

Curbside Food Waste Program

Outcome of Consent Request

Presentation Outline – Curbside Foodwaste



PROGRAM
PURPOSE



SUMMARIZE THE
JOURNEY



KEY PAST
DECISIONS



MUNICIPAL
DECISIONS AND
CONTEXT



RECOMMENDED
NEXT STEPS

Why divert food waste?



Advance local and regional Waste Policy



Alignment with CleanBC and Climate Goals



Extend the life of the Regional Glenmore Landfill



Demonstrate Climate Action Leadership



Promote Community Engagement and Education



Support Circular Economy and Soil Health

The Process

SWMP Updates

Waste Characterization and Preliminary Service Considerations

Determining Feasibility

Setting Strategic Direction

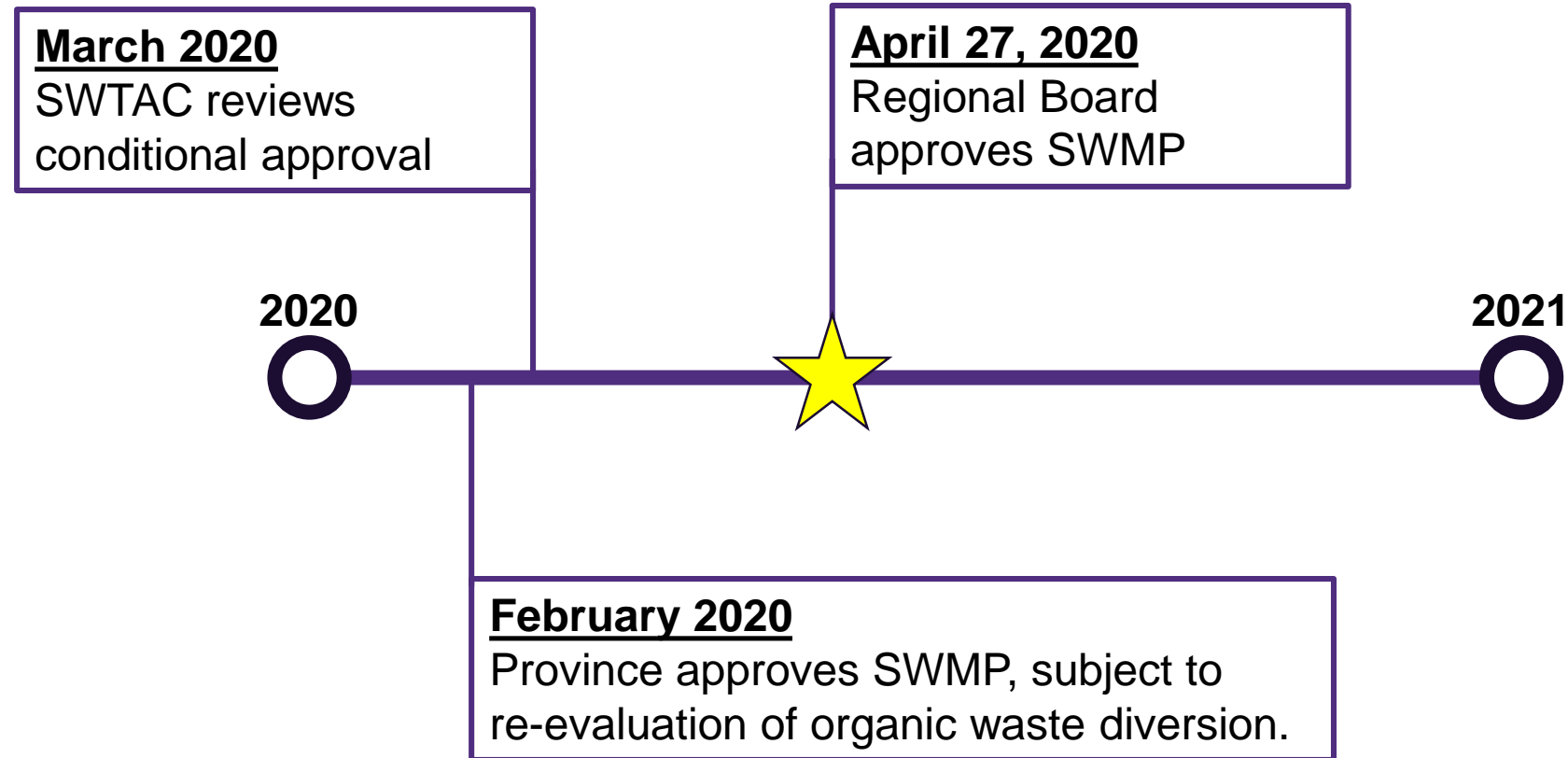
Preparing for Implementation

Phase 1 Engagement

Phase 2 Engagement

Request for Decision (Participation & Support)

