# Recycling Development Center Advisory Washington Recycling Development Center logoBoard Meeting

# September 14, 2022

* The Washington Recycling Development Center (Center) Advisory Board met on September 14, 2022.
* Department of Ecology (Ecology) staff hosted the board meeting in Chelan with a remote option offered on Zoom.
* 911 Glass Rescue provided an afternoon facility tour.

## Advisory Board members:

Natalie Caulkins: Republic Services

Sam Dart: Grant County

Corinne Drennan: Pacific NW National Laboratory

Karl Englund: Washington State University

Kyla Fisher: AMERIPEN

Nina Goodrich: Sustainable Packaging Coalition

Allen Langdon, Circular Materials

Kris Major: City of Spokane

Scott Morgan: Evergreen State College

Mike Range: Waste Management

Tim Shestek: American Chemistry Council

Heather Trim: Zero Waste Washington

Not present: Jay Simmons: North Pacific Paper Company, Chris Piercy: Kitsap County

## Agenda

* Board, Ecology, and Department of Commerce (Commerce) updates
* Legislative report discussion
* Center one-time grants “a year in the life” follow-up presentations
* In person tour of 911 Glass Rescue – [picture highlights](https://ecy.app.box.com/folder/174574152580)

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)[[1]](#endnote-2)

## Board, Commerce, Ecology updates

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

* Natalie Caulkins, Republic Services: announced the [opening of a polymer center in Nevada](https://www.republicservices.com/polymercenter) to enable more processing of recycled plastics domestically.
* Allen Langdon, Circular Materials: setting up an EPR (Extended Producer Responsibility) program for New Brunswick. This will bring Canada close to a fully national program for EPR for plastics.
* Kris Major, City of Spokane: recently received a tech grant from Department of Energy. The National Renewable Energy Lab will assist in exploring ways to divert organics from the waste stream going into the Waste to Energy facility.
* Mike Range, Waste Management: WM [bought a controlling interest in Avangard plastics](https://resource-recycling.com/plastics/2022/09/14/wm-agrees-to-acquire-controlling-interest-in-avangard-innovative/)

**Commerce update – Rob Duff:**

* **Industrial Symbiosis grant recipients should be announced soon.**
* **Discussing reusable bottle opportunities with the Washington wine industry.**

**Ecology update – Kara Steward**:

* [NextCycle Washington](https://www.nextcyclewashington.com/)[[2]](#endnote-3) continues to move forward – 16 Circular Accelerator Program participants were chosen. Kick-off to their workshop series is in October with a pitch showcase scheduled for February 2023. [Renew Seed Grants](https://www.nextcyclewashington.com/renew-seed-grant)[[3]](#endnote-4) are open for application until November 16, 2022. Still looking for application mentors in Eastern Washington.
* Future board meetings will be quarterly and, if COVID allows, in-person with a tour option. All board meetings will be available on zoom.
* The draft consumer packaging study, prepared by Eunomia, will be out for review on October 10, 2022. Comments are due October 17, 2022. Anyone interested in reviewing that report needs to email Kara at kara.steward@ecy.wa.gov.

## Legislative Report recommendations discussion

* Draft report to the legislature is available for board review. The report is available on the advisory board website for any interested parties.
* A summary of the report was shared in the meeting presentation slides (slides 15-25).
* Board members were asked to review and provide edits to the “advisory board recommendations” text in the draft report. Scott Morgan will coordinate board comments.
* Comments and edits due September 30, 2022. Final report due December 2022.

## Center one-time Grant Follow-up Presentations

[Presentation slides](https://www.ezview.wa.gov/Portals/_1962/Documents/rdcab/2022-09-14%20Slides.pdf)[[4]](#endnote-5) are posted on the Advisory Board website.

* Ariahna Jones – Waste Loop and Carl Florea – City of Leavenworth (slides 32-47)
* Andrew Nichols – Lopez ReMakery (slide 48) video - [www.youtube.com/watch?v=vVA9AmJuyBc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vVA9AmJuyBc)
* Julie McCoy – 911 Glass Rescue (slides 49-67)

## Meeting to-do items

* Next board meeting is on [December 14](https://waecy-wa-gov.zoom.us/j/86964958516)[[5]](#endnote-6) – planned for in-person, location expected to be in the Tacoma or Seattle area with facility tour in the afternoon. There will be a remote attendance option for the board meeting.
* Draft legislative report comments due by September 30, 2022.

## For more information:

* Contact Center staff by email[[6]](#endnote-7)
* Sign up for our [email list](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WAECY/subscriber/new?topic_id=WAECY_112)[[7]](#endnote-8)
* Visit the Center [Advisory Board website](http://www.ezview.wa.gov/site/alias__1962/37596/recycling_development_center_advisory_board.aspx)[[8]](#endnote-9)

## List of Attendees (excluding board members)

| ****Interested Parties**** | State Agency Staff |
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| Alan GoodeAriahna Jones, Waste LoopCarol Langan, Green OkanoganCarolyn Moulton, Lautenbach RecyclingChristopher Finarelli, Dave Claugus, Pioneer RecyclingEl RoseHannah Scholes, King CountyHolly Yanai, Divert IncIsaac HullJanet Culp, Green OkanoganJulie McCoy, 911 Glass Rescue & Lake Chelan Rotary Club**Lisa Hilbert, Redesign Collective**Nancy Eklund, City of TukwilaNicole Baker, Net Your ProblemPhil Christy, Green OkanoganSara AlAiShari Jackson, American Chemistry CouncilSusan Shaddox, Green Okanogan | Lacy Kooiman, Ecology Dan Weston, EcologyJulie Robertson, EcologyKara Steward, EcologyKirk Esmond, CommerceAlli Kingfisher, EcologyMya Keyzers, EcologyRobert Duff, CommerceTina Schaefer, Ecology Diana Wadley, EcologyCaleb Carlson, EcologyCarolyn Bowie, EcologyDavid Pater, EcologySteven Gimpel, EcologyLauren DiRe, Ecology |

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5. [Meeting Registration - Zoom](https://waecy-wa-gov.zoom.us/j/86964958516) [↑](#endnote-ref-6)
6. mailto: recdevcenter@ecy.wa.gov [↑](#endnote-ref-7)
7. <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WAECY/subscriber/new?topic_id=WAECY_112> [↑](#endnote-ref-8)
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