

Recycling Development Center Advisory Board Meeting April 13, 2022



- The Washington Recycling Development Center (Center) Advisory Board met online on April 13, 2022.
- Department of Ecology (Ecology) staff hosted the meeting on Zoom.

Advisory Board members:

Corinne Drennan: Pacific NW National Laboratory
Karl Englund: Washington State University
Kyla Fisher: AMERIPEN
Nina Goodrich: Sustainable Packaging Coalition
Allen Langdon: Circular Matters
Kris Major: City of Spokane

Scott Morgan: Evergreen State College
Chris Piercy: Kitsap County
Mike Range: Waste Management
Tim Shestek: American Chemistry Council
Jay Simmons: North Pacific Paper Company
Heather Trim: Zero Waste Washington

Not present: Derek Ruckman, WasteXperts; Ruby Irving-Hewey, Klickitat County

Agenda

- Board, Ecology, and Department of Commerce (Commerce) updates
- Charter discussion
- Plastics report discussion
- Textiles presentations

Meeting agenda and other materials are available on the [Advisory Board website](#)¹

Board, Commerce, Ecology updates

Board members shared the following updates with links to online resources.

- [Nina Goodrich](#), Sustainable Packaging Coalition: Toxics in packaging [registry](#)².
- [Kris Major](#), City of Spokane: Washington State Recycling Association [conference](#)³ in May.
- [Tim Shestek](#), American Chemistry Council: the Seattle plastic film [pilot project](#)⁴ is underway.
- [Heather Trim](#), Zero Waste Washington: [Precycle](#)⁵ innovation challenge is underway; the final pitch event is on May 23rd.

Commerce update – Rob Duff:

- Hiring Kirk Esmond to support the Center and Commerce’s Industrial Symbiosis work.
- Working on the NextCycle Washington seed grant process.
- Industrial Symbiosis request for proposals should be out soon.
- Discussions ongoing about glass recycling options in rural communities.
- Information about funding opportunities under the federal infrastructure law are [available](#)⁶ (nearly 400 page document) and being reviewed.

Ecology update – Kara Steward:

- The economic assessment and equity analysis from Western Washington University’s [Center for Economics and Business Research](#)⁷ should be available for the June board meeting.
- The Center’s report to the legislature is due in December, drafts will be shared in June or September.
- The [Plastic Report](#)⁸ is posted including a [supplemental list of companies](#)⁹ involved in plastic manufacturing. Discussion of the report actions is on today’s agenda.
- Legislation this year created a Washington Center for Sustainable Food Management ([House Bill 1179](#)¹⁰), we’ll bring an update on that work to the board.
- [NextCycle Washington](#)¹¹ continues to move forward – [governance opportunities](#)¹² are open for applicants until April 22. Accelerator applications are scheduled to be open in June.

Board Charter discussion – Scott Morgan

- Discussion regarding how board members would provide recommendations to Ecology and Commerce on the work of the Center.
- A process amendment for the charter was shared. The Board subcommittee will review, revise, and bring a proposal back to the full board.

Plastic report discussion

- [Report actions](#)⁸ and summary reviewed by the board, comments offered.
- Ecology will incorporate comments and suggested edits to be shared with the board before the report is finalized.

Textile Recycling Presentations

[Presentation slides](#)¹³ are posted on the Advisory Board website.

- Jeff Bradbury – Five12 Apparel (slides 20-27)
- Tony Shumpert – SMART (slides 28-40)
- Zahlen Titcomb – Regenerated Textiles (slides 41-52)

Meeting to-do items

- Next board meeting is on [June 8, 2022](#)¹⁴ – planned for in-person at NORPAC facility in Longview, Washington. In-person attendance is limited to board members (due to room capacity). There will be a remote option – for board members and interested parties.
- Tour of NORPAC facility to follow the board meeting (optional for board members).
- Post the final Plastic Packaging Report.

For more information:

- Contact Center staff by [email](#)¹⁵
- Sign up for our [email list](#)¹⁶
- Visit the Center [Advisory Board website](#)¹

List of Attendees (excluding board members)

Interested Parties	State Agency Staff
Audrey Taber, University of Washington	Alaina Young, Ecology
Brennan Georgianni, Cleaning Institute	Carolyn Bowie, Ecology
Brooke Davies	Chery Sullivan , Ecology
Carolyn Moulton, Lautenbach Recycling	Dan Weston, Ecology
Domenic Calabro, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	David Pater, Ecology
Gerrine Pan, Ridwell	Heather Church , Ecology
Hannah Scholes, King County	Janine Bogar, Ecology
Jeff Bradbury, Five 12 Apparel	Julie Robertson, Ecology
Jenna Deane, Sustainable Connections	Kara Steward, Ecology
John Martin, DTG Recycle	Lauren DiRe, Ecology
Karen Hultgren, Pierce County	Mya Keyzers, Ecology
Lisa Graham, Regenerated Textiles	Olivia Carros, Ecology
Margo Gillaspay, Skagit County	Robert Duff, Commerce
Meggan Uecker, Sequim	Steven Gimpel, Ecology
Michelle Ross, SUM Recycling	Tina Schaefer, Ecology
Nancy Eklund, Tukwila	
Natalie Caulkins, Republic Services	
Nicholas Georges, Household Cleaning Products Association	
Tony Shumpert, SMART	
Zahlen Titcomb, Regenerated Textiles	

¹ www.ezview.wa.gov/site/alias__1962/37596/recycling_development_center_advisory_board.aspx

² <https://sustainablepackaging.org/chemforward-and-spc-offer-plastic-producers-free-access-to-chemical-additive-safety-tool/>

³ <https://wsra.net/conference/agenda/>

⁴ www.ezview.wa.gov/Portals/_1962/Documents/rdcab/Plastic%20Film%20-%20Retailer%20One-Pager%20v3.pdf

⁵ www.precyclewa.org/

⁶ www.whitehouse.gov/build/

⁷ <https://westerntoday.wvu.edu/topics/center-for-economics-and-business-research>

⁸ www.ezview.wa.gov/Portals/_1962/Documents/rdcab/RecycledPlasticPaper_April2022.docx

⁹ www.ezview.wa.gov/Portals/_1962/Documents/rdcab/WAPlasticCompanyMap2022.xlsx

¹⁰ <https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=1179&Year=2021&Initiative=false>

¹¹ www.nextcyclewashington.com/

¹² www.nextcyclewashington.com/governance

¹³ www.ezview.wa.gov/Portals/_1962/Documents/rdcab/04-13-22_Slides.pdf

¹⁴ <https://waecy-wa-gov.zoom.us/j/84325605090>

¹⁵ <mailto:recdevcenter@ecy.wa.gov>

¹⁶ https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WAECY/subscriber/new?topic_id=WAECY_112