



CITY OF TACOMA

SUSTAINABLE TACOMA COMMISSION

HYBRID MEETING

DRAFT AGENDA

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2023

5:00 PM TO 7:00 PM

This meeting will be held both virtually and in-person. In person location is the Tacoma Municipal Building, 747 Market St, room 248.

Meeting phone line: (253) 215-8782

Meeting hyperlink: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84328083947?pwd=YXo2N1dURXJhRkxpSHNMMnZhRTIGQT09>

Meeting ID: 843-2808-3947

Meeting password: 253253

Microphones will be muted and cameras turned off for all meeting participants, except for the Commissioners and staff presenters. Public comments will be accepted in meeting during the time set aside by the agenda. In addition, the Commission encourages community members to submit written comments prior to the meeting by 4:00 p.m. on January 19th. Please e-mail your comments to klynett@cityoftacoma.org, put in the subject line "STC Meeting 1/19/2023", and clearly indicate which agenda item(s), if any, you are addressing.

- I. CALL TO ORDER AND EXTENDED ROLL CALL
- II. APPROVE JANUARY 19 AGENDA AND DECEMBER MINUTES
- III. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- IV. STAFF UPDATES
- V. OFFICER NOMINATIONS - VOTE
- VI. RULES OF PROCEDURE REVIEW - DISCUSSION
- VII. SOLID WASTE UPDATES - PRESENTATION
- VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- IX. OBJECTIVES FOR NEXT MEETING
- X. ADJOURNMENT



City of Tacoma Sustainable Tacoma Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: December 15, 2022

Commission Members Present:

Margaret Schwertner, Kendra Stauffer, Lexi Brewer (Co-Chair), Tony Ivey, Matthew Benedict, Laura Svancarek, Casey McManus, Nikie Walters

Commission Members Excused:

Evlondo Cooper
Adam Reichenberger

Commission Members Absent:

Others Present:

City of Tacoma Commission Support Staff: Kristi Lynett (Commission staff liaison), Lucy Klug (Sustainability Americorps)

Other Presenters:

Latasha Wortham, Logan Behr, Clark Mather (TPU)

Members of the Public: none

Call to Order & Roll Call

This meeting was called to order by Commission Co-Chairperson Lexi Brewer at 5:04pm, including an acknowledgement of the traditional indigenous lands this Commission conducts its business on. The Chair welcomed Commissioners, staff, and members of the public and shared virtual meeting practices and requirements. Then, Lexi administered a roll call discussion, where Commissioners acknowledged their attendance.

Unanimous Approval of December 15, 2022 Meeting Agenda

Unanimous Approval of October 20, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Public Comment

No public comments were delivered verbally during this agenda item or in writing prior to the meeting.

Staff Updates – Kristi Lynett, Office of Environmental Policy & Sustainability (OEPS), City of Tacoma

Commission staff liaison Kristi Lynett recounted the Sustainable Tacoma Commission's (STC) October 2022 meeting activities. She also gave updates on:

- The success of the 1st Tacoma Climate Leadership Cohort weekend on Nov 3-5.
- the annual Directors Climate Training given on Dec 15th,
- Staffing update, interviewing shortly for 2 interns and posting closed for Sustainability Analyst on Dec 12th. In January should be posting for Climate Data & Grant Analyst
- Seaport Sound Terminal draft EIS – Public comments are being taken, although Commissioners are only able to comment as a private resident. There is no Council action once draft Environmental Impact Statements are released. That is a staff and if appealed, Hearing Examiner decision.
- Home in Tacoma & Trees – Urban Forestry and Planning staff had a nice conversation with Councilmembers Walker and Hines to clarify expectations regarding benefits and challenges. Tree preservation requirements will be part of Home in Tacoma, and those details will be worked out in 2023. Further STC input is not immediately needed.
- Environmental Services Commission – Kristi shared that staff were looking for additional ES Commissioners. Kristi will confirm STC specific participation needs.
- Sustainability Small Grants – Due to internal challenges with contracting and payment, we have postponed another round of small grants until the spring. We intend to conduct two rounds in 2023, and hope to have the process streamlined by then. Based on STC feedback, we will consider having the spring round early enough to facilitate April, Earth Monday funded activities.

Latasha Wortham, TPU, shared that TPU Director Jackie Flowers also attended the Directors Climate Training.

Commission and Subcommittee Updates and Announcements

No updates provided

Commission Business Items

Grant Opportunities– Kristi Lynett gave a brief presentation on upcoming grant opportunities for general government while Latasha Wortham, Logan Behr, and Clark Mather did the same for TPU.

