# Recycling Market Development Center Advisory Washington Recycling Development Center logoBoard Meeting

# April 10, 2024

* Washington’s Recycling Market Development Center (Center) Advisory Board met on April 10, 2024.
* Department of Ecology (Ecology) staff hosted the board meeting remotely on Zoom.

## Advisory Board members:

Natalie Caulkins: Republic Services - absent

Karl England: Washington State University

Allen Langdon: Circular Materials - absent

Scott Morgan: Evergreen State College

Preston Peck: City of Tacoma

Jocelyn Quarrell: BOLD Reuse

Chris Piercy: Kitsap County

Tim Shestek: American Chemistry Council

Jay Simmons: NORPAC

Jon Smieja: GreenBiz - absent

Heather Trim: Zero Waste Washington

Carly Mick: University of Oregon

## Agenda

* Ecology, Department of Commerce (Commerce) and Advisory Board updates
* Ecology disposal data using [EPA WARM model](https://www.epa.gov/warm/basic-information-about-waste-reduction-model) update.
* Reuse, Tool Rental, and Repair presentations.

Meeting agenda and other materials are available on the [Advisory Board website](https://www.ezview.wa.gov/site/alias__1962/37596/recycling_development_center_advisory_board.aspx)

Refer to the [meeting slides](https://www.ezview.wa.gov/Portals/_1962/Documents/rdcab/2024-04-10-BoardMeeting.pdf) where noted.

## Ecology, Commerce, Board updates

**Ecology update – Kara Steward and Tina Schaefer (presentation slides 7 - 13)**:

* We welcomed new board members [Jocelyn Quarrell](About%20-%20Bold%20Reuse) and [Carly Mick](Master%20of%20Science%20in%20Sports%20Product%20Design%20%7C%20School%20of%20Art%20%2B%20Design%20%28uoregon.edu%29).
* The [2024 work plan](https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/2407008.html) has a new short format and is published. The RMDC report to the legislature date will change to align better with the state budget calendar (board review this summer).
* Glass summit is on May 2, 2024 from 9 am-12:30 pm, [register here](https://waecy-wa-gov.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIpcOCuqD0uG9bKi6veQ_95CxilMNsZ9Oq6), all remote.
* Textile panel at WSRA Conference May 15, Vancouver, [register here](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=00159NXOZ5Kn7pdj7NPnea8A4WnNbS-IgV3R2dK-mlIBn3VxF_G0PetI4Q9irs12DPKXNcNCVlOVyT2CZ9DnPtUxrOLcGw-fVjeYyKH5R7hP08SmB5HJTTu4uHcli5vdZtChvMH_tMLFXhCjfaWRcVCgA==&c=p_3ipd3LN3eEiXwFmiWUEHivpjdEORalZtZGUSLP1lQ7qUh4rj9Nfg==&ch=gUikh6EUTPKAZ8TIWxMoewtsbNfXlLOY4KdrUds2d041xTw9j6mP_g==), in person only.
* Budget status shared on slide 9, budget and spending summarized, all efforts are on schedule and under budget.
* [NextCycle Washington](https://www.nextcyclewashington.com/) circular accelerator cohort 2 announced, 14 teams, the accelerator academy is happening at Ecology in April.
* Call for venue options for the NextCycle Washington pitch event in the Fall, we are looking for a location that could hold up to 100, theater/presentation format, with wifi capabilities (and budget conscious, free is even better).