The Process SWMP Update



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Waste Characterization & Next Steps

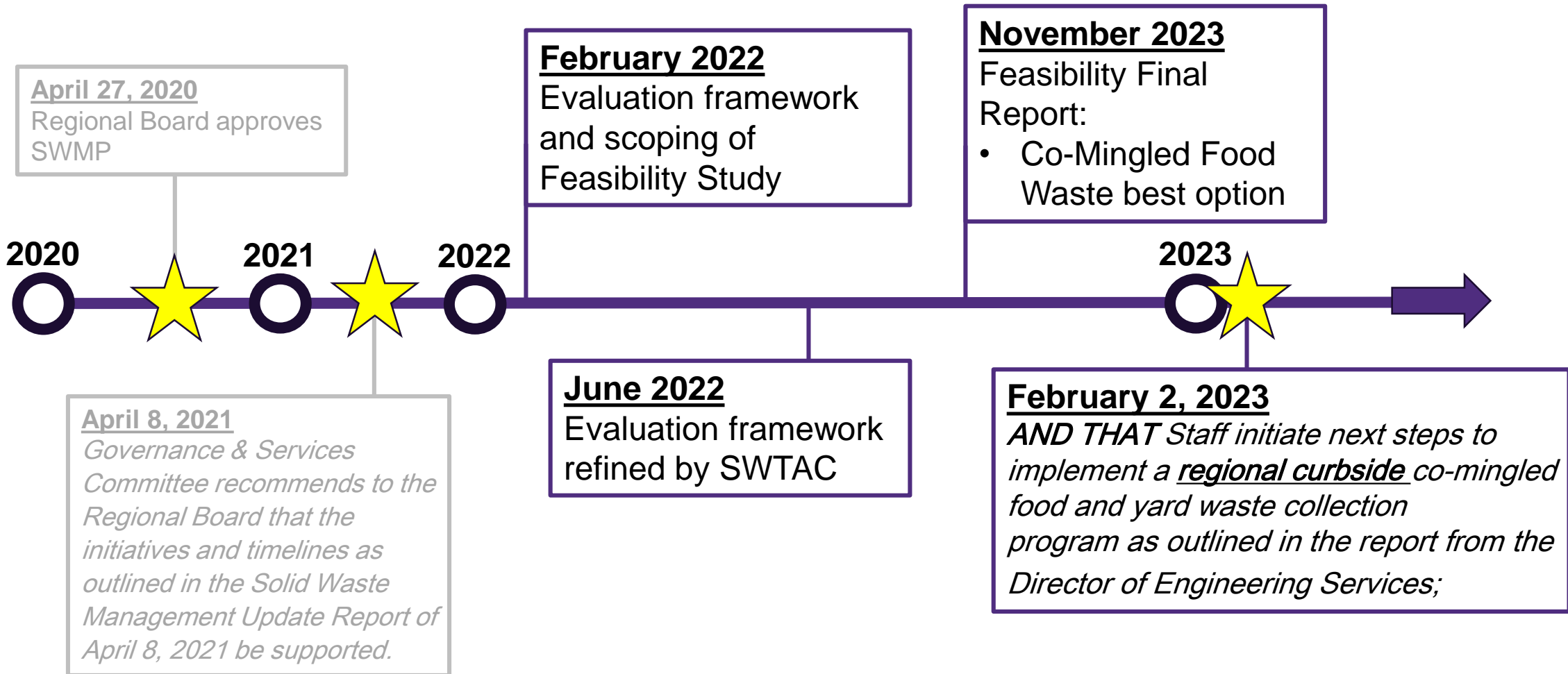


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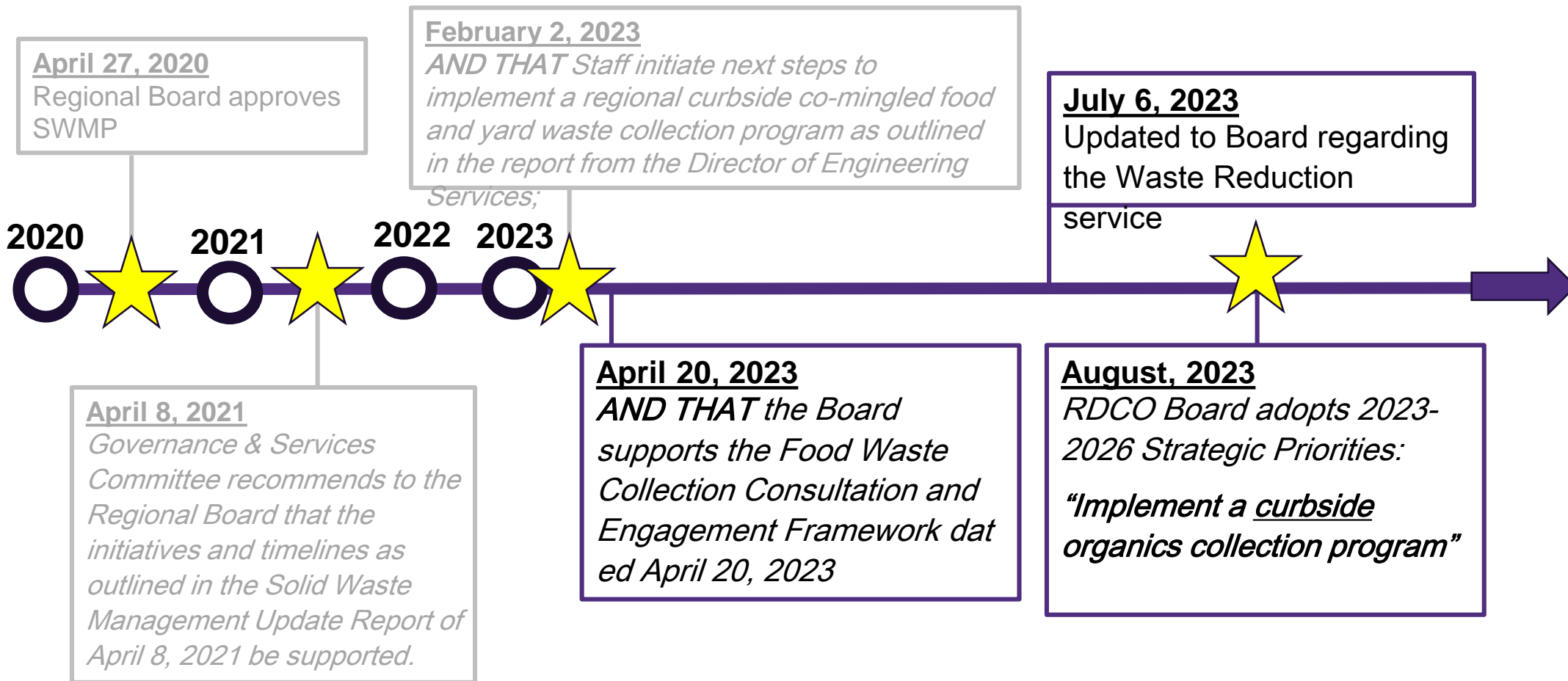
Multifamily Considerations

- Included within scope of Feasibility Study for consideration
- Consultant recommended next steps
 - February 2, 2023 Report to Board:
“Investigate opportunities to influence commercial and multifamily organics diversion through organic waste bans and/or differential tipping fees.”
 - February 2, 2023 Board Resolution:
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From this point on, it's referred to as a 'curbside' program only.