Climate Action Plan Progress Report Discussion - Based on STC homework of reviewing example climate progress report, Commissioners shared what they liked and disliked and offered suggestions for the City’s 2022 Progress Report. Those included a) interactive tabs, b) executive summary, c) providing contextualization (especially if not hitting target, and what categories actions were and weren’t moving quickly).

2023 Draft Workplan – Kristi shared a draft 2023 workplan and asked for recommendations for topics the Commission would like to see next year. The workplan is a living document and regularly updated, but it is used to help plan and manage topics, especially those that have external processes and deadlines.

Public Comment

No additional public comment was delivered during this agenda item.

Objectives for or before the Next Meeting

- Extended Roll-Call

- Co-Chair nominations
- Rules of Procedures review
- Solid Waste updates, including waste prevention, legislation, and recycling efforts

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Commission unanimous approved an adjourned at 6:48pm.

The next meeting of the Sustainable Tacoma Commission will be held hybrid on Thursday, January 19, 2022, at 5:00pm, on zoom and at Tacoma Municipal Building, room 248

Lexi Brewer and Evlondo Cooper, Co-Chairs

Kristin Lynett, Staff / Note Taker

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Solid Waste Management Update to the Sustainable Tacoma Commission

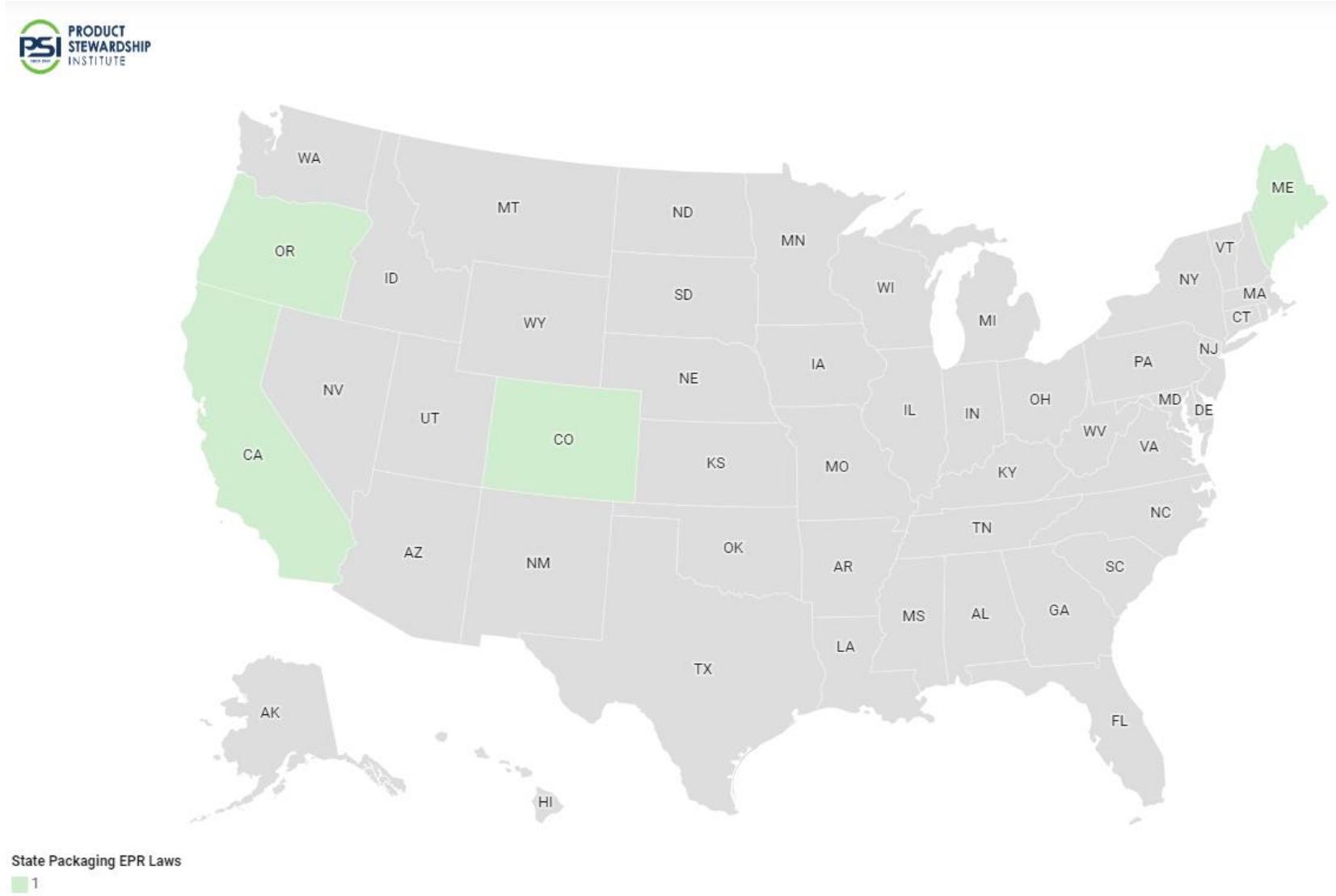
Preston Peck, Environmental Services

Phet Sinthavong, Solid Waste Management

Where are our materials going?

