

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

Meeting #4

August 16, 2023



Meeting #4 Agenda

Welcome and Overview of Agenda

Overview of Workgroup Logistics, Purpose

Mary Harrington, Organics Lead, Ecology

- Q&A

Janine Bogar, Solid Waste Management Program Planner, Ecology

- Q&A

Alli Kingfisher, Organics Management and Food Center Coordinator, Ecology

- Q&A

Jade Monroe, Food Center Lead, Ecology

- Q&A

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

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. This policy builds on HB1799, which set policies in motion, so that Washington can more fully develop its own version of California's SB 1383 and provide certainty for our residents, government agencies, and businesses to prepare for future actions.

Workgroup Structure

- 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

Workgroup Facilitation

Agenda Committee: We have formed an agenda committee that will meet before each meeting to help chose topic areas and speakers for each meeting's agenda.

- Committee members include:
 - Heather Trim, Zero Waste Washington
 - Alli Kingfisher, Ecology
 - Brad Lovaas, WRRRA
 - Hannah Scholes, King County
 - Jay Blazey, Cedar Grove Composting
 - Kate Kurtz, City of Seattle
 - Travis Dutton, WSAC
 - Aaron Czyzewski, Food Lifeline

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, Lautenbach Recycling and others (still being confirmed).

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

Meeting Topic Areas

- PAST:
 - Overview of HB1799 (Mtg #1, July 5)
 - Implementation of SB1383 in California (Mtg #2, July 18)
 - Local Perspective on Organics Program Implementation (Mtg #3, August 2)
- TODAY (MTG #4):
 - HB1799 Implementation (State Perspective)
- FUTURE: Policy Feedback
 - Food Waste Prevention/Food Rescue
 - Sources and targets (different materials)
 - Geographic issues, including rates, collection approaches, apple maggot, etc.
 - Facility siting, Zoning, Permitting & Infrastructure, including other technologies (e.g. AD, etc.), Enforcement
 - Contamination
 - Education
 - Energy Generation/Credits/Carbon Sequestration in Soil
 - End Markets/Purchasing/Procurement
 - Funding/Financing/Rates
 - Policy Language Feedback

Presentations



Wrap-Up and Next Steps

- Next meeting 9/6, 12-2pm
- Workgroup and meeting materials will be posted at OrganicsWorkgroup.org
- Thank you!