

Oregon Recycling System Advisory Council Meeting #4 Summary



12/15/2022, Zoom, 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

List of Council members in attendance

Pam Peck (Chair)
Jason Pierzina
Joan Popowics
Vinod Singh
Elizabeth Start
Dan Felton
Dylan de Thomas
Sergio Garcia-Cruz
Scott Keller
Steve Kramer
Laura Leebrick
Angie Marzano
Rep. Susan McLain
Celeste Meiffren-Swango (Vice-Chair)
Carolyn Stein
Taylor Cass Talbott

Members absent

Sen. Bill Kennemer
Alando Simpson

DEQ staff and presenters

David Allaway
Alex Bertolucci
Stephanie Caldera
Cheryl Grabham
Arianne Sperry

Meeting Summary

12:30 p.m.

Welcome

Chair Pam Peck welcomed everyone and did a roll 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 Recycling Modernization Act implementation. Highlights included new staff members Stephanie Caldera and Arianne Sperry. Arianne will focus on the coordination of all parts of the RMA. Stephanie will take over Alex's role in coordinating the Recycling Council and other projects.

The Commingled Recycling Processing Facility technical workgroup will start meeting this month. This group will meet 6-8 times and will advise DEQ about permitting and certification for material recovery facilities and the implementation of the studies required to set the fees the PROs will pay to the commingled processing facilities. Learn more at their [web page](#).

Local governments who want to be eligible for funding to expand their recycling systems will complete a needs assessment survey by April 2023.

DEQ will conduct a statewide waste composition study next year, including inbound and outbound recycling streams from material recovery facilities or MRFs.

Lastly, Cheryl thanked Senator Kennemer for his time on the Council. The Senate President will appoint a new Senator to the Council.

Be sure to sign up for our email updates at recyclingact.oregon.gov.

Community agreements/Meeting ground rules

Chair Peck shared meeting ground rules/community agreements with the Council to ensure meetings go smoothly and everyone is on the same page. Angie Marzano suggested adding language around having Council members identify themselves before speaking. Dylan de Thomas made a motion to accept the agreements, and Liz Start seconded. **The vote passed unanimously.**

Agreements

Stay on task/agenda and be conscious of time

One person speaks at a time. Raise your virtual hand if you want to speak

Balance speaking with listening

Respect the opinions of others

Check your understanding by asking questions

Keep cameras on to the extent possible

Council members to identify themselves before speaking

Material lists information and discussion

- DEQ staff provided an overview of the material list process and next steps for both the Recycling Council and the Rulemaking Advisory Committee.
- Staff reviewed several questions DEQ received from Council members after the last meeting.
- Staff introduced the trade-offs between shorter vs. longer material lists. Council members discussed the benefits and drawbacks of shorter and longer lists.
- Staff gave short presentations on five individual materials, each followed by Council discussion. These included PET thermoforms, block white expanded polystyrene, nursery pots and trays, large-format plastic packaging and glass packaging.
- Council members can send additional input to Alex.Bertolucci@deq.Oregon.gov
- Later in December, DEQ will post to the [web page](#) of the Rulemaking Advisory Committee additional documentation regarding individual materials. DEQ encourages Council members with interest in acceptance lists to review those materials. DEQ will reach back to Council members in January and invite them to identify any materials recommended for acceptance that they wish to discuss at the February Council meeting. This feedback (due Jan. 17) will inform the agenda for that meeting.

Public input

The following attendees shared public input:

- Scott Byrne - Sonoco
- Tim Shestek – American Chemistry Council
- Yang Li - TricorBraun
- Ruby – OHSU masters student

2:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned

Meeting attendees

- Brian Stafki Oregon DEQ
- Abby Boudouris Oregon DEQ

- Garth Hickle Signalfire Group
- Lucy Pierce GreenBlue
- Devon Devon Morales Crosswater Strategies
- William Posegate Garten Services, Inc.
- Alicia Cafferty BSH Home Appliances Corporation
- Jill Hrycyk Metro
- Neil Menezes General Mills Inc
- Andrea Fogue Oregon Refuse and Recycling Association
- Peter Bierbaum One World Resource, LLC
- Jacob Cassady Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers
- John Hite Clear Strategy Inc
- Kate Bailey Association of Plastics Recyclers
- Kristin Leichner Pride Disposal
- Sam Schlaich Flexible Packaging Association
- Maya Buelow Lane County
- Walter Reiter EPS Industry Alliance
- Nicole Portley Oregon DEQ
- Sergey Landbell
- Dakota Tangredi Marion County Environmental Services
- Mary Vihstadt Jefferson Street Consulting LLC
- Marissa Heffernan Resource Recycling
- Ruby Mitchell OHSU-PSU School of Public Health
- Nicole Labate Nestle
- Denise Barnes Rogue Disposal & Recycling
- Jody Snyder Waste Connections
- Hannah Carleson Oregon DEQ
- Jordan Fengel Tetra Pak
- Amy Roth Association of Oregon Recyclers
- Pete Chism-Winfield Bureau of Planning and Sustainability
- Matt Markee Markee & Associates, Inc
- Juan Santiago BlackBird Junk Removal & Recycling LLC
- Tonya Casaday Southern Oregon Sanitation
- Pete Grell Garten Services
- Evonne Soon Amazon
- Nicole Janssen Denton plastics
- Carol Patterson Foodservice Packaging Institute
- Yang Li TricorBraun
- Thomas Cuomo Markee and Associates
- Richard Park The Mini MRF Company
- Kimberly Holmes 4R Sustainability
- Joyce Thung VIZIO
- Tim Shestek American Chemistry Council
- Estee Segal Metro
- Heather Kazmark Pactiv Evergreen
- Greg Ryan Pioneer Recycling
- Brad Lovaas WRRRA
- Kyle Rudolph Berry Global
- Darla Arians CDPHE
- Cat Rhoades Oregon DEQ
- Lauren Pavilionis Pacific Seafood
- Madeline Do Thorn Run Partners
- David White Solid Waste and Recycling Consultant
- Maria Gabriela Buamscha Lanin Iman
- Jerry Powell None
- Jennifer Olson GRS
- Heather Trim Zero Waste Washington
- Scott Byrne Sonoco
- John Hayes HH Compliance Limited
- Mia Pan Metro
- Peter Canepa Oregon DEQ
- Heather Church Bureau of Planning and Sustainability
- Laci Smith City of Elkton
- Brennan Georgianni American Cleaning Institute
- Laurie Gordon Oregon DEQ
- Joel Schoening Association of Oregon Recyclers
- Tim Buwalda Circular Matters LLC
- Omar Terrie Neste
- Angela Merritt Bureau of Land Management
- Colette Bazirgan Calyx
- Susan Collet Toyota

- Bryan Vickers Pace
- Pamela Barrow Food Northwest
- Lee Kilbourn
- Robin Ferrel Master Recycler graduate
- Alicia Givens Public Affairs Counsel
- Kenneth Larson Republic Services
- Molly Blessing Household & Commercial Products Association
- Kelsey Wilson Legislative Advocates
- Jeff Murray EFI Recycling
- Kennedy Jantzi Mid-Valley Garbage and Recycling Association
- Christine Farrington Portland Garden Club
- Scott Klag
- Lyndsey Lopez Jacobs
- Sue Vang CalRecycle
- Christopher Finarelli The Household & Commercial Products Association
- Rosalynn Greene Metro

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