- ▶ The City delivers our curbside materials to JMK Fibers in the Tideflats
- ▶ 11/2019: All materials except mixed paper are sold domestically (US and Canada)
 - ▶ Mixe

Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Legislation: National Picture



EPR Legislation: Washington

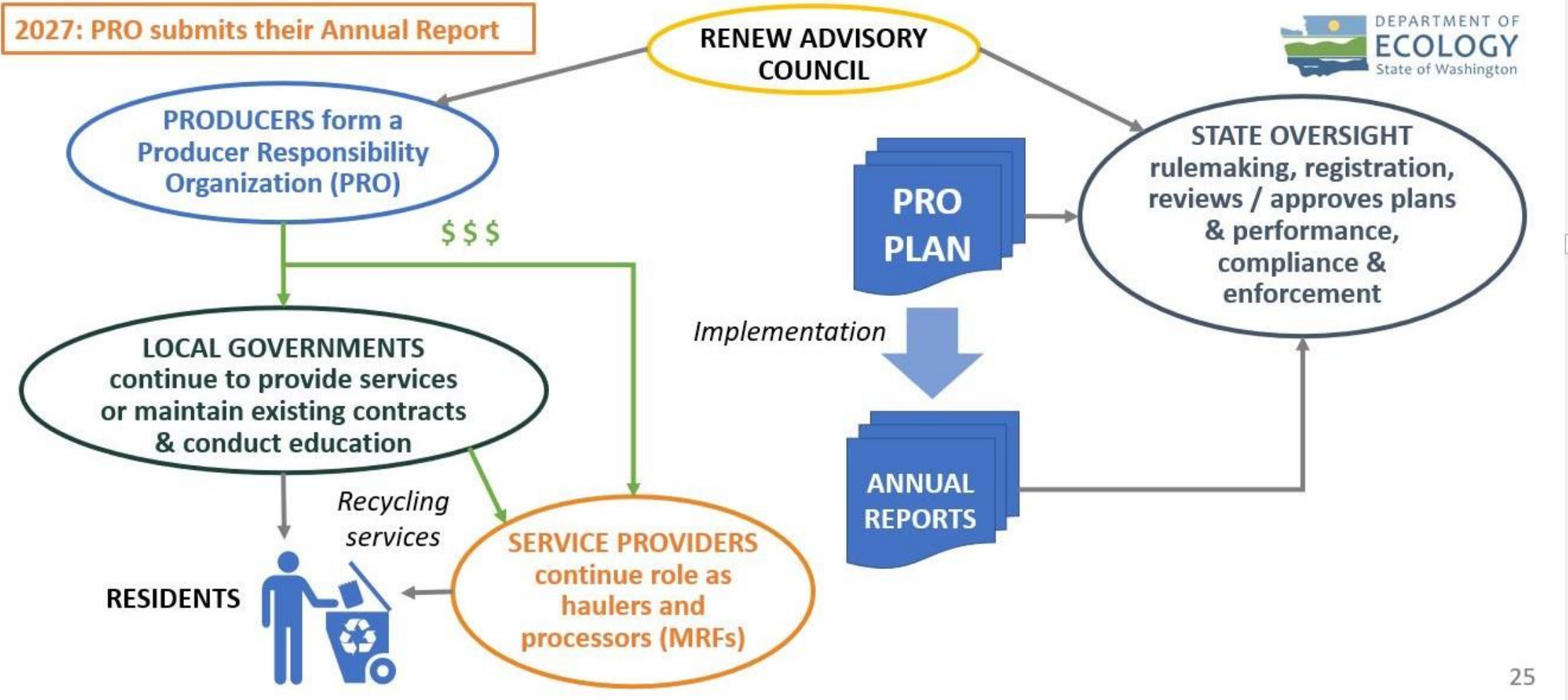
2021-2022 Legislative Session

- ▶ RENEW Act ([SB5022](#))
 - ▶ Original: EPR for paper and packaging products
 - ▶ Revised:
 - ▶ Post-consumer recycled content for:
 - ▶ Beverage containers
 - ▶ Personal care/cleaning product containers
 - ▶ Trash bags
 - ▶ By request only for many single-use items
 - ▶ Expanded polystyrene ban for:
 - ▶ Food service packaging
 - ▶ Recreational coolers
 - ▶ Packing peanuts

