

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

January 30, 1989

Room 145

Task Force Members Present: Chair Kirkpatrick, Joe Cancilla, Patrick Moffatt, Bill Martin, John Normandin, Ted Stanwood, Bruce Holser, Scott Ashcom, Jerry Herrmann, Charlotte Becker, Peggy Lovell, Russell Browner and Dave Phillips

Others Present: Jerry Ebeltoft, Leola Stanwood, Robyn Salisbury, Ray Barker, Allen Hurst and Sarah Vickerman,

Chair Kirkpatrick called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

1. Report on Subcommittee Meeting with Senator Cohen Regarding Proposed Changes to the Oregon Plastic Product Tax Credit Law

Chair Kirkpatrick said that she, Bruce Holser, Jerry Herrmann, Ray Barker, Council Analyst, and Senator Joyce Cohen met to discuss the tax credit law. She said Senator Cohen asked for information on how much should be set aside for tax credits in specific dollar amounts. Chair Kirkpatrick asked plastics recyclers and collectors present to submit information on desired amounts for product tax credits. She said Senator Cohen was especially interested in expansion of legislative language on transportation and production. Mr. Holser said a five-year span of time was considered good. He noted Denton Plastics had applied for \$450,000 in energy tax credits and was accepted.

2. Report of Subcommittee on Recyclable Labels for Beverage Containers

Mr. Holser said he spoke to Tailor-Made, maker of most of the area's plastic labels. He said he also spoke with a Fred Meyer, Inc., representative about the labels used on their store brand products. He said the plastic-compatible labels used by Fred Meyer, Inc., were manufactured by the Janus Label Corporation of California. He said the representative saw a Janus label display in California. Mr. Holser said he asked about equipment conversion costs and was told any machinery that used paper labels could easily convert to these types of labels. Mr. Holser displayed labels to those present. Those present discussed plastic-compatible labels further and their use for other containers besides milk jugs.

3. Report of Subcommittee on Senate Bill 353 Prohibiting the Sale of Polystyrene Foam Food Packaging Products by State Agencies

Those present discussed alternatives to banning polystyrene such as encasing dock flotation devices in fiberglass. Mr. Phillips said replacements for polystyrene were not necessarily recyclable. He said language should be added to Sections 3, 4 and 5 of Senate Bill 353. He said

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there should be a new Section 9 or 10 requiring hard foam containers and preventing use of foam bait containers at lakes or the ocean. Mr. Herrmann said the City of Portland should have banned packing foam, or "peanuts," in addition to other polystyrene products. Mr. Phillips said recycling of instead of banning materials should be encouraged. Mr. Herrmann said he would work on language on packing foam. Sara Vickerman said she had language to propose on docks. Chair Kirkpatrick asked this item be scheduled at the next Task Force meeting February 13.

Those present then discussed plastics coding. All present agreed it was essential to have a uniform codification system.

4. Consideration of Herrmann/Vickerman Proposal to Establish a Dedicated Trust Fund for Recycling and Wildlife Conservation

Ms. Vickerman discussed revenue bonds by plastic containers sold to finance a resource conservation trust fund. Section V. which would require residential and commercial garbage rates to offer financial incentives to divert recyclable products from the waste stream was discussed. Mr. Phillips objected to Section V. and said it should be removed. Those present discussed where funds would go. Mr. Herrmann said the retail food establishment would need to be won over. Joe Cancilla said a burden would be placed on collectors and customers. He noted even in franchised areas it would not be easy to implement such a proposal. Ms. Vickerman asked if the collection industry would support the bill if Section V. were removed. Ms. Vickerman said a draft for such a bill would be produced as soon as Legislative Counsel reviewed it.

All business on the agenda having been completed, Chair Kirkpatrick adjourned the meeting at 5:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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