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Recycling Market Development Advisory Council (RMDAC) Meeting – Virtual
Thursday, March 12, 2026
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

RMDAC

Tina Green, Mumford Industries
Ed Marr, Horry County
Carol James-Gilchrist, Sonoco Recycling
Jay Spears, Continental
Becky Berube, United Catalyst Corporation
Morgan Crapps, Redwood Materials
Adam Padget, Green Energy Biofuels
Andrew Spicer, University of South Carolina
Angel Lara, Mid-Carolina Steel
Chris Fisher, Fisher Recycling

GUESTS

Glenn Odom, Retired; Emeritus Member

ABSENT

Brad Dutton, Dutton Polymers

STAFF

Anna DeLage, SC Department of Commerce
Adriana Diotalevi, SC Department of Commerce

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Tina Green (Chair) motions to call the meeting to order at 10:03 AM.

MINUTES

The minutes from the January 2026 meeting were reviewed and approved.

STATE & INDUSTRY UPDATES

- 2025 RMDAC Annual Report
 - Anna DeLage presented a preview of the 2025 RMDAC Annual Report, scheduled for distribution on Friday, March 13, 2026.



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- Becky Berube noted that approximately 450 companies involved in automotive scrap processing are not currently represented in the report's visualizations.
- The finalized Annual Report will be distributed to all RMDAC members upon completion.
- South Carolina Trade Analysis: 2021-2025
 - Anna DeLage presented trade analysis data covering 2021–2025.
 - Jay recommended revising the graph styles and formatting to improve readability.
 - Becky recommended developing a narrative to contextualize this data.
 - Andy Spicer recommended extending the dataset back to 2018 to provide a broader historical baseline.
 - Ed Marr emphasized the importance of communicating the story behind the data, not just the figures.
 - Becky Berube, Andy Spicer, Tina Green, and Ed Marr expressed interest in convening a focused meeting to determine the key message the trade data should convey.
- Recycling Legislative Day Highlights
 - Anna DeLage thanked Jay and Ed for their participation in the tire panel during Recycling Legislative day and recognized Carol, Andy, Chris, Glenn and Tina for their participation and attendance.

REGIONAL ROUNDTABLE UPDATES

- Tina Green and Anna DeLage discuss the upcoming Industry Roundtable in the Pee Dee.
 - The first Regional Roundtable will be next week on March 17th, 2026.
 - Tina Green emphasized that the roundtable must prioritize identifying recycling barriers, infrastructure gaps, market needs, materials of concern, and actionable insights to inform RMDAC's statewide strategy.
 - Anna DeLage discussed the agenda for the event
 - Andy Spicer suggested switching the order of discussion and presentations for improved flow.
 - Council member roles were assigned: Ed Marr will serve as greeter, Glenn Odom will assist with registration, and all members are encouraged to document the event through photographs.



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RMDAC ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

Anna Delage discusses business updates.

- Appointments
 - Adam Padget, Jay Spears, Dr. Spicer, Brad Dutton, and Carol James-Gilchrist have all been reappointed.
 - General Public
 - N. Tyrone Ellis has been appointed for the General Public seat. He will join us in May
 - Solid Waste Industry
 - Gabriel Matos will be taking Norman Chandler's seat. Waiting on Governor's approval.
- Upcoming meetings
 - Pee Dee Roundtable is March 17th from 9 a.m. - 1p.m.
 - Next RMDAC meeting is May 14th in person
 - Ed Marr has indicated he will be unable to attend.

MARKET UPDATES

- Each board member gave brief updates on the current state of their respective markets.
 - **Paper:** OCC prices have increased by \$5 per ton, now up approximately \$70 per ton overall. Demand from paper mills remains strong and prices may continue to rise.
 - **Recycling industry:** Market conditions remain challenging. Operators are either sustaining business or exiting the market entirely, as the current cost environment is unsustainable for recyclers to absorb alone. Some businesses are restructuring their services in response.
 - **County:** Horry County is pursuing a landfill expansion program but continues to build support for the initiative. Ed Marr contributed to drafting a resolution addressing landfill capacity and waste diversion strategies.
 - **Tires:** EPR frameworks for tires continue to face implementation challenges in both Canada and the United States. Connecticut's EPR program takes effect at the end of the month and has been criticized for structural shortcomings. Five additional states are exploring tire EPR



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legislation; stakeholders are engaged in those processes to help ensure better program design

- **Carpet:** PET fiber markets remain depressed, while Nylon is currently stable. Fluctuations in oil prices may affect downstream byproducts. HDPE and LDPE resin prices have increased.
- **Aluminum:** Aluminum is approximately \$0.45 per pound, reflecting a decline over the past 45 days. Tariff structures remain unchanged and regulatory guidance is still pending
- **Renewable fuel:** The feedstock market is up approximately 15% since last month, though sourcing remains difficult. The current administration has introduced a Clean Fuel Production Credit and a Production Quota, both expected to support market pricing.
- **Critical minerals and batteries:** Significant federal attention is focused on critical minerals, with emerging opportunities for education initiatives and funding. Energy storage is receiving particular focus.
- **Ferrous Metals:** U.S. steel capacity utilization is at approximately 90%, up 5%. Production has increased in the United States and India, while China's output has declined. Scrap prices remain steady, copper markets are holding firm, and aluminum is stable. Conditions involving Saudi Arabia and the UAE may be subject to disruption related to ongoing regional conflict.

Adjourn: 11:21 AM