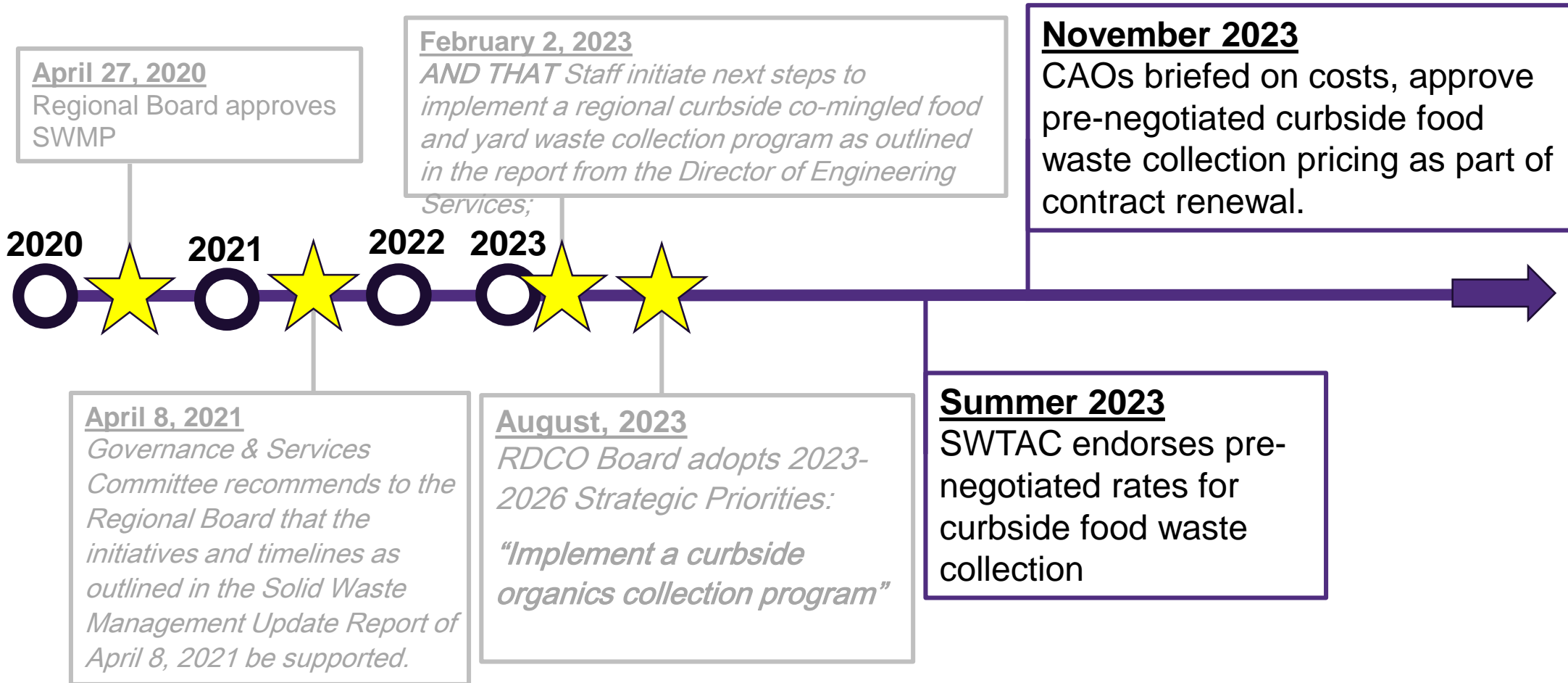
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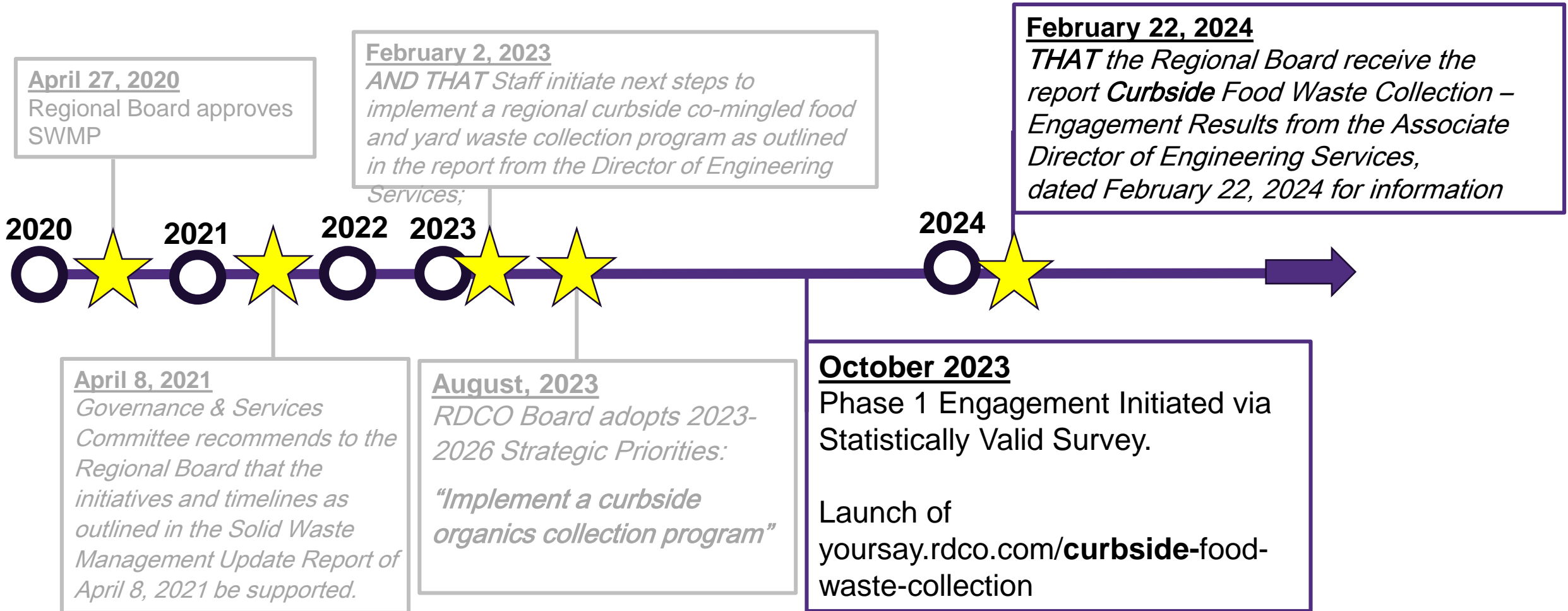


