

**KING COUNTY METROPOLITAN SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**October 10, 2008**

**12:30 – 1:20 p.m.**

**King Street Center, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Center**

**Meeting Minutes**

Members in Attendance

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Title</u>
Jeff Viney	City of Algona	Councilmember
Bill Peloza	City of Auburn	Councilmember
Joan Clark	City of Auburn	Recycling Coordinator
Susan Fife-Ferris	City of Bellevue	Conservation & Outreach Program Manager
Sabrina Combs	City of Bothell	Special Projects Administrator
Barre Seibert	City of Clyde Hill	Councilmember
Dini Duclos	City of Federal Way	Councilmember
Rob Van Orsow	City of Federal Way	Solid Waste & Recycling Coordinator
John MacGillivray	City of Kirkland	Solid Waste Coordinator
Don Fiene	City of Lake Forest Park	Councilmember
Jean Garber	City of Newcastle	Councilmember
Jon Spangler	City of Redmond	Natural Resources Division Manager
Chris Eggen	City of Shoreline	Councilmember
Rika Cecil	City of Shoreline	Environmental Programs Coordinator
Kirsten Weinmeister	City of Snoqualmie	Recycling Coordinator
Frank Iriarte	City of Tukwila	Deputy Public Works Director
Justina Tate	City of Woodinville	Representative

Others in Attendance

Solid Waste Division

**Gemma Alexander, SWD Staff**

**Lucy Auster, SWD Staff**

**Kathy Hashagen, SWD Staff**

**Kevin Kiernan, Division Director**

**Thea Severn, Planning and Communications Manager**

Cities

**Scott MacColl, City of Shoreline**

**Sabrina Kang, Suburban Cities Association**

Guests

**Jay Watson, Local Hazardous Waste Management Program**

1 **Call to Order**

2 After hearing the Governance Committee Report in caucus, and breaking for lunch,  
3 MSWMAC Chair Jean Garber of Newcastle called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.  
4 Meeting attendees not present at the caucus introduced themselves.

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6 **Approval of September Meeting Minutes; Review Agenda**

7 **Barre Seibert of Clyde Hill moved to approve the September minutes.**

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9 *The September minutes were approved by consensus.*

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11 Chair Garber revised the agenda by adding “Financial Policies” as number six.

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13 **Updates: SWD/SWAC/Other/Master Schedule**

14 **SWD:**

15 Solid Waste Division Director Kevin Kiernan reported that the Beyond Waste workgroup  
16 of the state’s Climate Action Team has identified five focus areas. The first focus area is  
17 government environmentally responsible purchasing. Currently, state purchasing  
18 contracts are awarded on prices, availability and physical performance. The group has  
19 recommended that environmental performance be added as a fourth criterion.

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21 The second focus area is optimizing the collection of recyclable materials. This group  
22 recommends that collection services be mandatory throughout the state and that the  
23 separation of recyclable from disposable materials be required.

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25 The third focus area is to develop the markets for diverted organics with emphasis on  
26 higher value uses of those materials – perhaps for energy.

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28 The group working on the fourth focus area is drafting framework legislation for product  
29 stewardship that could be used for materials such as paint, carpet and fluorescent bulbs.

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31 The final focus area is to reduce waste from products and packaging sold to consumers  
32 through collaboration with retailers.

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34 Bill Peloza of Auburn discussed a program in Plano, Texas that recycles and distributes  
35 latex paint, cleaning materials and solvents. He will share information about the program  
36 with the Solid Waste Division.

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38 King County will open bids for Phase I excavation work at the Bow Lake Transfer  
39 Station October 21. A significant number of contractors have expressed interest in the  
40 project.

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42 The Division has received the Use Permit for the Houghton Roof replacement project.  
43 Replacing the roof would require that the station be closed for twelve or more weeks.  
44 SWD is looking into how that closure would be integrated into the construction schedule.  
45 John MacGillivray of Kirkland asked when construction will begin. Kiernan responded  
46 that it would begin no sooner than spring or summer of 2009.

