

Oregon Recycling System Advisory Council Meeting #3 Summary



10/20/2022, Zoom, 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm

- List of Council members in attendance**
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| Pam Peck (Chair) | Angie Marzano |
| Jason Pierzina | Rep. Susan McLain |
| Joan Popowics | Celeste Meiffren-Swango |
| Alando Simpson | Carolyn Stein |
| Vinod Singh | Taylor Cass Talbott |
| Elizabeth Start | |
| Dan Felton | Members absent |
| Dylan de Thomas | Sen. Bill Kennemer |
| Sergio Garcia-Cruz | |
| Scott Keller | DEQ staff and presenters |
| Steve Kramer | Cheryl Grabham |
| Laura Leebrick | Alex Bertolucci |
| | David Allaway |

Meeting Summary

12:30 pm Welcome

Chair Pam Peck welcomed everyone and did a role call. DEQ staff provided an overview of the Zoom platform and interpretation.

DEQ Update

Cheryl Grabham, DEQ Product Stewardship Manager, provided a high-level overview of the Recycling Modernization Act implementation. Several big projects have already been completed, including the Truth in Labeling Task Force and a technical workgroup for materials lists. The first of two rulemaking advisory committees is underway. Contracts are moving forward, and work has begun to start projects related to local government compensation, fees and permits for recycling processing facilities and reducing contamination in recycling.

Several more parts of the act will begin in the coming years, including the second rulemaking, an equity study, an evaluation of multitenant recycling, setting life cycle analysis standards, developing waste prevention and reuse grants and more. DEQ is confident about meeting all deadlines in the act and continues to hire staff to reach these targets.

Vice-chair update

DEQ staff reviewed the process for the first online vote taken by Recycling Council members and asked for feedback on the process. Dylan de Thomas said the process went well and thanked the staff.

Council members selected Celeste Meiffren-Swango as the next Vice-chair of the Council. Celeste thanked the members and said she was honored and looking forward to working as the Vice-chair. A breakdown of votes is at the end of this document.

Material lists information and discussion

- DEQ staff provided an overview of the difference between covered products, material acceptance lists and specifically identified materials. Council members had time to ask questions of staff.
- Staff then reviewed the evaluation criteria used to place materials on different lists.
- Two materials, a paper and metal can and expanded polystyrene, were discussed in more depth. Staff asked the Council for input on which list, if any, these materials should be placed and how to prioritize competing principles that these two materials illustrate. For the paper/metal can, comments generally supported including the can on the commingled recycling list even if some material is lost in the recycling process. Several members called for public education about how much of an item is recycled and asked to see the Sonoco recycling research. When discussing expanded polystyrene, several members noted the substantial public interest in recycling this material and the need to work toward a replacement, including durable/reusable options.
- Next, staff presented the proposed producer responsibility organization and local government recycling acceptance lists. Members brought up current market conditions, the desire to broaden the list of items accepted, the importance of simple messaging for the public and a request to think outside the box and make bold moves for the future.
- Due to time constraints, some conversations were cut short. Staff requested feedback via email by 11/3 on three specific topics:
 - High-level principles and their prioritization
 - Questions about individual materials (e.g., "what are the end markets for X?" or DEQ's recommendations (e.g., "why are you recommending acceptance of Z?")
 - Additional feedback, including information related to materials not yet recommended
 - Members can send input to Alex.Bertolucci@deq.Oregon.gov.

Public input

The following attendees shared public input:

- Walter Reiter of the EPS Industry Alliance
- Matt Korot of Oregon Metro
- Christa McDermott with Portland State University
- Tim Shestek with the American Chemistry Council.