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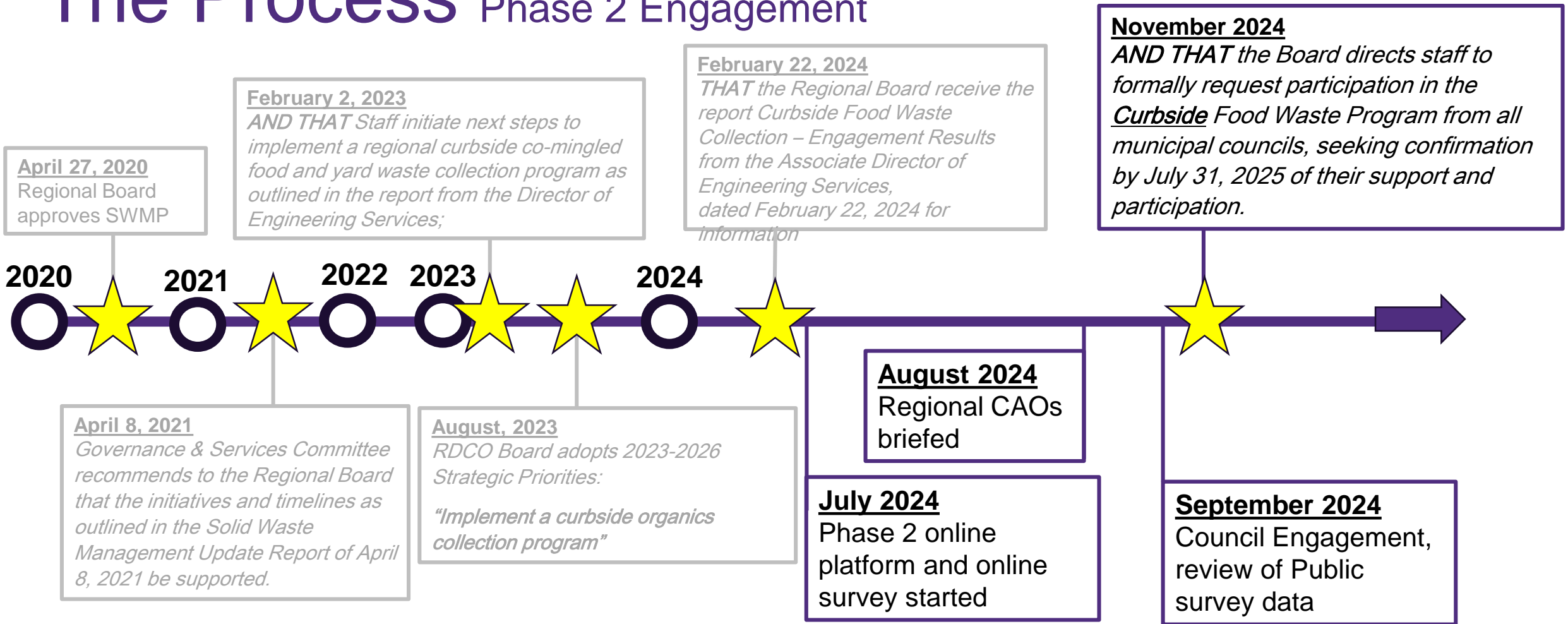
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The Process Phase 1 Engagement