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48 The Skykomish Drop Box opened on Monday September 29<sup>th</sup> after construction of the  
49 new roof.

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51 The Division will be speaking with cities about a potential flood debris voucher program.  
52 When the Executive proclaims a disaster the Division can waive disposal fees for a  
53 period of time. There are challenges related to those waivers that could be addressed  
54 through a voucher program. More formal information will be available soon.

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56 Jon Spangler of Redmond mentioned that a voucher program has been in place in the  
57 City of Redmond for eight to ten years. He suggested that the Division may wish to  
58 contact Redmond for information related to the program.

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60 The 2009 Budget will be transmitted to the King County Council by the Executive on  
61 Monday, October 13. Though the Solid Waste Division is funded separately from the  
62 General Fund it will be subject to any furloughs or expense caps. The Division has  
63 already controlled expenses to match the continuing 7% decrease in tonnage.

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65 Spangler said his Mayor has asked why there is no recycling at Park and Rides. Susan  
66 Fife-Ferris of Bellevue asked the same question regarding the Bellevue Transit Center.  
67 Kiernan agreed to follow-up with transit.

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69 SWAC:

70 Kiernan reported that SWAC met in September after a two month hiatus. The group  
71 recommended individuals to fill vacancies on the committee, and reelected their  
72 leadership. SWAC received a presentation on the 1% for Art program. They also  
73 discussed the Transfer and Planning chapters of the Comp Plan and offered no  
74 substantive changes.

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76 Master Schedule:

77 Planning and Communications Manager Thea Severn reported that there were no major  
78 changes to the Master Schedule. The Comp Plan schedule has been updated. All  
79 chapters are in the works and a draft plan is expected to be almost complete by  
80 December.

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82 **Financial Policies**

83 The Solid Waste Governance Committee recommended revisions to the Solid Waste  
84 Division's Draft Financial Policies. In caucus, MSWMAC made changes to those  
85 recommendations. MSWMAC changed the Governance Committee's Recommendation  
86 6, to read, "Fin-13 – The committee recommends that a period be placed after the word  
87 "use" in the third line, and that the rest of the language be eliminated." The revised  
88 policy would read, "The Landfill Reserve Fund shall receive funds via a per ton fee on all  
89 solid waste disposed at the Cedar Hills Regional Landfill, to fund the cost of all landfill  
90 development, closure, and post-closure maintenance costs while the landfill is in use."

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92 Recommendation 7 was changed to suggest that the first sentence of Fin-14 be revised to  
93 read, "The Landfill Reserve Fund fee shall be reviewed and adjusted as needed annually  
94 based on forecasts of capital and post-closure maintenance costs, disposal tonnage,  
95 landfill life, and interest earnings."

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97 There was a question about the term “rolling stock” in the division’s proposed policy Fin-  
98 15. Severn explained that the term rolling stock comes from code.

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100 MSWMAC eliminated the phrase, “for large projects when setting future rates (over a  
101 certain amount, such as \$50 million) from the Governance Committee’s  
102 Recommendation 10.

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104 **Pelozza moved that MSWMAC accept the Governance Committee’s**  
105 **recommendations on financial policies as amended for submission to the Solid**  
106 **Waste Division for consideration, and that the Division’s revised Financial Policies**  
107 **be discussed at the next MSWMAC meeting.**

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109 *The motion passed unanimously.*

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111 **Local Hazardous Waste Management Plan: Plan Update Process**

112 Program Administrator of the Local Hazardous Waste Management Program (LHWMP)  
113 Jay Watson introduced himself and discussed the proposed process for updating the  
114 LHWMP Plan.

