MARC Solid Waste Management District
Advisory Committee Meeting
February 7, 2020

Present:

Kevin Anderson, Missouri Organics Recycling
John Blessing, Waste Management
Jim Callier, EPA Region 7
Piercyn Charbonneau, Ripple Glass
Steve Fishman, Grant Review Committee
Lydia Gibson, Ripple Glass
Penny Harrell, EPA Region 7
Lara Isch, City of Kansas City, MO
Nadja Karpilow, MARC SWMD
Kelli Kelly, MRC
Lisa McDaniel, MARC SWMD
Dan McGraw, Grant Review Committee
Brenda Mott, ScrapsKC
Matt Riggs, MARC SWMD
Rody Taylor, KC Dumpster Co.
Patrick Wilkins, Truman Habitat for Humanity
Andrew Wynne, EPA Region 7

After introductions, Nadja Karpilow gave an overview of the 2019, 2020, and mini grants that were awarded. She announced that a second 2020 call is underway. Highlighted were some recent projects addressing food waste, waste reduction, and market development.

The group discussed the 2020 priorities and agreed that they should remain for 2021 but with more detail added to better educate prospective applicants.

The group suggested to keep the priorities broad in order not to limit the spectrum of potential application projects. Since extra points are not awarded if an applicant addresses a priority, it would be appropriate to keep them more general. The group suggested providing examples in the descriptions and to stress innovation.

The group agreed that education needs to continue to be listed as a priority. It was asked if there should be an emphasis on global solid waste issues or just local issues and if it should be material specific. Also shared was the issue of educating the public on why it costs to recycle electronics.

The Construction and Demolition category was discussed with comments on possibly targeting construction companies. City departments issuing building permits was identified as a potential target audience. Challenges were discussed, including composting dry wall and the labor involved with segregating materials at construction work sites.

Building renovation was brought up as a viable component of C&D waste and that it should be added to the description.

The Multifamily and Business Recycling category recycling was reviewed. It was suggested that a focus on just cardboard and glass be encouraged in order to simplify the waste streams for recycling. The possibility of reduced contamination might result if fewer materials are targeted.

Outreach to new audiences was suggested including to the City Managers round table, BOMA (The Building Owners and Managers Association), and at local conferences.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.