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## The West Coast Climate & Materials Management Forum

*Managing Materials to Address a Changing Climate*



### Join Us For Our Annual Webinar Series

**Sept. 16 at 9:30-11 am PST: "Climate Change: Current and Future Impacts, and the Link Between Climate and Materials"**

The impacts of climate change are already being felt in the Western U.S., and even bigger impacts are anticipated in the coming years. This year's West Coast Climate Forum webinar series begins with an overview of the National Climate Assessment from Oregon State University's Phillip Mote, co-author of the Northwest section of the report. He will highlight how climate change is already affecting the United States—and how it will impact us in the future—with a focus on the Western

## Welcome to our Newsletter

Welcome to the West Coast Climate Forum's new quarterly newsletter! Here we will share information about upcoming events, new tools and resources, exciting work Forum participants are doing, and opportunities to get involved. Questions or suggestions? Email us at [info@westcoastclimateforum.com](mailto:info@westcoastclimateforum.com).

### Seeking Input to Develop New Climate-Friendly Purchasing Toolkit

The West Coast Climate Forum is developing a climate-friendly purchasing toolkit for use by institutions such as governments and colleges, and we need your input! This web-based resource will help institutions direct and use their purchasing power for less carbon-intensive products and services. The toolkit will have modules for high impact products including cement, fuel, IT, food, construction, and carpet, as well as case studies. It will also contain guidance on how institutions can identify priority products and services in their supply chain with tools to conduct a carbon-focused spend analysis. The first modules will be [on our website](#) this fall, and the roll-out of the full toolkit will take

U.S. David Allaway from Oregon DEQ will then present an introduction to the central role that materials play in the emissions that are causing climate change, and the work of the Forum and its partners to reduce these emissions.

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### **Food: Too Good to Waste Earns EPA National Award**

Did you know 25% of the U.S. freshwater supply is used to produce food that gets wasted? For its work toward preventing the harmful squandering of resources that comes with wasted food, the West Coast Climate Forum's [Food: Too Good to Waste](#) program recently won the James W. Craig Pollution Prevention Leadership Award, an EPA National Honor Award.

**Cap and Trade Proceeds Fund California's Recycling Infrastructure**

place in early 2015. We need your help—if you're interested in working on this groundbreaking effort, please email [davis.shannon@epa.gov](mailto:davis.shannon@epa.gov). You do not need to be an expert in purchasing or any of the above listed products—we're all learning as we go!

## **Partners in Action**

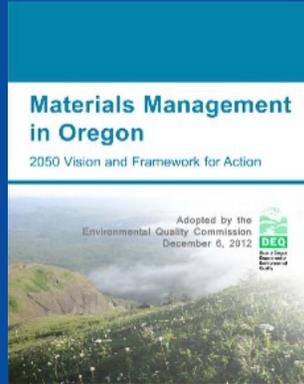
West Coast Climate Forum participants are doing amazing work mitigating climate change through sustainable materials management approaches. Here are a couple of highlights. If you have a suggestion for a future story, please email us at [info@westcoastclimateforum.com](mailto:info@westcoastclimateforum.com).

### **King County's Food: Too Good To Waste Program Featured in Local News**



Karen May from King County Solid Waste (pictured above left) was recently interviewed by Q13 Fox News in three short video segments ([1](#), [2](#), [3](#)) about the county's Food: Too Good to Waste (FTGTW) program in Western Washington. The following week, King County's Tom Watson went on [KING 5's "New Day"](#) program to talk more about the program and its goal of reducing household food waste. Both segments provide information on the amount of food that consumers waste and the resource impacts of wasting food—for example: about one-quarter of all household food purchases end up in the trash. In each segment, May and Watson offer tips and tools to reduce household food waste, which are also available on [King County's website](#). King County is one of [over a dozen communities](#) that are piloting the West Coast Climate Forum's [Food: Too Good to Waste Toolkit](#), which has been linked to a 25% reduction in household food waste among pilot participants.

California's 2014-15 budget includes \$25 million to incentivize capital investments in composting/anaerobic digestion infrastructure and recycling manufacturing facilities, which help to meet the State's greenhouse gas reduction goals. These funds accrue from cap and trade auctions, which set a carbon price (about \$10 per ton) on greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from large sources representing about 85% of California's direct GHG emissions. California's Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) will administer grants and loans for organics infrastructure, materials recycling projects and expanded fiber, plastic, or glass manufacturing. For detailed information, visit [CalRecycle's website](#).



## Oregon DEQ Working to Realize 2050 Vision on Materials Management

Since 2012, when the Oregon Environmental Quality Commission adopted [Materials Management in Oregon: 2050 Vision and Framework for Action](#) as an update to the state's solid waste management plan, the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality has been moving forward on the foundational work to support the plan's vision: "Oregonians in 2050 produce and use materials responsibly, conserving resources, protecting the environment, and living well." Having prioritized the activities in the Framework for Action, Oregon DEQ is now developing legislation that addresses recycling goals and sustainable program funding, as well as new work in the areas of product environmental footprinting, green building, plastics recycling, and food waste management. To learn more, visit [Oregon DEQ's website](#).



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