

Organics Management to Reduce Methane and Combat Climate Change Workgroup (2023)

Meeting #1
July 5, 2023



Meeting #1 Agenda

Welcome, Overview of Agenda and Housekeeping

Introductions

Overview of Workgroup Purpose and Logistics

- Facilitation
- Agenda committee

Comments from Rep. Beth Doglio

HB 1799 Overview

Presenter: Heather Trim, Zero Waste Washington

- Q&A

Round-robin: Ideas for topic areas to be discussed for stakeholder process leading up to a 2024 bill

Next steps and Adjourn

Housekeeping

- Please mute your lines if not speaking
- If you are having technical difficulties, chat Sam Kwok
- Presentation portion of today's meeting is being recorded
- All our presenters will present and then we will have time for Q&A
- Please raise your hand by clicking on the “participants” button and clicking on the hand by your name if you have a question
 - I will call on people
- You can also put questions in the chat at anytime and we will answer them during the Q&A portion

Introductions



Workgroup Purpose

Purpose: Divert organic material and improve the organic material management system in Washington in order to reduce methane and combat climate change.

Role: Gather stakeholder input to inform policy tailored for Washington about mandating composting and other organic waste diversion from landfill, waste and food donation, contamination, facility siting, and waste reduction, among other topics.

Workgroup Facilitation

Agenda Committee: We will be forming an agenda committee that will meet before each meeting to help choose topic areas and speakers for each meeting's agenda.

- We will strive to have a balance of representation on the agenda committee with one representative each by area: Waste Management, Composter, County Gov't, City Gov't, Environment, Food Rescue, State
- Other participants invited to agenda committee as needed per topic area
- Please reach out to me or Sam if you are interested in joining the agenda committee.

Facilitation: Julie Colehour and Sam Kwok of C+C have been hired by a group of stakeholders to facilitate this process. Funders include: King County, Zero Waste Washington, Food Lifeline and others (still being confirmed).

- Facilitation goal: Gather and accurately document all stakeholder feedback by topic area.

Workgroup Structure

- Please mute your lines if not speaking
- Made up of a diverse set of stakeholder organizations
- Two meetings per month through end of year
 - 1st and 3rd Wednesdays
 - Exceptions include Tuesday, July 18 and Tuesday, October 17
- Meeting content will include:
 - Presentations of background info (recorded)
 - Discussion of topics included in possible legislation (not recorded):
 - If there is agreement on a topic, that will be noted
 - If there is not agreement, issues/concerns will be identified
- Copies of information from each meeting will be posted at:
organicsworkgroup.org

Agenda Committee

- Any interested sectors?

Comments from:

Representative Beth Doglio



HB1799 Overview

Heather Trim, Zero Waste Washington



Potential Topic Categories

- Food Waste
 - Facility Siting
 - Contamination
 - Other Organics Management
 - Other Organics Diversion from Landfill
 - Education
 - Other Ideas
- *No right or wrong answers – all ideas welcome today to help us form topic areas and content for future meetings*

Input: Ideas for topic areas

Food Waste Topics

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Facility Siting Topics

Input: Ideas for topic areas

Contamination Topics

Input: Ideas for topic areas

Other Organics Management Topics

Input: Ideas for topic areas

Other Organics Waste Diversion from Landfill Topics

Input: Ideas for topic areas

Education Topics

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Other Ideas for Topics

Wrap-Up and Next Steps

- Next meeting 7/18, 12-2pm
- Agenda committee
 - Volunteers?
 - Goal for first agenda committee meeting next week (schedules permitting)
- Workgroup and meeting #1 materials will be posted at OrganicsWorkgroup.org
- Thank you!