

Washington Recycling Reform Act Advisory Council

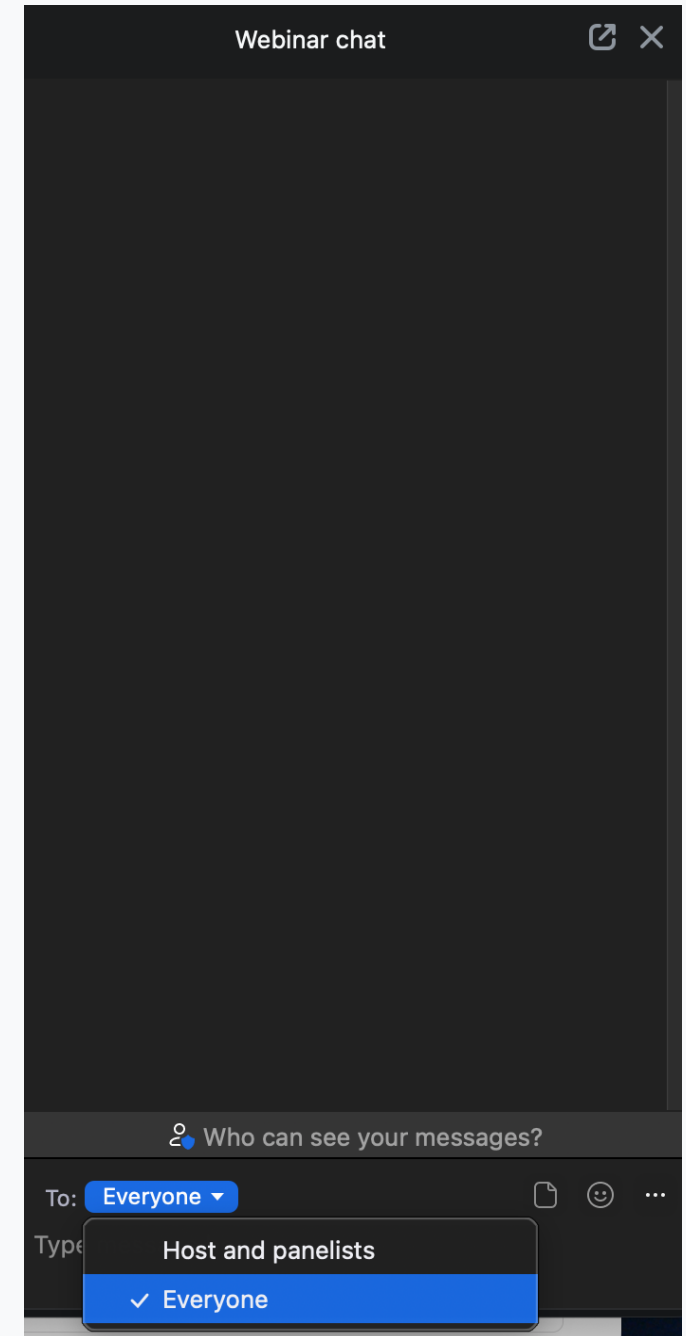
EQUITY SUBCOMMITTEE

June 29, 2026

10-11:00am PT

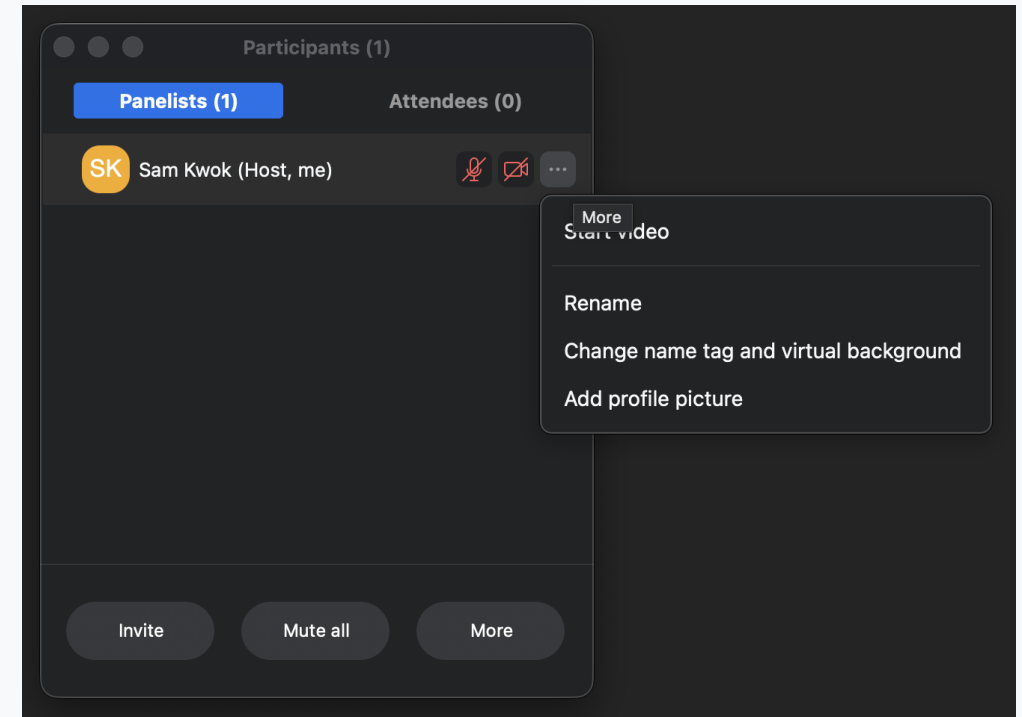
Housekeeping

- 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).**
 - Public attendees are welcome to do the same.



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.

Equity Subcommittee Purpose & Objectives

Purpose

The purpose of the Equity Subcommittee is to make recommendations to the Advisory Council, Ecology, and the PRO on equity and environmental justice considerations related to the implementation of the Recycling Reform Act.

Objectives

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

- Identifying barriers and impacts affecting overburdened and underserved communities
- Informing system design to ensure equitable access to services
- Making recommendations for community engagement and education

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

Subcommittee Members

Member	Affiliation
Ming-Ming Tung-Edelman (Chair)	CareMakers Collective
Julie Gilbertson	Circular Action Alliance
Rick Vahl	Waste Connections
Becci Piepel	Douglas County Solid Waste
Grant Williams	Tribal Solid Waste Advisory Network
Miriam Mendoza	Yakima Eco Solutions
Leah Simeon	Feed Seven Generations
Socorro Medina	Seattle Public Utilities

Meeting Agenda

