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# Meeting Worksheet

**PRESENTATION DATE:** 9/17/2021

**TOPIC:** Material Recovery Facility Standards Policy Development Project (MRF PROJECT)

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**RELATED REGIONAL WASTE PLAN GOALS:** Goal 3, Goal 4, Goal 15

## puRPOSE OF PRESENTATION

* Introduce the purpose and goals of the MRF Project and provide a high level look at the menu of options under development by RRS.

**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 follow up on their May presentation to RWAC by presenting the latest results from an independent consulting firm, RRS, in their research of options for new quality and reporting requirements for Metro-licensed facilities that sort recyclable material.

Prior related engagement:

“Destination Data Project” RWAC presentation in May, 2020

**Purpose**

* This is an informational agenda item to prepare for a later advisory session

**NEXT STEPS**

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

* Consult with RWAC and CORE on options for standards.
* Discuss and evaluate options with stakeholders and refine recommendations based on Metro Council and stakeholder feedback.
* Metro Council consideration of new standards (early winter 2022)

**ATTACHMENTS/LINKS** (Optional Materials)

* 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)
* Executive summary of the menu of options in the quality and reporting briefing paper
* Full quality and reporting briefing paper. We recommend focusing on the options (pages 8-35)