



# West Coast Climate & Materials Management Forum

*In this edition of the newsletter: Save the date for the next webinar, 2017 webinar wrap-up and links to slides and recordings, and a “thank you” message.*

## Save the Date!

**February 8, 2018 from 10:00-11:30 a.m. PST**



The **Tools and Initiatives to Advance Sustainable Consumption** webinar will focus on new emerging tools and initiatives for local governments in their efforts to advance sustainable consumption. The Urban Sustainability Directors Network, a peer organization supporting innovation in municipal sustainability, is leading the way in exploring the role of cities in shifting consumption. In 2016, USDN launched its Sustainable Consumption Toolkit, a web-based resource for cities that highlights the important relationship between consumption and sustainability and provides an inventory of related local government actions. Babe O’Sullivan, a consultant with USDN, will provide an overview of this tool and how it can serve Forum members as they consider new projects, programs and policies to

address the impacts of consumption.

You can register for this webinar [here](#).

And check out our other upcoming webinars [here](#).

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## 2017 Forum Webinar Wrap Up:

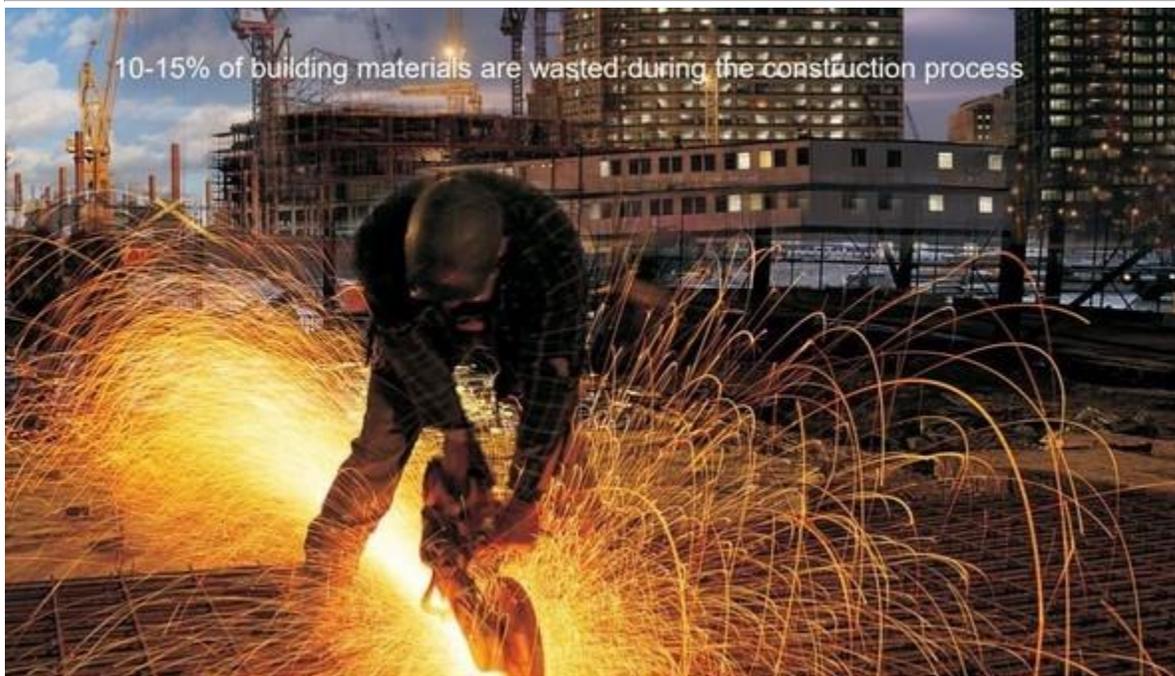
The latest webinar in our series was on **Measuring Amounts and Causes of Wasted Food** in households and businesses in the U.S. This webinar featured emerging research and insights from pioneering efforts led by the Natural Resource Defense Council (NRDC), and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) in collaboration with Portland State University.

Oregon DEQ shared preliminary research findings from a [statewide measurement study](#) with Portland State University to develop more robust data on how much wasted food is edible, how and why the food is wasted, and practices that can reduce wasted food. NRDC shared key findings



from recently released reports on wasted food, which focused on “[Estimating the Quantities and Types of Food at the City Level.](#)”

You can view the slides from this webinar [here](#), and keep checking back- we'll have the webinar recording posted soon!



In October, the Forum held a webinar on the **Built Environment & Embodied Carbon Emissions**. Often this topic connects climate to building operations with regards to energy and water efficiency and renewable energy. However, significant greenhouse gas emissions also occur before the building is even inhabited, during design, construction and the sourcing of building materials. These 'embodied' carbon emissions can be addressed by understanding their sources and designing our built environment to optimize material use.

View the recording of the webinar featuring members from Oregon DEQ; Department of Architecture at the University of Washington; and Siegel and Strain Architects and view their slides [here](#).

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THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE  
PLAN EVER PROPOSED TO  
REVERSE GLOBAL WARMING  
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The Forum kicked off our 2017-2018 webinar series in September with Chad Frischmann, Vice President and Research Director at Project Drawdown. Published earlier this year, **Drawdown** is a *New York Times* bestseller that maps, measures, models and describes 100 substantive solutions to global warming. Chad described the technical modeling that was used to evaluate solutions, with a focus on materials-related actions including food waste prevention and recovery, low-carbon concrete, and community recycling.

View the recording of the webinar [here](#).

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## Thank you!



The Forum has been exceedingly lucky to have Megan Curtis-Murphy on our team since 2013. She joined the Forum through the US EPA's National Network for Environmental Management Studies Fellowship program while working on her Master of Public Administration at the University of Washington's Evans School of Public Affairs. Her graduate degree project during her fellowship was to create a five-year strategic plan for the Forum, based on input from participants and the Forum Leadership Team. The three-step plan she created focuses on the Forum's work, impact, and ability. Additionally, she was key in supporting implementation with pilot communities of the Food: Too Good to Waste toolkit. When she graduated with her MPA in June of 2014, she joined the City of Issaquah in Washington state as a Sustainability Coordinator. She also joined the Forum's Leadership Team and chaired the Communications workgroup where she led the team in developing external communication strategies and tools. Additionally, she implemented the Forum's "Food: Too Good to

Waste" toolkit at the City of Issaquah. Megan's duties with the City are now taking her in a different direction within the Sustainability Team, and she is stepping down from the Forum Leadership Team. We will greatly miss her insight, energy, organization and positive nature. Thank you, Megan for all your leadership and contributions over the past four years!

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### More to come on the continuation of the series in 2018

- **February 8, 2018:** Advancing Sustainable Consumption: New Tools for Local Government
- **April 2018:** Consumption and GHGs: New Models and Insights
- **June: 2018:** Measuring Success in Reducing Wasted Food Presented by Oregon DEQ and Portland State University

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