**Commerce update – Kirk Esmond (presentation slides 14 - 19)**:

* **Governor’s budget included $2.5 million for program expansion, but it is linked to Climate Commitment Act (CCA) so future timelines are uncertain, the funds would be available January 1, 2025, and must be spent by June 30, 2025.**
* **Commerce contracted with WSU to work on a report to the legislature on the status of the** [plastic bag ban](https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=70A.530)**, reach out to Kirk if you have questions.**

**Board members** shared the following updates with links to online resources.

* Chris P., Kitsap County, has hosted fix-it fairs and are working to bring them back.
* Heather T., ZWW, speaking on April 10th at an Oregon food convention on the Washington organics bill that mandates source separation, added a push for edible food donation. The mercury lights bill includes a 2030 general ban on mercury-containing lights.
* Jay S., NORPAC, a lot of inquiries for paper bags from quick service restaurants to reduce plastic, cardboard box sector slowing down a bit.
* Jocelyn Q., Bold Reuse, recently expanded reuse foodservice ware business to Seattle, focus on closed-loop areas like stadiums, have more control that way over the facility environment. Seattle open house April 16 [sign up](https://www.boldreuse.com/open-house-sign-up/).
* Karl E., WSU, working on agricultural plastic waste.
* Preston P., Tacoma, hosted Tacoma Dome fix-it fair in the past, contract in place to implement EPA education, and reduction specialist supporting climate action plan.
* Tim S., American Chemistry Council, commenting on the rules for the EPR for packaging and food serviceware posted by CalRecycle.

## Presentations

Refer to the [meeting slides](https://www.ezview.wa.gov/Portals/_1962/Documents/rdcab/2024-04-10-BoardMeeting.pdf) for the content from the following presentations.

* Gretchen Newman, Solid Waste Program Ecology, EPA’s WARM model presentation slides 23-46. [Waste in Washington Story Map](https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/81f7dfd33e204263b2a8cd3014b14ed4).
* Josh Epstein, [Seattle Reconomy](https://seattlereconomy.org/) executive director, Tool Libraries: A circular economy presentation slides 50 - 65. [Events calendar](https://seattlereconomy.org/events/).
* Ming-Ming Tung-Edelman, [Refugee Artisan Initiative](https://refugeesarts.org/) founder and executive director, Wonder Women: Turing Trash into Treasure presentation slides 66 – 81. [Mending Fair April 27](https://refugeesarts.org/pages/upcoming-events-1).
* Xenia Dolovova, [Furniture Repair Bank](https://www.repairbank.org/) director, What, what, how, of the Furniture Repair Bank presentation slides 82 – 94. [Open House April 20 invitation](https://www.linkedin.com/events/furniturerepairbankopenhouse7180245681796792321/).

## Meeting to-do items

* [Next board meeting is July 10](https://waecy-wa-gov.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZApfu6pqTosH9KkUlq5DFhppJNdYXjFnf19) – currently planned to be all remote attendance via Zoom.
* Facility tours to be determined.

## For more information:

* Contact Center staff by email
* Sign up for our [email list](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WAECY/subscriber/new?topic_id=WAECY_112)
* Visit the Center [Advisory Board website](http://www.ezview.wa.gov/site/alias__1962/37596/recycling_development_center_advisory_board.aspx)

## List of Attendees (excluding board members)

| ****Interested Parties & Presenters**** | State Agency Staff |
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| Adrian Tan, King CountyAlex Reynolds, City of TacomaCatherine Vecchitto, Nippon DynawaveDavid Stitzhal, Full Circle EnvironmentalDean Williams, Tacoma Pierce Co Health DepartmentDomenic Calabro, Environmental Protection AgencyHaifang Wen, WSUHannah Scholes, King CountyJosh Epstein, Seattle ReconomyMatt Shepard-Koningsor, Washington LegislatureMing-Ming Tung-Edleman, Refugee Artisan InitiativeRamsey ZimmermanXenia Dolovova, Furniture Repair Bank | Audrey Tabor, EcologyCaleb Carlson, EcologyKara Steward, EcologyKirk Esmond, CommerceMya Keyzers, EcologyTina Schaefer, Ecology Blake Nelson, EcologyCarolyn Bowie, EcologyChery Sullivan, EcologyDan Weston, EcologyJanine Bogar, EcologyJulie Robertson, EcologyMegan Davis, Ecology |