? WA Recycling Steering Committee; Outreach and Education Campaign with C+C	Shared understanding of statewide efforts
10:30 am - 11:30 am	<b>Presentation: “Recycling: Facing the Issues at Hand, the Forces that Be, and taking a Regenerative Approach”-</b> <a href="#">Michael Timpane</a> , Resource Recycling Systems  Commodities are at their lowest levels since the 1990's and OCC is at a 20-year nadir. Contamination is up and once reliable markets are gone. Conflicts between vendors and municipalities are at an all-time high for processing	Shared understanding of market conditions

	<p>contracts. How can past experiences inform the future? Michael Timpane is a veteran of consumer and commercial recycling and recovery, and has been in the recycling industry since 1975. In this workshop, he will talk on the current trends in recycling and commodity markets, and its implications to policy and application, especially in the PNW but relevant nationally. Topics in this broad survey will include changing economics of recycling, why residential recycling is suffering from poor use of language, business model conflicts and inherent risks, barriers to further diversion, and the future of recovery practices (e.g. automation and implications surrounding millennial workforce preferences). He will also cover off how difficult predicting future commodity prices is and why the industry was never intended to be based on relying on those values. He will include a brief look at the current arguments in sustainable materials management. Finally, he will talk about the hope at the end of the current tunnel of negative indicators in the business. Once painful choices are made, investment will increase again in recycling infrastructure.</p> <p>Mr. Timpane works across the entire value chain, from federal to state to local institutions, CPG brands and packaging manufacturers, material manufacturers and mills, equipment providers, and the material recovery facility community.</p>	
<p><b>11:30 am – 12:00 pm</b></p>	<p><b>General updates — Open Discussion</b> What are noteworthy updates on markets? Noteworthy updates on outreach efforts? What issues and concerns do communities have? Other stakeholder processes? Discuss future meeting topics.</p>	<p>Shared understanding of stakeholder updates</p>
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