

Oregon Paint Stewardship Program

Annual PaintCare Stakeholder Meeting

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Attendees

- Loretta Pickerell, DEQ
- Blake Bennett, DEQ
- Camilla Picollo, DEQ
- Jeremy Jones, PaintCare
- Stephanie Fernandez, CalRecycle
- Kate Taylor, City of Beaverton
- Paul Fresina, PaintCare
- Lauren Scher, PaintCare
- Scott Braithwaite, American Coatings Association
- Megan Warfield, Washington State Dept. of Ecology
- Michael Lee, DEQ
- Chris Iverson, Clean Earth
- David McCall, Tillamook County

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Welcome

Loretta Pickerell opened the meeting, welcomed everyone, and informed them that the meeting is open to the public and will be recorded.

PaintCare Presentation of 2019 Annual Report

Jeremy Jones presented information from PaintCare's 2019 Annual Report, including the volume of paint collected, convenience network, program finances, and outreach. Program highlights include:

- Recycling of latex paint increased by 10%, while total volume of paint collected decreased.
- There are now 175 permanent sites with at least one located within fifteen miles of 96.7% of the state's residents.
- With the addition of more permanent sites, PaintCare was able to reduce the number of events they hosted to four in 2019 compared to eight in 2018.
- The new fee structure has helped eliminate the debt and return the program to a positive net asset balance.
- PaintCare program is celebrating 10 years of paint stewardship in the state. There are nine state programs across the nation now with two more state programs that will be added soon; Oregon was the first state with a program.

DEQ Presentation of 2019 Watershed Volumes

Blake Bennett presented for DEQ on the PaintCare annual report and watershed volumes. Highlights include:

- Over six million gallons have been collected over the past ten years.

- Although there was a decline in overall gallons collected, there was little change in the percentage collected by location type.
- The continuing decline in paint collection volumes highlights the importance of making sure there are other metrics to measure program success.
- Paint-to-cement was a new category in 2018; however, no paint was sent for use in cement in 2019, instead most of the previous paint-to-cement volume went to paint-to-paint. The remaining 2% went to reuse and biodegradation.
- Metro continues to account for over 50% of all volume collected.
- Only one remaining wasteshed in the state is serviced only by PaintCare events.

COVID-19 Update

Jeremy Jones discussed PaintCare's COVID-19 response:

- PaintCare stayed in contact with DEQ and regularly contacted their collection sites and processors to understand potential impacts so that they could communicate with the public about what services were safely remaining active and to proactively assist sites with any collection needs.
- PaintCare moved rapidly to place a COVID-19 banner on its website to advise the public on the program's current service status. PaintCare also removed sites that were temporarily closed from the web page locator, offered signage to retailers to keep customers informed, and remained in touch with DEQ regarding stakeholder concerns.
- The program is operating at about 65% of site capacity at this time, primarily because two major retailers are not collecting statewide although they will resume as soon as their showrooms reopen.
- Many collection sites that continued to operate switched to curbside collection; HHW program facilities remained open while some HHW events were cancelled or postponed. Large volume pickups resumed in May.
- PaintCare, in collaboration with ClearEarth and local entities, has devised internal protocols on how to host their collection events safely and at a distance with the first one scheduled July 25, 2020 in Lane County.

Comments and Questions

David McCall commented that he participated in the early program years; meetings "lasted for a long time and filled the room with tension. Fast forward ten years and we now have a program that is functioning well, and able to quickly adapt to the challenges posed by COVID-19".

There were no additional comments or questions.

Loretta provided contact information for anyone who might wish to reach out at a later time, thanked everyone for their attendance, and adjourned the meeting.

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