2023-2024 Legislative Session

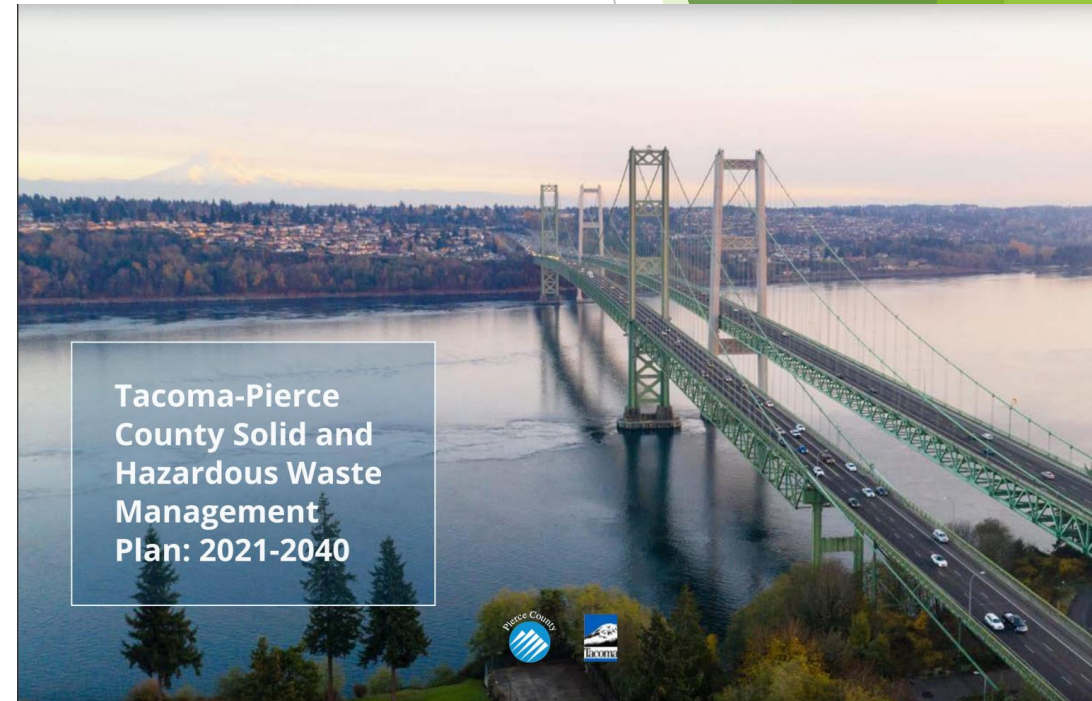
- ▶ Washington Recycling and Packaging (WRAP) Act ([SB5154](#)/[HB1131](#))
 - ▶ EPR system for paper and packaging products
 - ▶ Recycled content mandates for packaging identified through the workgroup authorized from SB5022 (last session)
 - ▶ Deposit return (DRS) system
- ▶ EPR for batteries ([SB5144](#))

How the WRAP Act would work



Tacoma/Pierce County Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan

- ▶ Adopted by Pierce County: **(ENTER DATE)**
- ▶ Adopted by WA Department of Ecology: **(ENTER DATE)**
- ▶ Plan revised every 20 years through collaborative effort between City and County staff
- ▶ Highlights:
 - ▶ Strong support for EPR legislation
 - ▶ Contamination Reduction and Outreach Plan (CROP)
 - ▶ Stakeholder Roundtable established (City staff, County staff, County's three haulers, and processors)
- ▶ [Link to plan](#)



Tacoma Recovery and Transfer Center Master Site Planning

- ▶ *Why?*
 - ▶ Proactive long range planning for RTC and closed landfill
- ▶ *How?*
 - ▶ Guidance for SWM operations (Phase I)
 - ▶ Guidance for development of closed landfill (Phase II)
- ▶ *Who?*
 - ▶ ES SWM, consultants, and stakeholders

Tacoma RTC Master Site Planning (*cont.*)

- ▶ *What's included in Plan Scope of Work?*
 - ▶ Organic materials management (in response to HB1799)
 - ▶ Compost facilities, anaerobic digestion facilities, pre-processing facilities
 - ▶ Safe diversion on tipping floor
 - ▶ Safe self-haul recycling

Tacoma RTC Master Site Planning (*cont.*)

▶ *Deliverables:*

- ▶ Vision development, consensus building and options evaluation
- ▶ Feasibility analysis
- ▶ Recommended potential options and Master Site Plan

Tacoma RTC Master Site Planning (*cont.*)

- ▶ *Timelines:*

- ▶ Finalize Scope of Work and Contract execution - Q1 2023
- ▶ Project Completion - Q4 2024