I. Welcome

- a. Attendance
- b. Review of meeting agenda
- c. Call for disclosure of conflicts of interest

II. Introduce new member

- a. Socorro Medina, SPU

III. Role of Equity Subcommittee – Ecology

- a. Recycling Reform Act
- b. Review Advisory Council charter

IV. Overview of Recycling Refund Engagement Study - Nicole Villamizar, ERG

- a. Q&A

V. Public Comment

VI. Preview of Next Meeting Content

VII. Adjourn

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.

INTRODUCE NEW MEMBER

- SOCORRO MEDINA, SEATTLE PUBLIC UTILITIES

ROLE OF EQUITY SUBCOMMITTEE

- RECYCLING REFORM ACT – ECOLOGY
- REVIEW ADVISORY COUNCIL CHARTER – ECOLOGY

OVERVIEW OF RECYCLING REFUND ENGAGEMENT STUDY

- NICOLE VILLAMIZAR, ERG
- THE DRAFT REPORT WILL BE POSTED BY ECOLOGY ON JULY 8 FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

PUBLIC COMMENT (5 MINUTES)

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

PREVIEW NEXT MEETING CONTENT

- THE DRAFT REPORT WILL BE POSTED BY ECOLOGY ON JULY 8 FOR REVIEW/PUBLIC COMMENT
- GROUP TO MEET TO DISCUSS NEEDS ASSESSMENT DRAFT IN SEPTEMBER

Next Steps

- Meeting materials, including meeting notes and copies of the presentations today will be published on RRAAdvisoryCouncil.org in 10 days
 - Subcommittee will receive an email when it's up

ADJOURN

- NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER TBA