

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

Meeting #11
December 6, 2023



Meeting #11 Agenda: Funding, Financing, and Rates

Welcome and Overview of Agenda

Overview of Workgroup Logistics, Purpose

Mike Young, Assistant Director, Water and Transportation Section, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

- Q&A

Tamara Jones, Senior Legislative Planner, Climate Pollution Reduction Program, Department of Ecology

- Q&A

Dawn Marie Maurer, Solid Waste Facilities Specialist, Department of Ecology

- Q&A

Spencer Huang, Principal Economist, Rates & Financial Planning, Seattle Public Utilities

- Q&A

Travis Dutton, Natural Resource Policy Analyst, Washington State Association of Counties

- Q&A

Policy Feedback: End Markets, Purchasing, and Procurement

- Workgroup Input: Strengths & Concerns/Issues

Next steps and adjourn

- Next meeting: **Wednesday, December 13, 12-2pm**

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 an additional meeting on December 13
- 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, Cedar Grove and Compost Manufacturing Alliance.

- 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)
- HB1799 Implementation (State Perspective) (Mtg. #4, August 16)
- Food Waste Prevention/Food Rescue (Mtg. #5, September 6)
- Energy Generation/Credits/Carbon Sequestration in Soil (Mtg. #6, September 20)
- Sources and targets (different materials); Geographic issues, including rates, collection approaches, apple maggot, etc.
- Facility Siting, Zoning, Permitting & Infrastructure
- Contamination, Education, and Schools
- End Markets, Purchasing, and Procurement

- TODAY (MTG #11):

- Funding/Financing/Rates

- FUTURE: Policy Feedback

- Policy Language Feedback (note adding a meeting 12/13, 12:00-2:00 to allow two meetings for policy language feedback)

Presentations



Policy Feedback



Policy

Create a significant grant program to be administered by Ecology for local governments, private businesses and others for technical, education, enforcement and infrastructure, to the extent allowed by constitution.

Input: Create a significant grant program to be administered by Ecology for local governments, private businesses, and others for technical, education, enforcement and infrastructure, to the extent allowed by constitution.

Strengths/Concerns/Issues/Questions