



Policy Committee Notes

Thursday, May 4th, 2023

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM MT

Present: (27): Brandy Moe, Randy Moorman, Alicia Archibald, Mellik Gorton, Caleb Norder, Michael Port, Jenifer Freeman, Alexa Rosenstein, Lindsay Stovall, Liz Chapman, Hayden van Andel, Sarah Moss, Kris Holstrom, Edward Corcoran, Nicolas Wilson, Jace Driver, Jeanette Hanna, Alex Truelove, Winn Cowman, Rachel Setzke, Dana Villeneuve, Jamie Harkins,

>> **Next meeting:** Thursday, June 1st from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Action Items:

- [Register](#) for the 2023 Summit for Recycling and Policy Retreat!
- Consider running for a policy committee leadership position
 - Chair
 - Vice-Chair
 - Recorder

Agenda

1. Recruitment of new recorder
 - a. Ryan was accepted on the Waste No More Task Force, which meets at the same time as this meeting.
 - b. The new recorder should be a fast typer, focused, and handy with Google Drive. Email Randy Moorman at randy@ecocycle.org or Brandy Moe bmoe@greensheepaint.com if you're interested.
2. Legislative Updates
 - a. SB23-191: PASSED out of the house on Tuesday and didn't have any amendments. Will go to the Governor's desk to be signed into law.
 - b. Right to Repair for Agriculture Equipment - PASSED
 - c. SB23-253 - Standards for compostable labeling - PASSED on Tuesday and is going to the Governor's desk.
 - d. HB23-1285 - PPRA: Petroleum Retailers are not being able to remit their portion of the bag fee to municipalities. Requested a change in the law that allows them to keep the money if the municipality refuses to take it. Introduced bill that said that money would be spent by the retailer if the municipality wouldn't accept it and they

would use it to buy compostable wear, paper bags, etc. Senate amendment changed it:

- i. That money should be spent in the same way as written in the original statute, for Recycling education and outreach activity.
 - ii. Could also be used to buy reusable bags.
3. Colorado's PRO was named on Monday: [Circular Action Alliance](#)
4. Policy Retreat Agenda
 - a. Sunday, May 21st, 1:00pm-5:30pm at the Steamboat Grand in Steamboat Springs, CO
 - b. Agenda Posted on [Website](#)
 - i. Current legislation update and how it impacts our work in the next year
 1. What bill passed and discussion
 2. EPR Outlook and next steps with need assessment
 - ii. Structure of Committee - Where we can be more efficient, continue to reach everyone, and receive input from everyone
 - iii. Working groups
 1. Breakout groups assigned based off strategic plan to go over what progress have we made so far and how we can continue to reach out goal
 - iv. Specific goals and objectives for 2024 and Working group reports
 - v. Announcing candidacy for policy committee leadership
 1. Nomination form to come
5. Other business
 - a. Plastics recycling is restricted. What is being done to expand the collection? Can they be used for fuels instead of going into the landfill?
 - i. Challenges: Sorting can be hard and finding a market for certain types of plastics are difficult to find. Need large amounts of capital.
 - ii. Recycle Colorado does not consider taking on material and converting it into fuel and burning it as recycling. We are trying to move forward all materials to be circulated back into the system. If we stand for policy and structure that goes to burning, we would run out of resources. We want to ensure materials last for generations rather than running out.
 - iii. EPR should help reduce the number of plastics coming into our state in the first place
 - b. Organics Recycling Legislation - Are we communicating with Oregon, California, Etc. on our legislation?
 - i. Yes - COCC is part of a national organization and are communicating with other states as they develop policy