

Washington Recycling Reform Act Advisory Council

MEETING #4

June 11, 2026

9:00-11:00am PT

Meeting Agenda

I. Welcome

- a. Review agenda
- b. Attendance
- c. Call for disclosure of conflicts of interest related to today's meeting agenda
- d. Solicitation of comments on meeting notes

II. Feedback Agenda Items

III. Ecology Updates

- a. Overall timeline – Dan Weston, Ecology
- b. Recycling Refund Study – Kara Steward, Ecology
- c. Rulemaking – Kara Steward, Ecology

IV. PRO Updates

- a. Producer Journey – Jim Velky, CAA
- b. Fee Setting – Aaron Burman, CAA
- c. Responsible End Markets – Ross Bergman, CAA

VI. Statewide Lists Process/Development

- a. Discussion / Feedback

VII. Subcommittee Updates

- VI. Statewide Lists Subcommittee
- VII. Needs Assessment Subcommittee
- VIII. Equity Subcommittee

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Preview of Next Meeting Content

X. Adjourn

RRA Advisory Council Purpose & Objectives

Purpose

The purpose of the Recycling Reform Act Advisory Council (council) and its subcommittees is to advise the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) and the Producer Responsibility Organization (PRO) on implementation of the Recycling Reform Act (RRA). The council offers diverse perspectives and practical insights to help inform policy decisions related to recycling system design, performance, and equity.

Objectives

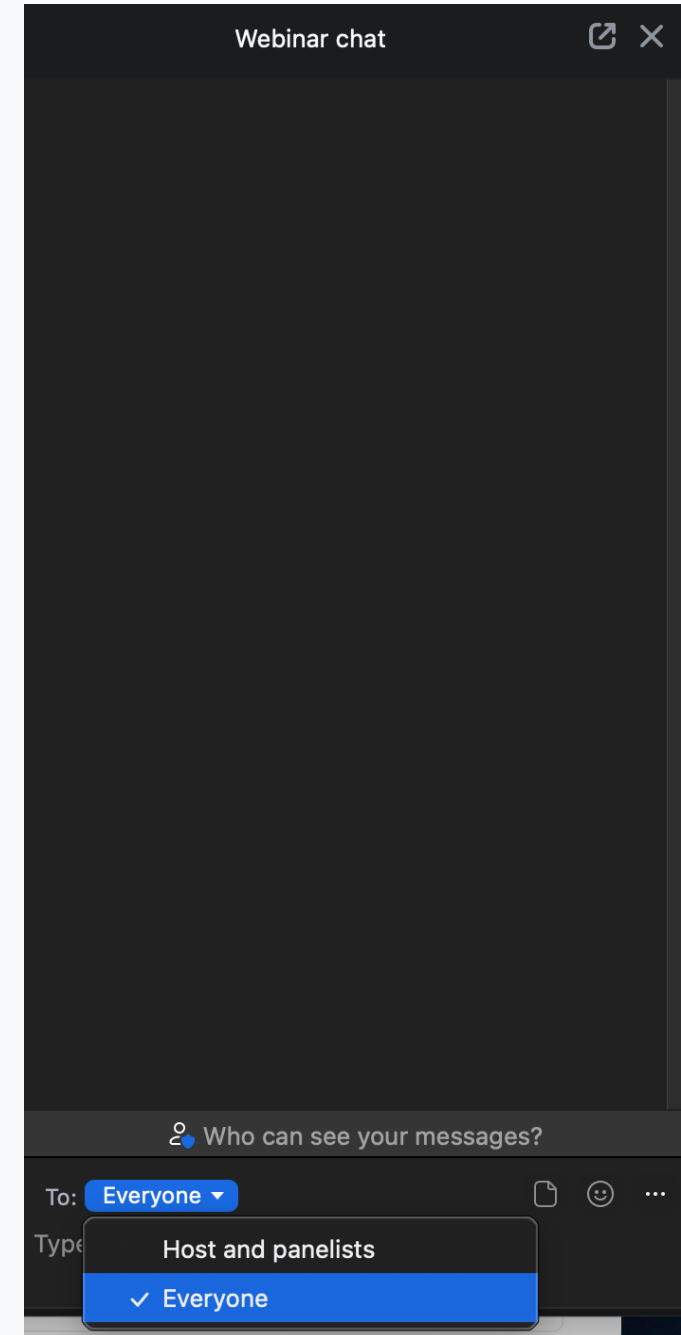
The objective of the council is to give advice and recommendations to Ecology and the PRO to support effective implementation of the RRA, including:

- a. Identifying system gaps, needs, and implementation challenges
- b. Elevating equity and environmental justice considerations
- c. Ensuring representation of diverse perspectives across Washington's recycling system
- d. Balancing the needs and interests of the groups each council member represents with the best interest of the program overall

Council input is intended to help Ecology and the PRO carry out the law effectively, equitably, and in alignment with legislative intent.