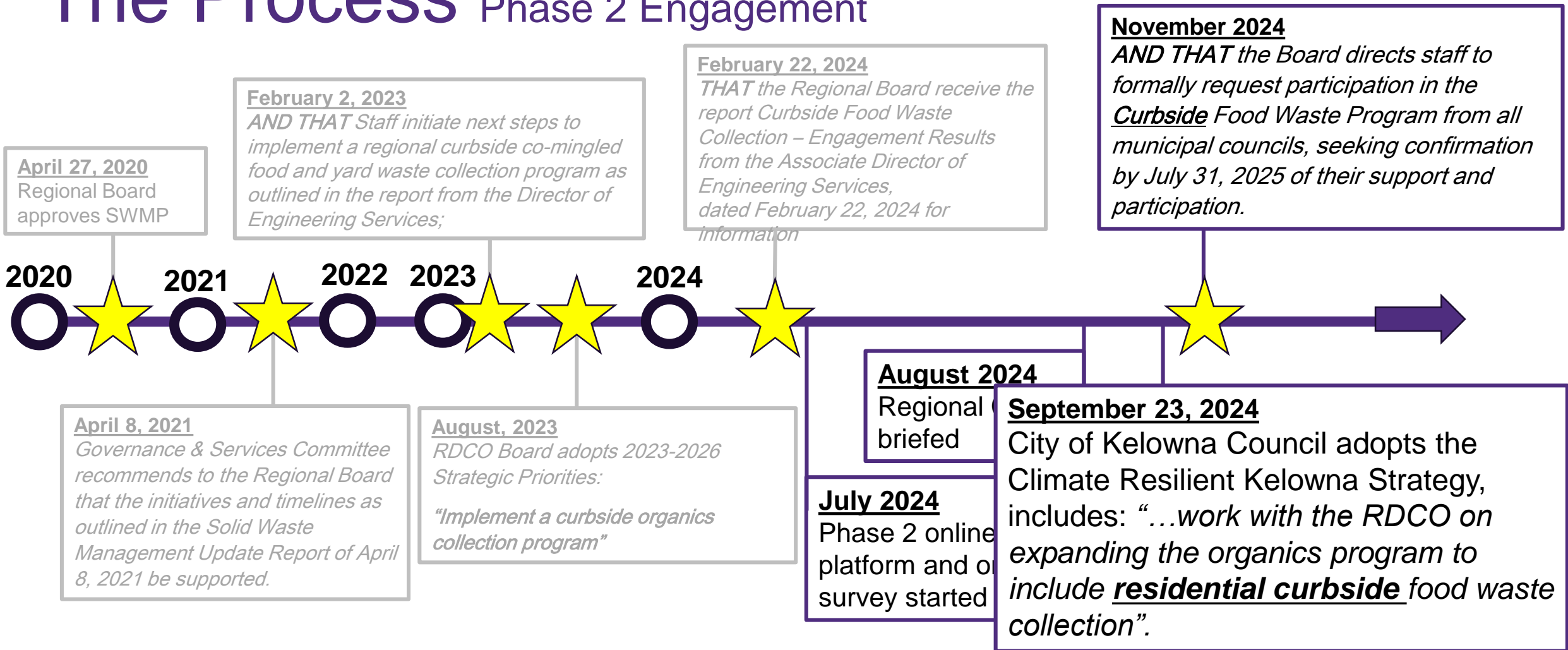
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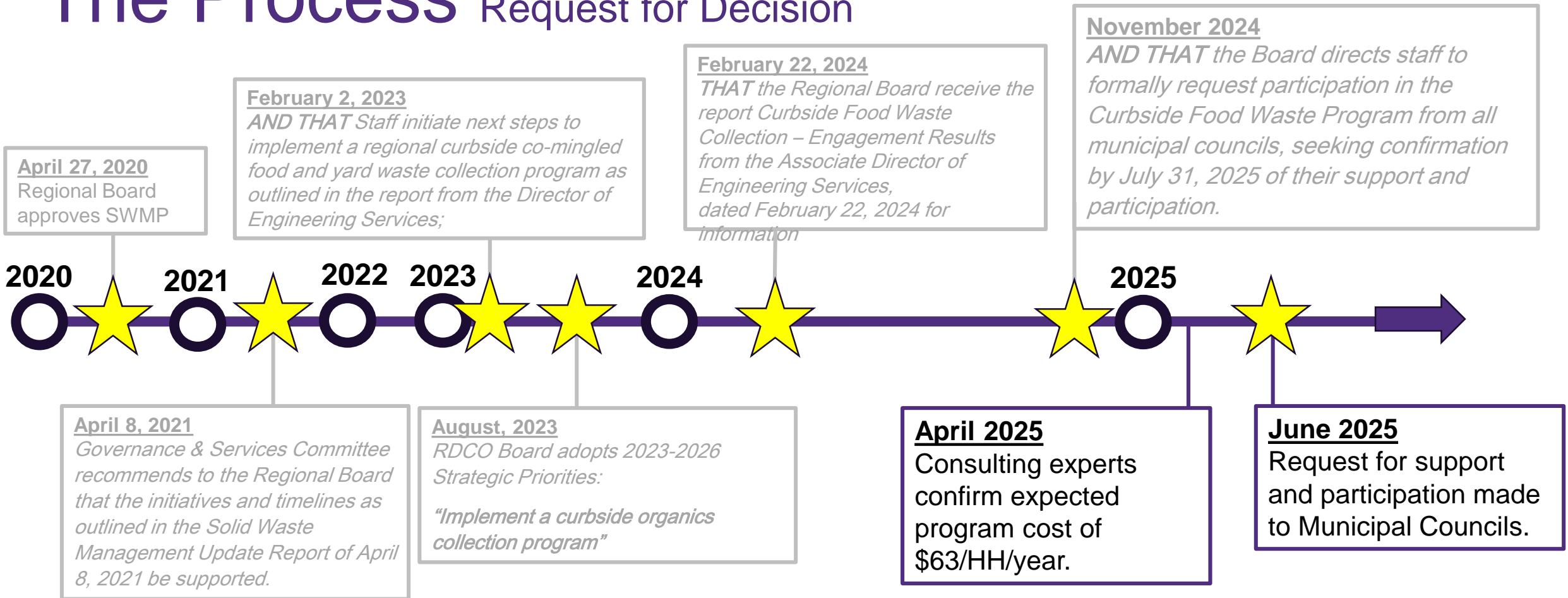
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The Process Request for Decision



