

MINUTES OF THE PLASTICS RECYCLING TASK FORCE  
OF THE METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

November 20, 1989

Room 145

**Committee Members Present:** Chair Corky Kirkpatrick, Carrie Heaton, Jerry Herrmann, Jeff Gage and Bill Martin

**Also Present:** Ray Barker, Sara Vickerman and Senator Dick Springer

Chair Kirkpatrick called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

**1. Report on Work Plan for Joint Interim Committee on Environment Energy and Hazardous Materials**

Chair Kirkpatrick introduced Senator Dick Springer to those present and explained the Plastics Recycling Task Force (PRTF) membership. Chair Kirkpatrick asked Senator Springer what legislation the Interim Legislative Committee would review. Senator Springer said the Committee hoped legislation would be adopted which would assist in the closure and monitoring of landfills; statewide coordination of recycling bills; and discussed proposed tipping fees which were defeated. He said the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) had hoped to collect such fees for local governments to carry out programs. He discussed a subcommittee formed to work specifically on hazardous waste issues and the decision by the City of Seattle to send solid waste to the Arlington Landfill. He discussed negotiations with OSSI and the proposed OSPIRG initiative. He noted Joel Arrio of OSPIRG would hold a press conference on the initiative soon. He said the subcommittee had reviewed packaging questions and other states' packaging requirements. He discussed the City of Palo Alto's recycling bill. He discussed other legislation considered which did not receive enough support to pass.

Chair Kirkpatrick asked if the Interim Committee discussed Senate Bill 990. Senator Springer said the Committee would wait for action from the City of Portland. Senator Springer discussed other legislation.

Sara Vickerman noted the Oregon Defenders of Wildlife were directed to develop a comprehensive habitat plan and provide a funding mechanism framework. Senator Springer said a meeting would be held next month to discuss such legislation. He discussed sponsors in other states which had similar legislation. Those present discussed the differences between Seattle and Portland's solid waste collection systems. Those present discussed Senate Bill 405 and other related issues.

**2. Discussion on Task Force's Purpose/Charge**

Those present discussed the PRTF's purpose. Jerry Herrmann said the PRTF served a real purpose and that Metro was the most appropriate governmental agency to sponsor plastics legislation. Mr. Herrmann discussed his memorandum "Task Force Purpose/Charge" dated November 9, 1989. Chair Kirkpatrick recommended a PRTF member testify at a Council

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Solid Waste meeting, ask for that Committee's consensus, and discuss the purpose of the PRTF.

Those present discussed labelling systems and the use of logos in Canada. Those present discussed the future of plastics as a recyclable.

Chair Kirkpatrick announced the next meeting would be scheduled January 22, 1990. Chair Kirkpatrick adjourned the meeting at 5:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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