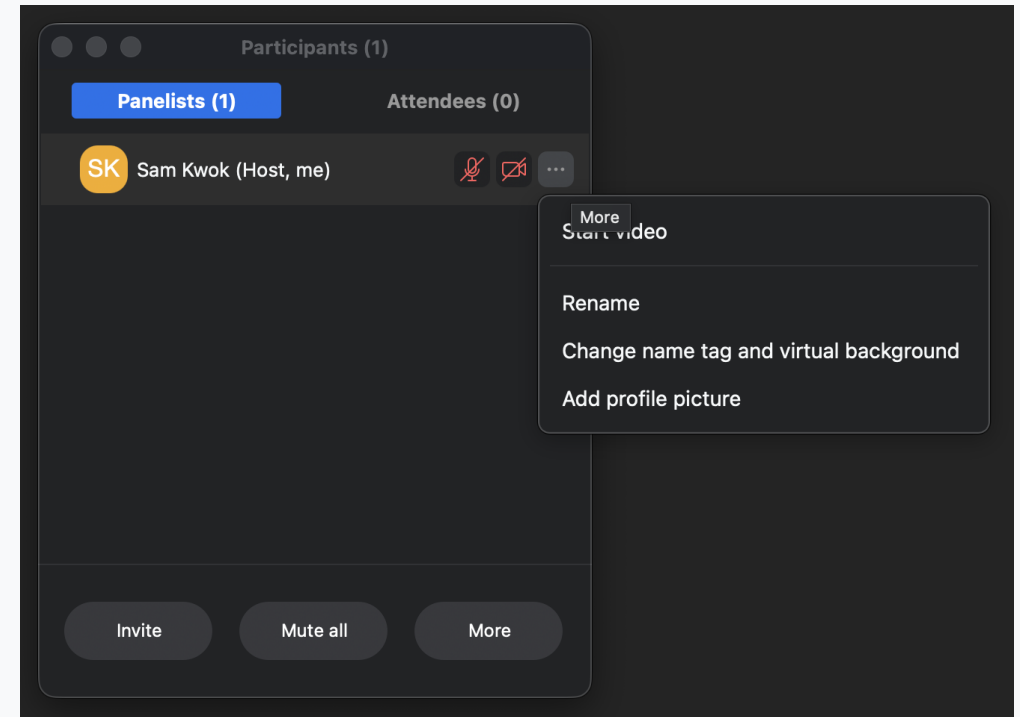
Housekeeping

- All public participants are observers and in listen-only mode. Microphones are muted. The chat is not available for public attendees to use, but they may still see the chat. **Public attendees should use Q&A function for any public comment.** The Q&A button can be opened at the bottom of your toolbar.
- Council members will be able to raise hands and come off mute to communicate. **If using chat, please make sure all messages are sent to "Everyone" (see right).**
 - All panelists should open the chat box now and ensure that "To" is to "Everyone" above the box to type.
- If council members experience any A/V issues throughout the webinar, Sam Kwok is available for technical support.



Housekeeping

- Live captioning is enabled for meetings. Participants have the option to toggle it on and off at the bottom of their toolbar.
- Council members should rename themselves to include: **name, organization, seat represented** (e.g., Rick Vahl, Waste Connections, Solid Waste).



Open Public Meetings Act

RCW 42.56: Public records act

RCW 42.30: Open public meetings act

- RRA advisory council must comply with OPMA (RCW 70A.208.050(8)(b))
- Meetings are open to the public for all deliberations and discussions
- Post agenda, meeting schedule, and minutes (notes)
- Actions and votes must be public
- All conversations and comments in the virtual chat must be viewable by all attendees and must be directed to "Everyone"
- Official business may only be conducted in meetings open to the public (e.g., no council or subcommittee discussions via email)
- Any documents shared for committee comments/edits must also be available and accessible to the public

Public Comment Process

- Attendees interested in **providing verbal public comment should indicate their interest and specify their topic in the Q&A box only**. Speakers are selected on a first-come, first-served basis and will be informed.
 - Please note that if you are joining the meeting via dial-in, you will not be able to use the Q&A box function. If you wish to provide verbal comment during the 10-minute public comment period, please use *9 to raise your hand.
- If in-person, please sign up for public comment on the sign-up sheet. Attendees will be called first-come, first-served based on when they signed up.
- Public comments are limited to the meeting's agenda items.
- Each person commenting will have a maximum of 2 minutes to speak. Speakers will have a timer to share their comments. It will ding when time is up and they will be automatically muted.
- Public commenters may lose their time or future commenting privileges if they are off topic with the current agenda or are disruptive to the orderly conduct of the meeting (e.g., using hate speech, political rhetoric or promotional content).
- If time remains in the 10-minute public comment portion of the meeting, the facilitator will prompt for raised hands to speak in the remaining time.
- Participants may also submit their comments via email to rraadvisorycouncil@cplusc.com.

