

Recycling Reform Advisory Council

Equity Subcommittee

Meeting Notes

May 4, 2026, 10-11:00pm PT

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- I. Welcome
 - a. Attendance and Introductions

Member	Affiliation	Attendance
Julie Gilbertson	Circular Action Alliance	Y
Rick Vahl	Waste Connections	Y
Ming-Ming Tung-Edelman	CareMakers Collective	Y
Becci Piepel	Douglas County Solid Waste	Y
Grant Williams	Tribal Solid Waste Advisory Network	Y
Miriam Mendoza	Yakima Eco Solutions	Y
Leah Simeon	Feed Seven Generations	Y

- b. Review of meeting agenda
- II. Ecology Updates
 - a. [Recycling Reform Act overview](#) – Lauren DiRe, Ecology
- III. Subcommittee Discussion
 - a. Subcommittee Chair
 - i. Ming-Ming self-nominated to serve as Chair of subcommittee
 - b. Needs assessment support and subcommittee
 - i. Ecology noted that there is a lot of overlap between equity issues and needs assessment work that members of Equity Subcommittee can choose to participate in, including attending Needs Assessment Subcommittee and Advisory Council meetings
 - ii. Member discussion:
 1. Proposal that members whose membership overlap between Needs Assessment and Equity Subcommittee report back
 2. Suggestion for a monthly standing meeting for subcommittee
 3. Ecology will have technical memos for review ([Ecology update, slide 11](#))
 4. Due to length and how technical memos are, suggest several ways of navigating:
 - a. Ecology or ERG consultant team could highlight and call out areas that may require an equity perspective
 - b. Utilizing AI to create an RRA expert and help identify equity issues within technical memos
 5. Helpful to have clearly defined parameters of what equity means when viewing through the lens of equity so when CAA offers programmatic elements or strategies, there is an understanding of how equity is framed
 - a. Using Subcommittee focus areas as initial parameters:

