**Puerto Rico Recycling Partnership (PRRP) Roundtable Meeting**

Wednesday, December 12, 2012 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Autoridad de Desperdicios Solidos (ADS)

Sector el Cinco, Carretera Numero 8838, Km 6.3, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico 787-765-7575

Introductions & Meeting Details:

Mark Lichtenstein, Facilitator, Environmental Finance Center

* This is the 9th PRRP Meeting. The PRRP was formed in May, 2010.

Remarks:

Judith Enck, Region 2 Administrator, EPA

Claudia Gutierrez, Senior Advisor to the Regional Administrator

José Font, Acting Director, Caribbean Environmental Protection Division

Tony Rios, Director, Solid Waste Management Authority

* Get involved with your newly elected officials and make Puerto Rico the model for sustainable development and zero waste policies!

Updates:

PRRP Comprehensive Report of Options

Market Development (Hugo Neu, Strategic Materials, ReMag,

IFCO, Nova Terra, Scuba Dogs Society, Seventh Generation Advisors, etc.)

* There are many new PRRP participants!
* The Market Development Team no longer exists but we expect every team to have implement market development!
* The goal is to go for the “low-hanging fruit” or most effective and easiest changes first.
* There are two model communities:
	+ - Vieques: It has its own Vieques Recycling Partnership
		- Guaynabo
* There is no glass manufacturing on the island, but hopefully will be in the near future.

[Hugo Neu](http://www.hugoneu.com/), Greg Cortés, John Neu

* Started about 65 years ago
* Co-founder of Coalition for American Electronics Recycling
* Working on major recycling center project

[Strategic Materials](http://www.strategicmaterials.com/), David Hudson

* Glass Recycling Company. Their headquarters in based in Houston, TX

[ReMag](http://www.remag.org/)

* This company gives incentive (coupons.etc) for recycling magazines.
* There are charities for cutsomers to give optional an donation (Ie: San Juan Bay Estuary Program)

[Nova Terra](http://www.novaterrapr.com/), Candy Colon

* Process and separate material

[Vivo Recycling,](http://www.vivopr.com/) Jose Alsina

* Vivo Recycling has a facility in Caguas
* They separate waste and also make compost.
* They are making significant progress!

[Scuba Dogs Society](http://www.scubadogssociety.org/),

[Seventh Generation Advisors](http://www.seventhgenerationadvisors.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=4&Itemid=4), Terry Tammenin

* Former Secretary of CA Environmental Protection Agency
* Works with state and territories to help share information and policies.
* The *R-20 Regions of Climate Action* is a “Green FInnace Network” is made up of 100+ institutions looking to invest in companies and projects. *R20* is a public-private partnership, bringing together sub-national governments; businesses; financial markets; NGOs; and academia to implement measurable, large-scale, low-carbon and climate resilient economic development projects that can simultaneously solve the climate crisis and build a sustainable global economy.

Team Reports:

The following is a list of current PRRP, their team chairs and their general team goals. More information is available on each individual team page at <http://www.prrecycles.org>or <http://www.reciclamospr.org>.

**Construction & Demolition Debris Team**, Ramon Luis Olivero Segarra

and William Menckler

* In August, 2012 there was a Summit meeting previous to the C&D Training in Ponce in September
* This team is working on a memo/ report to streamline and consolidate the permitting process
* They will work with the Scrap Metals Team

**Education & Outreach Team**, Cenilda Ramirez and Jessica Seiglie

* The team aims to rewrite the environmental education standards and then propose this legislation.
* See their full presentation of team goals at their web page: http://www.prrecycles.org/education--outreach.html

**Glass, Metal and Plastic Containers Team**, Isaili Marinez Diaz

* This team aims to develop new Bottle Bill legislation using other states (ie: Hawaii, Connecticut) as examples
* They are looking to create a hierarchy of recyclable materials
* Identify numeric targets and improve collection and recuperation of resources
* Develop markets and emphasize the need for high quality materials
* Looking to establish the idea that everything that gets recycled is valuable.
* Working with Government Relation and the Education and Outreach teams

**Government Relations** **Team**, Camilla Feibelman and Rafael Pérez-

Vázquez

* Each team should have a representative that communicates with the Government Relations Team
* They will prioritize the Bottle Bill & improving the Permits Process
* Landfill bans are an example of future issues

**Organics** **Team**, Jose Alisina and Franciso Villafane Rosa

* Organics make up of 35% of waste in PR!

**Paper** **Team**, Maraida Balaguer

**Scrap Metals** **Team**, Ana Sabatier

**Special Wastes Team**, Brenda García

* This team will be organizing a community presentation this spring on household hazardous wastes. Stay tuned for more information.
* This team currently discusses electronics and other wastes not included in the above teams, such as, hazardous household waste, tires and medical waste.)

Other PRRP Business and Discussion of Next Steps

PRRP and Mark Lichtenstein

Individual Team Meetings

Additional Ideas to Discuss:

* The possibility of Regional PRRP Organization Ie: San Juan, Guaynabo, Vieques..etc
* PRRP Sustainability Speaker Series – The PRRP will be looking for future presentators!