RRA Advisory Council Members

Member	Affiliation	Category Represented
Megan Daum	American Beverage Association	Producers/manufacturer trade association
Danielle Waterfield	AMERIPEN	Producers/manufacturer trade association
Casey Bouchard	Methow Recycles	Recycling facility
Jeff Zillich	WM	Recycling facility
Rick Vahl	Waste Connections	Solid waste collection/hauling
Amanda Dalton	Northwest Grocery Retail Association	Retailers of covered materials
Moji Igun	Zero Waste Washington	Statewide environmental organization
Ming-Ming Tung-Edelman	Refugee Artisan Initiative	CBO/environmental justice organization
Alissa Campbell	Recology	MRF
Jay Blazey	Cedar Grove	Compost facility/composting interests
Trace Bradburn	City of Spokane	Local government
McKenna Morrigan	Seattle Public Utilities	Local government
Becci Piepel	Douglas County Solid Waste	Local government
Grant Williams	Tribal Solid Waste Advisory Network	Tribal solid waste interests
Jocelyn Quarrell	Bold Reuse	Reuse / refill systems
Karen Hultgren	Pierce County	Other interested parties
Michael Liptack	Friday Harbor	Other interested parties
Peter Lyon	WA State Department of Ecology	Ecology representative (non-voting)
Julie Gilbertson	CAA	PRO representative (non-voting)

Conflicts of Interest

- Members must disclose any actual, potential, or perceived conflict of interest as soon as it arises and before participating in discussion of the relevant topic. Disclosures will be made verbally at the onset of meetings and/or in writing to the facilitation team prior to meetings.
- In most cases, disclosure alone is sufficient, and a council member can still participate in discussion after the disclosure is made.
- In the case of a conflict-of-interest disclosure where the member or their organization stands to receive a direct financial or regulatory benefit from a specific recommendation, the member will self-identify the conflict of interest and recuse themselves from participating in the discussion and from any vote related to that agenda item.
- In general, members should self-identify conflicts of interest and recuse themselves from discussion when appropriate. However, the council chair can also determine that a member has a conflict of interest and ask them to officially disclose the conflict, and if needed, recuse themselves from discussion. The vice chair may step into this role if the chair is the person with a conflict and they opt not to self-disclose or recuse themselves from discussion.

COMMENTS ON MEETING NOTES

FEEDBACK AGENDA ITEMS

- MATERIALS IN ADVANCE
- PUBLIC COMMENT

Feedback Agenda Items

- In addition to any discussion questions and topics, Ecology aims to share materials to be reviewed at least a week in advance and link/note in agenda, if available
- Subcommittees will now include a public comment period, with any verbal comments limited to 2 minutes

ECOLOGY UPDATES

- OVERALL TIMELINE– DAN WESTON, ECOLOGY
- RECYCLING REFUND STUDY – KARA STEWARD, ECOLOGY
- RULEMAKING– KARA STEWARD, ECOLOGY

PRO UPDATES

- PRODUCER JOURNEY – JIM VELKY, CAA
- FEE SETTING – AARON BURMAN, CAA
- RESPONSIBLE END MARKETS – ROSS BERGMAN, CAA

STATEWIDE LISTS PROCESS/DEVELOPMENT

- JOEL SCHOENING, RRS
- ADVISORY COUNCIL DISCUSSION

SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

- STATEWIDE LISTS SUBCOMMITTEE
- NEEDS ASSESSMENT SUBCOMMITTEE
- EQUITY SUBCOMMITTEE

PUBLIC COMMENT (10 MINUTES)

- 2 MINUTES PER PERSON
- COMMENT MUST BE RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS
- RAISE HANDS TO SPEAK (*9 IF DIALING IN)

PREVIEW OF NEXT MEETING CONTENT

- AUGUST IN-PERSON MEETING IN SPOKANE
- STATEWIDE LISTS DISCUSSION EXTENDED
- NEEDS ASSESSMENT TECHNICAL MEMOS
- DRS STUDY

Next Steps

- Meeting materials, including meeting notes and copies of the presentations today will be published on RRAAdvisoryCouncil.org in 10 days
 - Council will receive an email when it's up
- Next AC meeting on August 13, 10:00-1:30pm; Meeting is hybrid in Spokane

ADJOURN

- NEXT MEETING: AUGUST 13, 10:00-1:30PM;
MEETING IS HYBRID IN SPOKANE