2:30 pm

Meeting adjourned

Vice-chair vote breakdown

Your name	Select the person you'd like as the next Recycling Council Vice-Chair.
Angie Marzano	Celeste Meiffren-Swango - Environment Oregon
Carolyn Stein	Celeste Meiffren-Swango - Environment Oregon
Celeste Meiffren-Swango	Celeste Meiffren-Swango - Environment Oregon
Dan Felton	Dylan de Thomas - The Recycling Partnership
Dylan de Thomas	Celeste Meiffren-Swango - Environment Oregon
Elizabeth Start	Celeste Meiffren-Swango - Environment Oregon
Gary Panknin	Dylan de Thomas - The Recycling Partnership
Jason Pierzina	Laura Leebrick - Rogue Waste Systems
Joan Popowics	Dylan de Thomas - The Recycling Partnership
Laura Leebrick	Laura Leebrick - Rogue Waste Systems
Sergio Garcia	Laura Leebrick - Rogue Waste Systems
Steve Kramer	Laura Leebrick - Rogue Waste Systems
Taylor Cass Talbott	Celeste Meiffren-Swango - Environment Oregon
Vinod Singh	Laura Leebrick - Rogue Waste Systems
Abstained	Non-voting members
Alando Simpson	Rep. Susan McLain
Pam Peck	Sen. Bill Kenemer
Scott Keller	



Meeting attendees

- Abby Boudouris Oregon DEQ
- Alicia Givens Public Affairs Counsel
- Allison Nusbaum Weil-McLain
- Andrea Fogue Oregon Refuse and Recycling Association
- Brian Stafki Oregon DEQ
- Carol Patterson Foodservice Packaging Institute
- Cat Rhoades Oregon DEQ
- Cathy Brown Oregon DEQ
- Cathy Eylem P&G
- Chris Parta AOR
- Christa McDermott Portland State University
- Christine Farrington Portland Garden Club
- Christopher Finarelli The Household & Commercial Products Association (HCPA)
- Cindy Leichner Pride Disposal Company
- Clarence Rasquinha 3M
- Craig Smith Food Northwest
- Darla Arians CDPHE
- Dave Larmouth Recology
- Daven Stetson St. Vincent de Paul of Lane County
- David White Solid Waste and Recycling Consultant
- Devon Morales Crosswater Strategies
- Faith Patrick AHRI
- Hannah Carleson Community Environmental Services
- Heatehr Church Bureau of Planning and Sustainability
- Jacob Cassady Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers
- James Carthel Rose Villa
- Jeff Murray EFI Recycling
- Jennifer Dolin Lutron
- Jennifer Olson GRS
- Jessica Branom-Zwick Cascadia Consulting Group
- Jody Snyder Waste Connections
- John Hite Clear Strategy Inc.
- Joyce Thung VIZIO
- Justin Gast Oregon DEQ
- Kim Holmes 4R Sustainability
- KJ Lewis Republic Services
- Kristan Mitchell ORRA
- Kristin Leichner Pride Disposal Company
- Lauren Aguilar AMERIPEN
- Laurie Gordon Oregon DEQ

- Linda Brewer Oregon State University/Assn. of Oregon Recyclers
- Lucy Pierce GreenBlue
- Maddy Do Thorn Run Partners
- Madeline Smith LG Electronics USA, Inc.
- Matt Korot Garryana Consulting, LLC
- Maya Buelow Lane County
- Morgan Fenn PSU
- Neil Menezes General Mills Inc
- Nicholas Georges Household & Commercial Products Association
- Nicole Janssen Denton
- Paloma Sparks Oregon Business & Industry
- Pamela Barrow Food Northwest
- Pete Chism-Winfield City of Portland, BPS
- Pete Grell Garten Services
- Peter Bierbaum One World Resource, LLC
- Phillip Stephens WM Technologies, LLC
- Ramiro Casillas Newseasonfoods inc.
- Richard Park The Mini MRF Company
- Robert Wolfer Bradford White Corporation
- Ronald Shughart HTPG Heat Transfer Products Group, LLC
- Roxy Nayar Oregon DEQ
- Ruby Mitchell OHSU-PSU School of Public Health
- Ryan Zink City of Salem
- Sabrina Correll NUSA
- Sabrina Dixon-Ridges Sonoco
- Scott Byrne Sonoco
- Scott Jenkins EFI Recycling
- shannon martin City of Gresham
- Shela Pennington Portland State University
- Susan Mead Lake Oswego Sustainability Advisory Board
- Susan Robinson Consultant
- Tim Buwalda Circular Matters LLC
- Tim Shestek American Chemistry Council
- Tonya Casaday Southern Oregon Sanitation
- Tyler Jacob St Vincent de Paul Society of Lane County
- Walter Reiter EPS Industry Alliance

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