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116 LHWMP is an intergovernmental program. Program partners include Seattle Public  
117 Utilities, Public Health - Seattle and King County, Suburban Cities Association, King  
118 County Water and Lands Resources Division and King County Solid Waste Division.  
119 Rika Cecil of Shoreline, Linda Knight of Renton and Rob Van Orsow of Federal Way are  
120 representatives of the Suburban Cities Association that serve on the Core-5 Steering  
121 Committee. Fife-Ferris commented that the Suburban Cities Association does not  
122 represent the cities of Bellevue, Medina and Yarrow Point.

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124 LHWMP allows a single Hazardous Waste Management plan to be written for all  
125 covered jurisdictions. Program funding comes from sewer and solid waste fees. Examples  
126 of current projects include working with Bartell’s and Group Health Cooperative to take  
127 back pharmaceuticals, the Wastemobile program, the Household Hazardous Waste  
128 facility at Factoria and efforts to control or avoid disposal of mercury, solvents, and

129 pesticides. More information about LWHMP is available at:  
130 [http://www.metrokc.gov/extranet/dnrp/swd/LHWMP%20Program%20Flyer%20v3%2](http://www.metrokc.gov/extranet/dnrp/swd/LHWMP%20Program%20Flyer%20v3%20(2).pdf)  
131 [0\(2\).pdf](http://www.metrokc.gov/extranet/dnrp/swd/LHWMP%20Program%20Flyer%20v3%20(2).pdf)

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133 Watson attended the MSWMAC meeting as a part of the first phase of the LHWMP Plan  
134 Update Process. In the first and second quarters of 2009 there will be a series of  
135 workshops open to the public designed to help identify major issues, such as equitable  
136 service and governance, for discussion in the updated plan. The hope is that the series of  
137 workshops will be well attended by government representatives. He also expressed  
138 willingness to discuss the process at other meetings, such as cities' staff or council  
139 meetings, when invited. More information about the proposed update process is available  
140 at:

141 [http://www.metrokc.gov/extranet/dnrp/swd/Proposed%20LHWMP%20Plan%20Upda](http://www.metrokc.gov/extranet/dnrp/swd/Proposed%20LHWMP%20Plan%20Update%20Processv2%20(2).pdf)  
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144 Fife-Ferris asked if the LHWMP Plan Updates would be brought to the cities for  
145 discussion. She said that historically that was part of the process. Watson responded that  
146 though that is not part of the process as currently designed, some changes may need to be  
147 made in order to respond to governance issues.

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149 Kirsten Weinmeister of Snoqualmie asked about the fee assessment. Watson replied that  
150 LHWMP believes the plan update should be completed before the fees can be  
151 determined. Though preliminary numbers should be available for discussion this fall, it  
152 is likely that changes to the fee would begin no earlier than 2011.

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#### 154 **Brownfields Program Update**

155 Solid Waste Division Brownfields Program Manager Lucy Auster said that the program  
156 is a resource for public and non-profit entities in King County that provides free technical  
157 assistance to assess and clean up contaminated sites, also known as brownfields. The  
158 purpose of the program is to assist in redeveloping idle, underdeveloped and blighted  
159 locations so they can become a benefit to the public. Individual projects receive  
160 assistance valued from \$10,000 to \$100,000. In addition to municipal projects, assistance

161 may be available to private or nonprofit agencies providing a public service, such as  
162 public housing. More information about the brownfields program is available at:  
163 <http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/brownfields/index.asp>

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165 **Direction to ITSG**

166 MSWMAC did not have any direction for ITSG.

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168 **Public Comment**

169 Fife-Ferris asked to hear about the impacts of the investment pool losses and decrease in  
170 tonnage revenue on the division once the proposed budget becomes public. Kiernan said  
171 the division will try to give the topic space on the next MSWMAC agenda.

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173 In response to a question, Kiernan clarified that the division has not yet scheduled the  
174 closure of Houghton for the roof replacement project, which will take several months.

175 The final closure of Houghton will not take place until the new Northeast Lake  
176 Washington Transfer Station is sited and built.

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178 **Adjourn**

179 The meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

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181 Submitted by:

182 Kathy Hashagen, SWD Staff