Regional WAste aDvisory Committee

# Meeting Worksheet

**PRESENTATION DATE:** 5/20/2021

**TOPIC:** Market destinations for recyclables

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**RELATED REGIONAL WASTE PLAN GOALS:** Goal 3, Goal 5, Goal 12, Goal 15

## puRPOSE OF PRESENTATION

* Provide results for the baseline analysis for Goal 15 RWP Indicator s*hare of regional recoverable materials, by material type, that is sent to markets in Oregon and the US*
* Introduce the purpose and goals of the MRF Standards Project.

**background**

A key goal of the 2030 Regional Waste Plan is to manage recycling more responsibly, to ensure that recyclables are processed in a way that minimizes the environmental impact for people and the planet, both in greater Portland and around the world. When the 2030 Regional Waste Plan (RWP) was adopted, one of the first action items was to collect baseline data to help Metro, stakeholders and partners improve the region’s recycling practices. During this presentation staff will share the results of an analysis of the destination of recyclables sorted in the Metro region. Staff will also give a preview of a related project launched in May to create new quality standards and reporting requirements for Metro-licensed facilities that sort recyclable material.

Prior related engagement:

“Contamination in Recycling Bins” RWAC presentation on June 18th, 2020

**Purpose**

* This is an information agenda item

**NEXT STEPS**

Discovery phase (spring to mid-summer 2021):

* Hire technical consultant and develop work plan.
* Develop engagement plan, conduct research, and gather early stakeholder input.

Identify options and gather feedback (late summer to fall 2021):

* Consult with RWAC and CORE on options for standards.
* Develop and recommend options and present to Metro Council.
* Discuss and evaluate options with stakeholders and refine recommendations based on Metro Council and stakeholder feedback.

Metro Council consideration of new standards (late fall 2021/early winter 2022):

**ATTACHMENTS/LINKS** (Optional Materials)

* “Contamination in Recycling Bins” RWAC presentation slides
* Recycled Materials Destination Data handout
* Material Recovery Facility Project website: [oregonmetro.gov/recyclingstandards](https://www.oregonmetro.gov/tools-working/tools-haulers-and-facility-operators/rules-procedures-and-guidance/recycling-facility)