

# Responsible Recycling Task Force

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**Meeting # 1 - April 30, 2018**



# Agenda

**9:00 - 9:15:** Welcome & Introduction

**9:15 - 9:25:** Task Force Goals and Outcomes

**9:25 – 9:45:** Responsible Recycling

**9:45 - 10:30:** Current Conditions in King County

**10:30 - 10:50:** Communications Strategies

**10:50 - 11:00:** Proposed Task Force Meeting  
Schedule & Topics



# Task Force Goals

1. To help identify near-, medium- and long-term actions in response to reduction in export markets for mixed recyclable materials due to China National Sword
2. To help establish commitment across the region to responsible recycling and domestic sorting and/or processing of curbside recyclables

# Task Force Outcome

A report with recommendations for future action by all

# Responsible Recycling

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**Lisa Sepanski**





# Defining Responsible Recycling

- Quality vs quantity
- Regional policy alignment
- Harmonized messaging
- Domestic processing and markets
- Demand for recyclable materials
- Recycling is not free
- Measuring real recycling



# Quality vs. Quantity

- Prioritize materials that have value and stable markets
- Collect materials in ways that don't damage other valuable commodities
- Work with haulers and MRFs to make sure that materials can be sorted effectively before adding them to the list
- Aim for “market-ready” bales vs. “mixed” bales





# Regional Policy Alignment

- Recycling is a “system”
- The system will benefit from regional coordination
- Helps to optimize sorting and processing if everyone is collecting similar materials
- Maximizes the marketability of materials



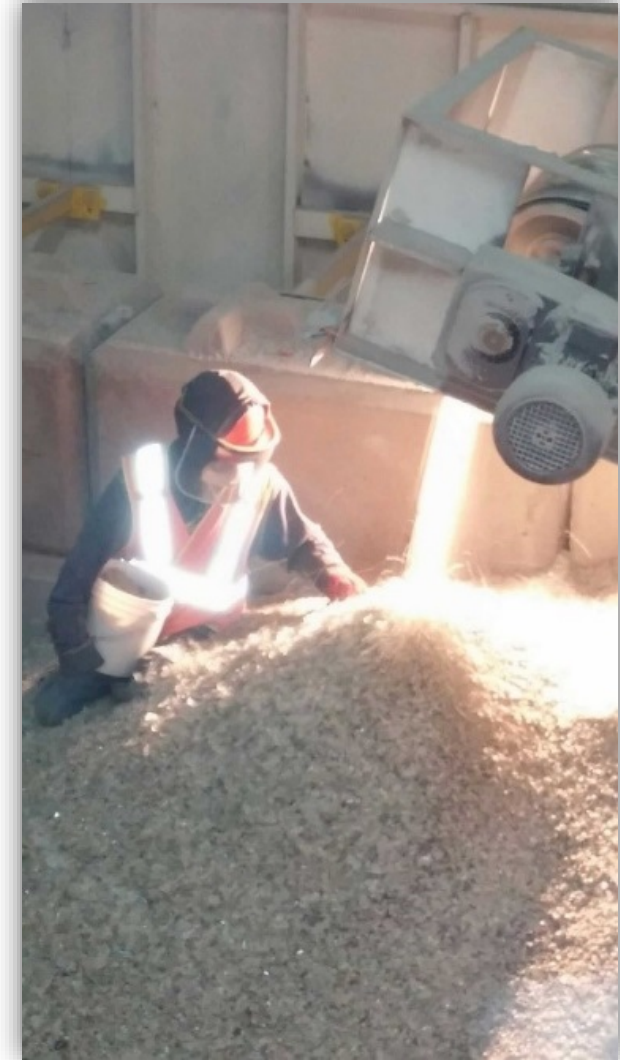
# Harmonized Messaging

- Use consistent messaging across the region or state to reduce confusion by the public
- Promote one basic list of priority materials
- Use consistent messaging to combat contamination
- Communicate with elected officials/policy makers about the importance of responsible recycling





# Domestic Processing and Markets





# Demand for Recyclable Materials



Image: courtesy of Ardaugh Group processing facility



# Recycling is not Free

- It costs money to gain the environmental benefits of recycling
- There are many funding mechanisms that can be employed to support responsible recycling



## Measure Real Recycling

- Measuring real recycling is measuring what gets sent to end markets, not what gets put in the bin
- Domestic processing into market-ready bales can be documented and counts as real recycling



# Current Conditions in King County

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**Sego Jackson**

**MRF Representatives**



# Communication Updates

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# Communication Updates

- Ecology China Sword Stakeholder Group
- Wa State Association of Counties Solid Waste Managers Task Force
- SCA Partner Forum
- Oregon DEQ Stakeholder Group
- Oregon DEQ Infrastructure Study
- Local Government Outreach to Curbside Customers





# Proposed Task Force Meeting Schedule & Topics

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**David Stitzhal**



# Meeting Schedule

Date	Time	Subject
June 1st	9:00 -11:00	<b>Waivers and Surcharges</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waivers requests</li> <li>• Surcharges</li> </ul> <b>Plastics Processing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Merlin Plastics Processing</li> <li>• Titus MRF Services</li> </ul>
June 18th	11:00-1:00	<b>Fiber Processing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fiber Processing</li> <li>• Domestic fiber recycling capacity</li> </ul> <b>Financing Options</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Short, medium and long-term strategies to fund recycling, local infrastructure improvements, studies, whatever actions the group is deciding upon.</li> <li>• Surcharges</li> <li>• Ongoing Risk Share</li> <li>• Regional Responsible Recycling Fund (pooling resources)</li> <li>• Producer Financing</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

# Meeting Schedule

Date	Time	Subject
July 18	9:00 -11:00	<b>What Should Go in the Bin?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discussion short-term recommendations for what should be placed in the curbside bin</li><li>• Plastic bags, film, cartons and more!</li></ul>
August 24	9:00 – 11:00	<b>Recycling Infrastructure Systems</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Explore other Long-term Systems for Recycling</li><li>• Extended Producer Responsibility</li><li>• Report on Oregon Department of Environmental Quality infrastructure study</li></ul>
September	TBD	<b>Creating Demand For Recyclable Materials and Market Development</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Legislative actions</li><li>• Local policies</li><li>• Coordinating with national efforts and the private sector</li></ul>
October	TBD	<b>Final Recommendations and Next Steps</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Develop final recommendations</li><li>• Identify next steps</li></ul>



# Comments/Questions?

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