



Recycling Steering Committee

Modernizing Oregon's recycling system with support from Oregon Consensus

Infrastructure Research Subcommittee Meeting

Thursday, May 2, 1-2:30 p.m.

Agenda:

- Review material list for focus of projection research:
 - **Paper:**
 - Corrugated Boxes
 - Newsprint
 - Paperboard
 - Printing-Writing Paper
 - **Plastics:**
 - Mixed HDPE including HDPE Natural Bottles and HDPE Colored Bottles and Jars
 - HDEP Tubs
 - PE Film
 - PET Bottles and Jars
 - PET Thermoforms
 - Plastic Pouches
 - Polystyrene Foam
 - PP Bottles
 - PP Rigid Plastics
 - Solid Polystyrene
 - **Other:**
 - Aseptic Packaging
 - Gable-Top Cartons
- Review final draft contract amendment
- Engaging the Steering Committee

Meeting summary:

Attendees: Dave Claugus, David McCall, Derek Ranta, Jeff Murray, Kristin Leichner, Peter Spendelow

Missing: Kristan Mitchel, Bryce Jacobsen, Bruce Walker, Vinod Singh

Facilitator: Brian Stafki

Brian updated the subcommittee about the next deliverable — list of focus materials for Phase 2 research — likely due about the same time as the AOR conference mid-June.

Subcommittee reviewed materials. List looks good though there are questions about materials of concern including pigmented PET such as the square tubs holding detergent pods and bottles and PVC wraps on PET Bottles. Will the research touch on these in a meaningful way? Will HDPE Tubs be included with Mixed HDPE?

No significant changes to Task 1 research and everyone thought it was OK to proceed.

For Task 2, attendees thought the focus of the research should match more closely with collection methods. Since the subcommittee ruled out single-stream as a focus for research (commingled with glass included), we should do the same for processing.

There was a question of what would be included in researching a “system” as part of Task 2. We originally envisioned this research to look at individual technology and processes. We want to stay true that to some degree.

The group talked about how to get feedback/approval from the SC without slowing the process but in a meaningful way. Brian will ask the SC about which deliverables should be a consensus check and which can be trusted to the subcommittee. Minimally, the SC should receive the info at each step and have an opportunity to provide feedback.

Next steps:

- Brian will send out revised amendment to folks not present for feedback
- If no significant feedback from the subcommittee then Brian will send to the SC for review.
- If no significant feedback, then DEQ will work with the contractor to adopt.
- Brian will clarify with Cascadia on materials for Task 1.2 research and direct Cascadia to begin research.
- Brian will schedule a follow up meeting once the end of Task 1.2 is near (mid to late June) to look at materials for Phase 2 research.