

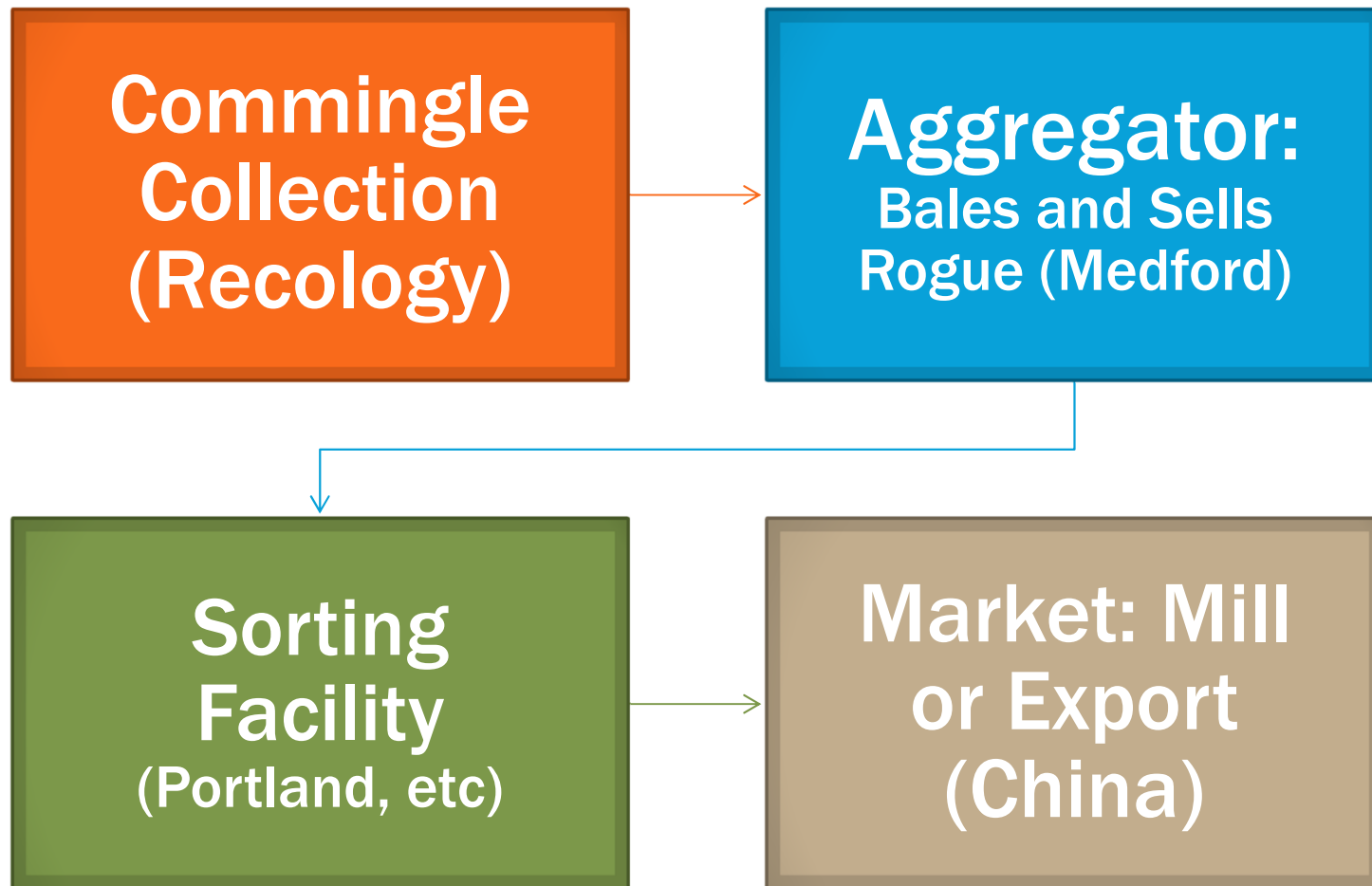
COMMINGLE RECYCLING CITY COUNCIL UPDATE



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WASTE ZERO

MATERIAL FLOW

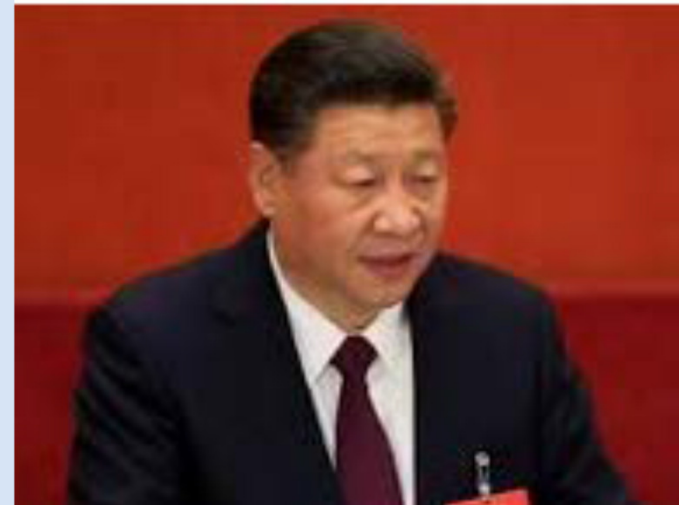


CHINA – WHAT’S HAPPENING?

- February 2017 “National Sword”
 - Crackdown on “waste”
 - Increased inspections
 - Delays at port
- July 2017 “WTO Notice Import Ban” eff. 2018
 - Post-consumer plastics
 - Mixed Paper
- August 2017 Quality Standards
 - 3% contamination effective now
 - 1% contamination effective 1/1/18
- 2013 “Green Fence”

CHINA 19TH NATIONAL CONGRESS

- Chinese Communist Party congress opened October 18, 2017
- Will solidify Xi Jinping's power
- Xi supports the policies impacting recycling and the environment.



WHY DO CHINA'S POLICIES MATTER?

- China is the largest importer of American recycled materials
- West Coast is “ground zero” for Chinese exports



CURRENT IMPACTS

- Commodity pricing has plummeted
- Sort Facilities (MRFs) have slowed down sort lines or ran material through twice to meet standards
- Capacity issues



CURRENT REACTION

- Oregon DEQ working in conjunction with stakeholders has issued a pathway (concurrence) for disposal as a last resort
- Rogue Material Recovery storing 1,000+ bales



OPTIONS LOCALLY?

- Continue to recycle, albeit at a higher cost
- Ask for a concurrence from the DEQ to landfill at a lesser cost.



