

**Solid Waste Interjurisdictional Staff Work Group Meeting
Summary
April 27, 2005
King Street Center**

Meeting Attendees:

City Staff:

Sharon Hlavka – City of Auburn
Alison Bennett – City of Bellevue
Susan Fife-Ferris – City of Bellevue
Elaine Borjeson – City of Kirkland
Nina Rivkin – City of Redmond
Linda Knight – City of Renton
Frank Iriarte – City of Tukwila

County Staff:

Peggy Dorothy – Council Staff
Mike Huddleston – Council Staff
Kevin Kiernan - SWD
Bert Tarrant - SWD
Diane Yates - SWD
Gemma Alexander - SWD
Greg Holman - SWD

I. SWD Updates

- On May 4, the Solid Waste Division (SWD) expects to give a presentation to the Regional Policy Committee (RPC) on the Analysis of System Needs and Capacity Report.

II. Analysis of Options for Public & Private Ownership and Operation of Transfer and Intermodal Facilities

In response to ITSG’s request that the Division state all assumptions in the report, Division staff analyzed relevant legislation. RCW 70.95 requires local governments to plan for solid waste management whether or not they provide solid waste services. While either the county or cities can fill this role, the group agreed that no one was suggesting a laissez faire approach to privatization.. The option “Primarily Private” in the report means government involvement through contracting with the private sector for services.

It was noted that in the draft identification of options, service alternatives are identified for the public option but not for the private option. ITSG agreed that the same policy choices need to be considered for each alternative in order to allow for a meaningful comparison of the options.

The group used a worksheet, “Public/Private Options Characteristics Matrix for the Future Solid Waste System” to identify distinguishing characteristics of public and private facilities and operations. The group discussed the impact of policy decisions

on these characteristics. It was agreed that a column for “Policy Questions” will be added to the matrix. Several additional characteristics were identified.

VI. Next Steps

- The Division will revise the matrix and the draft identification of options with the group’s comments and provide the revised draft documents to ITSG members for review by email.
- Representatives from Waste Management, Rabanco and Waste Connections have been invited to attend the May 13 Metropolitan Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee (MSWMAC) meeting.
- ITSG will meet at King Street Center from 10-12 on Wednesday, May 18 to review a draft of the third report, Analysis of Options for Public & Private Ownership and Operation of Transfer and Intermodal Facilities.