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Council Resolutions

Community	Date of Decision	Outcome	Rationale (Non-support because...)
City of Kelowna	June 9, 2025	Non-support	High Cost, Curbside (No multifamily), Location of Transfer Station unknown
City of West Kelowna	June 10, 2025	Non-support	High Cost w/o Kelowna, Bears/Odours, Schedule Changes
District of Peachland	June 10, 2025	Non-support	High Cost w/o Kelowna
District of Lake Country	June 17, 2025	Non-support	High Cost w/o Kelowna, Keep Organics Local

Additional Context

- All communities tied a 'non-support' decision to a context of 'not now'
- City of Kelowna Council additional resolutions:
 - ***AND THAT*** Council direct staff to ensure that food waste diversion from landfill is included in the 2030 update to the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan;
 - ***AND FURTHER THAT*** future food waste diversion include consideration of multi-family residential as well as commercial properties

*As of July 2025, estimated program development costs approximately: \$410,000

Next Steps



Update 2025 workplan activities to reflect outstanding initiatives identified within the SWMP



Accelerate delivery of the current SWMP



Leverage the upcoming SWMP update as a tool for food waste diversion

Recommendation

- **THAT** the Regional Board remove the implementation of an expanded curbside organics program from the RDCO 2023 – 2026 Board Strategic Priorities.
- **AND THAT** the Regional Board direct staff to incorporate landfill diversion of food waste from multifamily, single family, and commercial sectors into the Solid Waste Management Plan for the Regional District, including the City of Kelowna, City of West Kelowna, District of Lake Country, and District of Peachland during the next Solid Waste Management Plan update.