



MEMORANDUM

To: Board of County Commissioners
From: Mike Russell, Director of Public Works
Jacob Anderson, Solid Waste Coordinator
Cc: Ed McGlone, Assistant County Counsel
Date: June 12, 2025

Subject: Recycling Modernization Act (RMA); Circular Action Alliance (CAA) funding –
Primary Funding Agreement

Action Requested

Public Works staff is requesting the Board to review the attached documents and sign the following form titled “Primary Funding Agreement.” This form is to receive some funding from for the contamination reduction category and authorize Columbia County’s designated franchisees to receive funding on behalf of the county from the Producer Responsibility Organization (PRO) for categories related to recycling system upgrades. This funding will be used to make changes to recycling processes such as: Transportation, Contamination Evaluation, Contamination Reduction Programming, Recycling Service Expansion, and Post-Consumer Recycling Content.

Background

The background of this agreement is the Local Funding Authorization form that was signed by the board back in March of this year.

Next Steps

With the Boards signature, the haulers of the county, WM and Waste Connections, will use this funding to further improve and expand their recycling infrastructure and equipment to satisfy the requirements of the DEQ towards building a new recycling system in Oregon. Lastly, county staff will use the partial funding of the contamination reduction category to implement recycling education and more to assist county residents in understanding the upcoming changes and additions to the county’s recycling program.

Attachments

ATTACHMENT 1 – Primary Funding Agreement