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Agenda

Meeting: Regional Waste Advisory Committee
 Date: Thursday, August 17, 2023
 Time: 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
 Place: Zoom virtual meeting
 Purpose: *The purpose of the Regional Waste Advisory Committee is to provide input on certain policies, programs, and projects that implement actions in the 2030 Regional Waste Plan, as well as to provide input on certain legislative and administrative actions that the Metro Council or Chief Operating Officer will consider related to the implementation of the 2030 Regional Waste Plan.*

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| 8:30 a.m. | Welcome | Marta McGuire
Metro |
| 8:35 a.m. | Garbage and Recycling System Facilities Plan - Review Phase 3 Draft Scenarios
<i>Purpose: Informational</i>
<i>Clarify understanding of draft scenarios and provide background information on components within the scenarios.</i> | Luis Sandoval, Metro
Molly Vogt, Metro
Holly Stirnkorb, Metro
Liz Start, Start Consulting |
| 9:50 a.m. | Schedule of Topics
<i>Purpose: Consult</i>
<i>Review the proposed schedule of topics for FY23-24.</i> | Marta McGuire
Metro |
| 10:10 a.m. | Public Comment Period | |
| 10:20 a.m. | Consideration and approval of items* | |
| 10:30 a.m. | Adjourn | |

* Material will be distributed at the meeting.

Upcoming RWAC Meeting: Thursday, October 19, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

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REGIONAL WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Worksheet

PRESENTATION DATE: August 17, 2023 **LENGTH:** 75 MIN

PRESENTATION TITLE: Garbage and Recycling System Facilities Plan Draft Scenarios
Background Information

DECISION TYPE: Inform

RELATED REGIONAL WASTE PLAN GOALS: 16

PURPOSE OF PRESENTATION

The purpose of the presentation is to answer questions asked by members of the Regional Waste Advisory Committee since the last meeting on July 20th, 2023. During the discussion that followed the System Facilities Plan presentation by Estee Segal and Luis Sandoval, committee members expressed a desire to have more information on how the three alternative scenarios would impact the need for current and proposed regulatory policies. Committee members sought clarification on wet waste tonnage allocations, transfer station rate oversight, and why reuse is centered in the System Facilities Plan scenarios. Staff will provide greater detail on these topics through the following presentations:

- Molly Vogt and Warren Johnson will provide committee members with an overview of the wet waste tonnage allocations policy history and explain why it was created and how it operates today.
- Holly Stirnkorb will describe Metro's policy framework to address the oversight of rates charged by private transfer stations for wet waste.
- Liz Start from Start Consulting will present findings from Metro's Large Item Reuse Study. Luis Sandoval is one of the project managers for the System Facilities Plan and will also be presenting to help connect these topics with the Systems Facilities Plan scenarios.

BACKGROUND TOPIC 1: WET WASTE TONNAGE ALLOCATION

In 2016, Metro Council directed staff to design a transparent method to allocate a percentage of the region's wet waste tons to private transfer stations in recognition of the value those stations provide in terms of geographic distribution of services. Following adoption of the Regional Waste Plan in 2019, the Metro Council directed staff to incentivize progress toward five Regional Waste Plan goals through goals-based wet waste tonnage allocations. With this approach, now in its third year, transfer stations receive an annual base tonnage allocation and, if they apply for and meet criteria for goals-based tonnage, they receive additional allocations.

BACKGROUND TOPIC 2: OVERSIGHT OF RATES CHARGED BY PRIVATE TRANSFER STATIONS

The 2030 Regional Waste Plan seeks to ensure that rates for services are reasonable, responsive to user economic needs, regionally consistent and well understood. The plan includes actions to implement transparent and consistent rate-setting processes for all collection service providers and facilities in the region and establish rates across the region that are consistent for like services. Metro does not currently regulate rates at privately owned facilities, but could exercise the authority to do so if Metro Council finds it to be in the public interest.

BACKGROUND TOPIC 3: REUSE AND REPAIR

Commitment to reducing waste through recycling, reuse and repair remains a widely held value in greater Portland. For decades, Metro and local governments have invested heavily in home recycling and composting programs, household toxics collection events, and home composting programs, which all keep waste from landfills. Metro's 2030 Regional Waste Plan calls on local governments and Metro to increase the reuse, repair and donation of consumer products through partnerships with waste reduction organizations and investments in neighborhood-scale reuse and repair services and infrastructure.

In 2022, Metro commissioned Start Consulting to produce the [Metro Large Item Reuse Study](#). The study identifies gaps and opportunities for expanding large item reuse, calls for improving services for historically marginalized groups, and recommends strengthening relationships with local reuse organizations. The Large Item Reuse Study and findings from Phase 2 engagement with reuse businesses and local governments has shaped draft scenarios in Metro's Garbage and Recycling System Facilities Plan, which will be presented to Metro Council for review and policy direction this winter.



Regional Waste Advisory Committee

Schedule of Topics

Schedule of Topics | 2023

Date	Topic	Regional Waste Plan	Decision Type
February 2023	• Bulky waste policy project research results	Goal 10	Consult/Advise
	• Community collection events	Goal 10	Informational
	• Bulky waste reuse project introduction	Goal 10	Informational
March 2023	• Waste prevention and reuse program efforts	Goal 8	Informational
	• WPES education program update	Goal 6, 9	Informational
	• Recycling Modernization Act (SB582)	Goal 15	Consult/Advise
April 2023	• Regional Garbage and Recycling System Facilities Plan	Goal 16	Consult/Advise
	• Metro Budget Update	Goals 1-19	Informational
	• Recycling Modernization Act (SB582)		
May 2023	• Community clean-up initiatives: RID, regional refresh sponsorships, state funding	Goals 2, 8, 10, 11	Informational
June 2023	NO MEETING		
July 2023	• Regional Garbage and Recycling System Facilities Plan	Goal 16	Consult/Advise
	• 2025 Updates to Community Enhancement Program	Goal 13	Informational/Consult

The schedule is subject to change.



Regional Waste Advisory Committee Schedule of Topics

Tentative Schedule of Topics for July 2023 to June 2024

Advisory Topics

Metro Budget and Solid Waste Fees

Garbage and Recycling System Facilities Plan

Bulky Waste Policy Project

Investment & Innovation Grant Program

Food Waste Reduction Initiatives

Workforce Transition Program Development

Informational Topics

Metro Authority and Roles

Community Clean-Up Initiatives

Recycling Modernization Act (Senate Bill 582) Implementation

Community and Household Hazardous Collection Events

Regional Waste Plan Progress Report