

Washington State Department of Ecology, Recycling Steering Committee (RSC)

Meeting Summary

Date: January 24, 2019

Time: 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Location: Association of Washington Cities Office, 1076 Franklin St SE, Olympia WA 98501

Attendees: Dylan de Thomas, Ann LaRue, Matt Zybas, Mark Storey, Brad Lovaas, Ron Jones, Nina Goodrich, Shannon McClelland, Rory Winterstien, Esther Braumier, Dave Claugus, Brian Young, Annie Killburg, Alli Kingfisher, Lacey Kooiman, Angie Fritz, Heather Church

Attendees Joining after 12:30: John Chelminaik, Lisa Sepanski, Jan Gee, Heather Trim, Kevin Kelly

Attendees Leaving after 12:30: Mark Storey

Welcome and Introductions:

Annie Killburg started the meeting by welcoming attendees, conducting a brief round robin of introductions for those attendees present during morning portion of the meeting, and a review of agenda items and meeting documents. Annie reminded the group that this was her last meeting as Facilitator for the Recycling Steering Committee and thanked the RSC for their work.

Alli acknowledged that scheduling conflicts have occurred for this meeting due to the Legislative Session and more members would join meeting after the lunch break. For any decisions made during the morning portion of the meeting, Ecology will do outreach phone calls to touch base with all members in order to maintain inclusivity and gain as much input as possible.

Overview of action items from December 18th meeting:

Adoption of the Charter

Members present during the morning portion of the meeting adopted the changes/live edits made. Annie, Heather C., and Alli would follow up with those members not present to adopt Charter and seek universal adoption. Update: Those members not present to vote on the adoption of the Charter document have confirmed with Annie, Heather or Alli that they too accept the draft document as a final Charter.

Contamination Policy Statement

Members discussed concern regarding the “Non-program Materials” bullet in the Contamination Policy Statement, identifying that the terminology “Plastics #3-7” in the example could be confusing to the public and that removing this or rephrasing it would be ideal. Members discussed possible substitutions for language such as “Plastics 1, 2, & 5” or “Plastic Bottles, Cups, Jugs #1&2 and dairy tubs #5”. Edits were never finalized and terminology has yet to be agreed upon. This is a topic to be discussed at the next RSC meeting.

Responsible Recycling Definition

Members expressed concern regarding this definition and agreed to form a subcommittee to address their concerns. Subcommittee will work on Responsible Recycling Definition and bring it to the next

meeting for further discussion.

Responsible Recycling Definition Subcommittee: **Dave Claugus, Lisa Sepanski, Brad Lovaas, Dylan de Thomas, and Kevin Kelly**

Presentation:

Matt Zybas presented on WACSWM's [Commingled Recycling Guidance Document](#), discussing with the members how WACSWM came to this list as a base line for what the public should look to of what can/should be collected. He emphasized the importance of keeping focused on the basics and keep certain materials out of the waste stream.

Meeting/Agenda Concerns:

Members discussed concerns about the group continuing to meet during the Legislative Session and the focus of the RSC in future meetings. Group came to consensus that RSC would continue to meet during the Legislative Session and an Agenda Subcommittee should be created to decide topics/ presentations of future meetings. Topics and presentations would support the 4 problem statements outlined in Charter (Contamination, Lack of Markets, Recycling is not Free, Lack of Knowledge about the Realities of Recycling).

Agenda Setting Subcommittee: **Brad Lovaas, Lisa Sepanski, Heather Trim, Nina Goodrich, and Kevin Kelly**

Proposed Recommended Commingled List Document:

After lunch break, Annie reviewed the morning's work for those just joining the meeting and introduced how the Recommended Commingled List was developed. Members worked to live edit document, and came to agreement on content in Green and Red tiers. The group formed a subcommittee to further develop a matrix and criteria for Yellow tier materials. Subcommittee will present updated draft of document at the next RSC meeting.

Commingled List Matrix Subcommittee: **Nina Goodrich and Dave Claugus.**

Meeting Adjourned 3:00 p.m.