



Department of
**Environment &
Conservation**

Objective 1 Working Group Update

Quantitative and Qualitative Data

Overview

- External Working Group update
- Overview of new narrative reporting format for Plan update and Annual Progress Report
- RFP Status
- Quantitative Data
- Next steps to schedule external working group meeting



External Working Group update

APR - Recommendations

- 3 Separate Phases of Recommended Revisions



Previous External Working Group Efforts

- Met April 28, 2017 at the Cookeville EFO
 - SW Directors
 - John McFadden – Tennessee Environmental Council
- In the meeting TDEC proposed the revised reporting contents for:
 - 10 Year Planning and Solid Waste Plan Update
 - Annual Progress Report
 - TDEC Survey Questions
- The new report structure feature items from previous meeting discussions:
 - Organize questions by statutory and rule requirements
 - More standardized Yes/No responses and drop down lists
 - Eliminate redundancies that no longer provide value for planning efforts
 - Pre-population features



Comments

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- TDEC received verbal feedback at the April 28, 2017 meeting and set a 2 week deadline
- After the meeting, TDEC received 1 written document through email and 1 follow-up meeting in person
- The other 5 external participants did not submit written comment
- General comments themes were:
 - Region vs. County vs. Municipality Reporting
 - How does the Region update help TDEC achieve statewide planning
 - Regional Intelligence Gathering
 - Financial Data collection
 - Uniformity to the data collection
 - Reduce redundancy

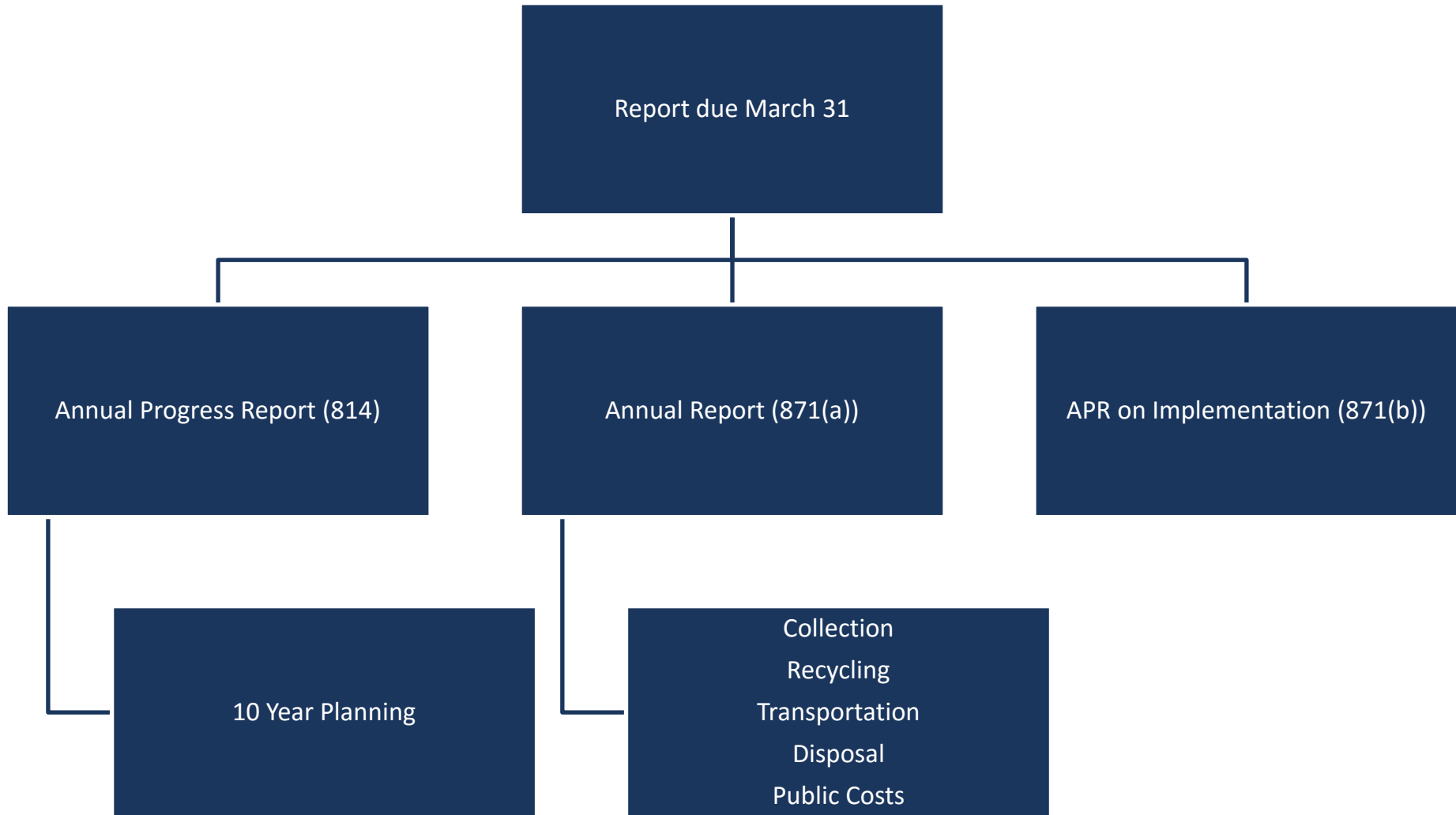
Comments (*continued*)

- Comments were incorporated by SWM and sent to OGC to review alignment with statutory and rule requirements.
- The most common comment was “Who completes this report?”
 - Region vs. County responsibility
 - Mostly involving the 10 Year Plan Update
 - Redundancy across the APR and Update. Are we asking the same question?
 - Seems we can be flexible on the report as long as we follow the T.C.A. structure
- OGC recommendations were incorporated and documents are ready to share at next working group meeting.



New Reporting Format Overview

APR - and Annual Report Layout



New Documents

- 10 Year Planning and Update
 - Addendum style approach
 - Flexible
 - Easy to make specific changes to plan
 - Option to provide no update
 - Keeps in mind 10 year planning and consider the statewide plan
 - Still done by each county and Plan updates aggregate up
 - Board Sign-off

New Documents

- Annual Progress Report
 - Questions align with 2025 Plan
 - More checkbox, drop-down and radio buttons
 - More apples to apples comparison
 - Short and concise
 - Added functionality for RFP
 - Upload function
 - County vs. Municipality vs. Region
 - TDEC Data vs. Region Data

New Documents

- TDEC Questions
 - New Section
 - Structured to allow TDEC to plan better for:
 - Grants
 - Funding allocation
 - Addressing issues
 - Markets
 - Includes implementation of plan and how TDEC can assist
 - Survey style approach



RFP Status



**Next Steps – SOPs &
Quantitative Data**

Quantitative Data

- Draft APR SOP for TDEC reviewers
 - What does it cover?
 - How was it developed?
 - How will improve the process/benefit customer?
- Shift focus to quantitative portion of the APR
 - Objective 1 was postponed due the lack of confidence in the reported data
 - Shift toward the quantitative portion of the APR

Agenda items for March 8 meeting

- Types of data and methods used currently in the 25% waste reduction and diversion goal
- Refresh the group about the goal postponement:
 - Why TDEC postponed the goal
 - Steps TDEC is taking:
 - QA/QC SOPs – Policy
 - Reporting and review process improvements
 - MM Grants funding
 - Greater assistance
 - Timeline
- Review Disposal, Recycling and Diversion Reports
- TDEC data vs. Region data
- Under local government control