



Recycling Steering Committee

Modernizing Oregon's recycling system with support from Oregon Consensus

Recycling Steering Committee Work Plan

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The Recycling Steering Committee will work together to examine and make recommendations for modernizing Oregon's recycling system, in order to: optimize the environmental benefits of managing materials at the end of life using a life-cycle perspective; create a recovery system that is strong and resilient to changes in supply and demand; and restore and maintain public trust in the system through education and engagement with the public.

Potential outcomes for Oregon's recycling system:

- List of materials for collection programs with an understanding of environmental and economic impacts and regional differences
- Optimal collection methods that can supply clean materials and are cost-effective
- Models for materials sorting and processing infrastructure for the state and region including facilities, processes and technology that can effectively and efficiently sort and market recyclable materials
- Legal and relational framework that is the most effective at supporting Oregon's recycling systems
- Effective education materials and compliance methods that encourage residents and businesses to recycle correctly and minimize contamination

Phase	Elements	Spring-Fall 2018 (convening)	Fall-Winter 2018 (information gathering)	Spring-Summer 2019 (information gathering)	Fall-Winter 2019 (information gathering and deliberation)	Winter-Spring 2020 (info-gathering and deliberations)	Summer-Fall 2020 (info-gathering, deliberations, plan development and implementation)
1. Convening	Planning and facilitation	Oregon Consensus contract	Planning and facilitation	Planning and facilitation	Planning and facilitation	Planning and facilitation	Planning and facilitation
	Steering Committee assessment	OC assessment of SC					
	Steering Committee charter	SC charter					
2. Information gathering and analysis	Infrastructure		Research request for proposals /contract	Materials generation and markets analysis	Collection and processing alternatives	Modeling current system Alternative scenario development and analysis	Alternative scenario development and analysis
	Frameworks			Research request for proposals/contract	Frameworks research	Frameworks research	
	Contamination		Contamination problem identification	Contamination map and reduction best practices	Contamination map and reduction best practices	Customer engagement practices research	
	Stakeholder engagement			Stakeholder engagement plan development	Stakeholder engagement	Stakeholder engagement	Stakeholder engagement
	Other supporting research:	DEQ material recovery and benefits paper	Recycling markets development report				

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3. Deliberation and agreement seeking	Frameworks			Desired functions for future system	Preliminary research results and recommendations for in-depth research	In-depth research results and workshop(s) to develop optimal legal/relational framework(s)	
	Infrastructure / contamination						Workshop to develop optimal customer engagement, collection and sorting and processing system
4. Implementation plans (may include legislation)	Frameworks						Implementation plan development
	Infrastructure / contamination						Implementation plan development
<i>Other related, non-SC work</i>	DEQ Recycling Markets Stakeholder Workgroup / Communications workgroup	Short-term coordination and responses	Short-term coordination and responses / contamination reduction coordination and online resource library	Short-term coordination and responses / contamination reduction coordination and online resource library	Short-term coordination and responses / top five “no” list and communications packet		
	Recycling behavior and messaging research		Metro recycling behavior research	Metro recycling behavior report / WA Sate Ecology messaging research and results	CalRecycle request for proposals/contract	CalRecycle education and compliance methods research	CalRecycle education campaign development
	Titus MRF Services secondary materials recovery facility pilot			Secondary MRF pilot	Secondary MRF pilot results		
	Washington State Ecology Recycling Market Development Center			Recycling Development Center bill passage	Hiring staff / advisory board formation / work plan development	TBD	TBD
	Washington State plastics packaging study			State packaging study bill passage	Hiring staff / research request for proposals and contract	Plastics packaging study	Plastics packaging study report