



VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

TUESDAY, March 30, 2021

- 1:00 **Welcome** – Lynn Rubinstein, Executive Director, [NERC](#)
- 1:20 **Keynote Panel - Understanding & Choosing the Right EPR Model: The Canadian Experience**
Moderator – Josh Kelly, Materials Management Section Chief, [Vermont Agency of Natural Resources](#)

Panelists

- Peter Hargreave, President, [Policy Integrity Inc.](#)
- Sara-Emmanuelle Dubois, President & Founder, [NovAxia Inc](#)
- Pierre Benabidès, Senior Consultant, [Lichens Recyclability](#)

- 2:30 **Networking, Sponsor Exhibit Hall & Break**

- 2:45 **Setting Post-consumer Recycled Content Requirements: Resources for Policy Makers**
Moderator - Steve Alexander, Executive Director, [The Association of Plastic Recyclers \(APR\)](#)

Presenters

- *Recycled Content Supply and Demand: A Policy Opportunity* – Dan Felton, Executive Director, [Ameripen](#)
- *Getting it Right: Suggestions for Policy Makers* - Elizabeth Balkan, Director of ReLoop North America, [ReLoop Platform](#)
- *California's Experience & Lessons Learned* - Heidi Sanborn, Executive Director, [National Stewardship](#)

Action Council

3:45 **Networking, Sponsor Exhibit Hall & Break**

4:00 **Recycling Markets Opportunities & Challenges**
Moderator - Palace Stepps, President & General
 Manager, [Sonoco](#)

Presenters

- *Recycled PET Markets: Opportunities and Challenges*
 - Alasdair K. Carmichael, Program Director, [NAPCOR](#)
- *Potential for Secondary Sorting* – Kim Holmes, Owner
 & Principal Consultant, [4R Sustainability](#); and Scott
 Farling, VP of Business Development and Research,
[Titus MRF Services](#)

5:15 **Networking & Sponsor Exhibit Hall**

5:30 **Adjourn**

WEDNESDAY, March 31, 2021

1:00 **Welcome** - Lynn Rubinstein, Executive Director, [NERC](#)

1:10 **Demystifying Compostable Packaging Panel Discussion**
Moderator - Debra Darby, Manager of Organics
 Sustainability Solutions, [Tetra Tech](#)

Panelists

- *Understanding the Role of Compostable Packaging in
 a Circular Bioeconomy* - Olga Kachook, Senior
 Manager, [Sustainable Packaging Coalition](#)
- *Unpacking Composter Reluctance* - Nora Goldstein,
 Editor, [BioCycle CONNECT](#)
- Carla Castagnero, President, [Agrecycle](#)

2:20 **Networking, Sponsor Exhibit Hall & Break**

2:35 **Renewed Interest in Refillables**
Moderator - Michael Noel, Government Affairs &
 Advocacy Manager, [TOMRA](#)

Presenters

- *Refillable Glass Bottle Circular Economy Marketplace*
 - Caren McNamara, Founder/CEO, [Conscious
 Container](#)
- *Oregon's Refillable Bottle System* - Jules Bailey, Chief
 Stewardship Officer, [Oregon Beverage Recycling
 Cooperative](#)

- *Germany's Refillable Bottle System* - Tobias Bielenstein, Chief Operating Officer, [Refillable Working Group Germany \(Arbeitskreis Mehrweg GbR\)](#)

3:45 **Networking & Sponsor Exhibit Hall**

4:00 **US EPR Program Updates—Mattress, Paint & Electronics**

Moderator - Joanne Shafer, Deputy Executive Director/Recycling Coordinator, [Centre County Recycling & Refuse Authority](#)

Presenters

- Mattresses – Marie Clarke, VP of Policy and Government Affairs, [Mattress Recycling Council](#)
- Paint – Laura Honis, Connecticut and Rhode Island Programs Manager and John Hurd, Vermont and Maine Program Manager, [PaintCare](#)
- Electronics – Jason Linnell, Executive Director, [National Center for Electronics Recycling \(NCER\)](#)

5:00 **Networking & Sponsor Exhibit Hall**

5:10 **Adjourn**



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