



SUSTAINABLE MATERIALS MANAGEMENT PLAN (SMMP) TASK FORCE

January, 2025

Purpose of the SMMP Taskforce

- The purpose of the SMMP Taskforce is coordination and thought leadership to create a regional network and solutions.
- Solution-Focused Effort to Recognize & Implement Regional Sustainable Materials Management Systems
- Recognize & Strengthen Western Oregon Collaboration to Leverage Resources, Opportunities, & Market Services
- Provide case studies, success stories, data-driven findings, & recommendations to positively change waste management & materials management systems.

Guiding Principles of the SMMP Taskforce

- The work of the SMMP Taskforce is regional in scope because impacts of waste management, positive and negative, are regional in nature and do not follow jurisdictional boundaries.
- The SMMP Taskforce is working towards solutions rooted in sustainable materials management. (not only solid waste management).
- The SMMP Taskforce will consider a broad range of sustainable materials management solutions.
- The Taskforce will prioritize solutions that create, maintain, or improve access to the benefits sustainable materials management system and reduce negative impacts.
- The SMMP Taskforce will use a systems change approach to regional solutions. Although education and behavior change approaches are important, they are not the focus of the plan at this time.

Intended Outcomes of Kickoff Summit

- **Call to action:** Use current and near-future waste management pressures to spur focus and change on materials management systems.
- Build an understanding that the region cannot “recycle our way out of this.”
- Create a full understanding of the waste system in Western Oregon, pressure points; connection between jurisdictions, opportunities for collaboration, etc.
- Develop a clear understanding of Waste Management vs. Materials Management Systems.



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Current Desired Outcomes

- Describe & provide context to current Sustainable Materials Management (SMM) in northwest Oregon
- List success stories and/or case studies of targeted examples of SMM to emulate in our region
- Capture and aggregate current and potential resources and opportunities to support SMM activities for local governments
- Identify key findings as a foundation and lists of recommendations to advance SMM actions, policies, & systems

Recommended Subcommittees

- Food/Organics
- Built Environment
- Products & Packaging
- Regional Solid Waste Management

Matrix of Questions & Topics for Each Subcommittee

- Current State: Background, context, definitions, current conditions, etc.
- Future State: What are the Desired Outcomes? What is success? How can progress be tracked?
- Lenses, issues, and opportunities to achieve our region's Desired Outcomes, which could include:
 - Equity, environmental justice, economic, and livability opportunities & benefits
 - Market analyses or drivers to positively change current systems and dynamics
 - Governmental & jurisdictional authority dynamics, both locally and regionally
 - Funding & fiscal opportunities
 - Success stories & case studies
- Barriers, opportunities, and recommendations moving forward