



Upcoming meetings:

- Feb. 23, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. | Commingled Recycling Processing Facility Technical Workgroup Meeting 2 ([Register in advance](#))
- March 6, 2023, from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. | Recycling Council Meeting 5 ([Register in advance](#))
- March 10, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. – 2 p.m. | Rulemaking Advisory Committee Meeting 5 ([Register in advance](#))
- April 11, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. – 2 p.m. | Rulemaking Advisory Committee Meeting 6 (Link for registration will be available in March)

General updates:

Recycling Council

Oregon’s Recycling Council will meet on March 6 from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. The Council will continue the conversation on recycling acceptance lists, get an update from DEQ staff on how equity is being incorporated into RMA implementation, and discuss implementation timeline.

Public comment is welcome during Recycling Council meetings! Please visit the [Recycling Council website](#) to register for meetings and review the agenda.

First Rulemaking Process

The first Rulemaking Advisory Committee has met four times and reviewed rule concepts addressing Producer Responsibility Organizations, local government compensation, material acceptance lists, and convenience and performance standards for PRO collections.

The fifth Committee meeting is scheduled for March 10 from 9:00 a.m. – 2 p.m. Public comment is welcome during the meeting or can be submitted via email at recycling.2023@deq.oregon.gov. Find the meeting agenda and register in advance on [DEQ's rulemaking website](#).

A sixth Committee meeting has been scheduled for 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on April 11 to allow more time for discussion and feedback. More information to come.

Local government recycling service expansion

The Recycling Modernization Act will make funding available to local governments to expand recycling collection services. Local governments that wish to be eligible for the first round of funding must fill out a needs assessment survey by April 14, 2023.

To learn more and to view a copy of the survey, visit the [Local Government Recycling Collection Expansion Needs Assessment page](#). Slides and a recording of the January information sessions can be found under the “Information sessions” heading.

MRF Fees and Permit and Certification Programs

The Commingled Recycling Processing Facilities technical workgroup met for the first time on Dec. 20, 2022. DEQ convened this informal workgroup to bring partners' knowledge and insight into the research process that will help develop the Contamination Management Fee, the Processor Commodity Risk Fee, and the recycling processor permit and certification programs. The next meeting is Feb. 23, 2023, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. For more information and to register in advance, please visit the [DEQ Commingled Processing Facilities website](#).

Our Team is Growing!

DEQ welcomes Stephanie Caldera and Blaine Mershon to the Materials Management team.



Previously with DEQ as the assistant to the Environmental Quality Commission, Stephanie Caldera joined the Materials Management Product Stewardship Team as a Recycling Program Specialist on Dec. 1, 2022. Over the years, she has engaged with Materials Management through rotations focused on reuse and repair, sustainability, and communication. She also served as the agency's Environmental Justice Coordinator.

Blaine Mershon started on Dec. 19, 2022, as a Recycling Program Specialist on DEQ's Product Stewardship Team. Blaine has been with DEQ since November 2021 working in the Air Quality section as a permit writer and inspector. Prior to that, she worked for the State of Florida as an inspector for air quality, wastewater, and solid waste.



Want to learn more about the Recycling Modernization Act and find opportunities for engagement?

More information is available at the following resources:

- [Implementation Timeline \(Cronograma de implementación\)](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions \(Preguntas y respuestas frecuentes\)](#)
- [Fact sheet \(Hoja informativa\)](#)
- [Public Involvement Timeline \(Ley de modernización del reciclaje: cronograma de participación pública\)](#)

For all other inquires, contact RethinkRecycling@deq.state.or.us.