

METROPOLITAN SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 14, 2005

12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

King Street Center, 8th Floor Conference Center

Approved Minutes

Members in Attendance

Bill Pelosa, City of Auburn
Sharon Hlavka, City of Auburn
Brad Miyake, City of Bellevue
Alison Bennett, City of Bellevue
Dave Zabell, City of Bothell
Gary Sund, City of Bothell
Joan McGilton, City of Burien
Linda Kochmar, City of Federal Way
Rob Van Orsow, City of Federal Way
Jessica Greenway, City of Kirkland
Jim Lauinger, City of Kirkland
Carolyn Armanini, City of Lake Forest Park
Glenn Boettcher, City of Mercer Island
Jean Garber, City of Newcastle
Nina Rivkin, City of Redmond
Lys Hornsby, City of Renton
Linda Knight, City of Renton
Dale Schroeder, City of SeaTac
Paul Haines, City of Shoreline
Rika Cecil, City of Shoreline
Frank Iriarte, City of Tukwila

Others in Attendance

Solid Waste Division

Theresa Jennings, Director
Geraldine Cole, Assistant Director
Kevin Kiernan, Engineering Services Manager
Thea Severn, Transfer and Transport Manager
Brad Bell, Landfill and Shop Manager
Jeff Gaisford, Recycling & Environmental
Services Manager
Diane Yates, MSWMAC Staff Liaison
Roxanne Malatesta, Solid Waste Division
Tami Litras, Solid Waste Division

King County Council Staff

Peggy Dorothy, King County Council Staff
Mike Huddleston, King County Council Staff

City Staff

Debbie Anspaugh, City of Bothell
Erin Leonhart, City of Kirkland

1 **Call to Order**

2 Diane Yates, Solid Waste Division Intergovernmental Relations Liaison and MSMWAC Staff
3 Liaison, called the meeting to order at 12:15.

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5 **Welcoming Remarks**

6 Solid Waste Division Director Theresa Jennings thanked everyone for attending. She said that
7 MSWMAC resulted from the cities' interest in having a more active role in planning the future
8 of the solid waste system. Jennings said that the division is excited to have the cities' interest
9 and involvement in the solid waste system and values the cities' input. She said that the Solid
10 Waste Division is committed to working collaboratively with the cities and hopes that together
11 the cities and the division can build a stronger solid waste system that will continue to serve the
12 citizens of King County into the future.

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14 Jennings suggested that MSWMAC members tour the Cedar Hills landfill and the transfer
15 stations in order to understand the operational side of the division. She said members should let
16 MSWMAC staff liaison Diane Yates know if they are interested in a tour.

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18 **Introductions**

19 Those present introduced themselves.

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21 Yates said that sixteen cities have appointed representatives and/or alternates to MSWMAC.
22 Representatives and alternates from fourteen of the sixteen cities are present today. Mayor
23 Scholz, Algona's representative and Shellie Bates, Covington's representative were unable to
24 attend today's meeting.

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26 **Review Agenda**

27 Yates reviewed the agenda and said she would like to add an additional agenda item. She
28 indicated that the question of whether or not MSWMAC is subject to the Open Public Meetings
29 Act was raised when Jerry Hardebeck of Waste Management contacted her to ask if he could
30 attend today's meeting. Under state law, advisory committees are not subject to the Act.
31 Whether MSWMAC meetings are open to the public is at MSWMAC's discretion. Yates asked
32 MSWMAC to add a discussion of whether their meetings would be open to the agenda.

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35 **Review Ordinance/Handouts/Deliverables**

36 Yates reviewed adopted Ordinance Number 14971. She went over the creation and role of
37 MSWMAC, creation and role of the Interjurisdictional Technical Staff Group, the process and
38 timeline for development of the Waste Export System Plan and the timeline for the update of the
39 adopted 2001 Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan.

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41 In response to questions about the relationship between the King County Solid Waste Advisory
42 Committee (SWAC) and MSWMAC, Lake Forest Park Councilmember and SWAC and
43 MSWMAC member, Carolyn Armanini said that SWAC is established under state law and that
44 the law also establishes minimum membership requirements. SWAC includes citizens of both
45 incorporated and unincorporated King County, commercial haulers, labor, business, the
46 recycling industry and local elected public officials. Unlike MSWMAC, SWAC members are
47 appointed by the county executive and confirmed by the county council. Armanini said that

48 there has been some discussion at the Governance Subcommittee meetings about consolidating
49 the two committees; however, she felt that in light of the unique composition of each group, the
50 range of input is enhanced by maintaining two separate advisory bodies.

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52 Yates reviewed the contents of MSWMAC's notebook including rosters, organizational charts,
53 the enabling legislation and a table illustrating the deliverables required by Ordinance 14971
54 and due dates.

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56 **Waste Export System Plan**

57 Kevin Kiernan, Solid Waste Division Engineering Services Manager, presented an overview of
58 the county's solid waste system.

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60 Private industry haulers pick-up most solid waste curbside. Most people do not have contact
61 with King County Solid Waste Division. The division's has six Urban Transfer Station, 1st NE,
62 Houghton, Factoria, Renton, Bow Lake and Algona. Some were built on old landfills and most
63 have had minimal capital improvements since they were first built in the 1960s. There are two
64 rural transfer stations that were built in the 1990s, Enumclaw and Vashon, which are located on
65 old landfills and two drop boxes, Cedar Falls and Skykomish. Cedar Hills landfill is anticipated
66 to reach capacity in about ten years. Based on adopted policy contained in the 2001
67 Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan no new landfill will be located or built in King
68 County and the county will move to waste export.

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70 Kiernan discussed the deliverables and deadlines set out in the ordinance for the Waste Export
71 System Plan. In addition to the four intermediate reports required by the Ordinance that lead up
72 to the Waste Export System Plan, the ordinance also requires that a Business Plan be developed
73 and an independent 3rd party review be conducted. The Waste Export System Plan is due to the
74 county council by December 15, 2005.

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76 In answer to a question, Kiernan said that in developing the Waste Export System Plan the
77 division will be soliciting input from Waste Connections as well as Rabanco/Allied and Waste
78 Management.

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80 **Select Chair and Vice Chair**

81 Yates opened the floor to nominations for chair and vice chair.

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83 MSWMAC member Nina Rivkin moved to nominate MSWMAC member Jean Garber for
84 chair.

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86 MSWMAC member Bill Pelozza seconded the nomination.

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88 The motion passed unanimously.

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90 Chair Garber opened the floor to nominations for vice chair. Garber said she had someone in
91 mind, but asked if anyone else wanted to make a nomination. There being no other nominations,
92 Garber moved to nominate MSWMAC member Joan McGilton for vice chair

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94 Armanini seconded the nomination.

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96 The motion passed unanimously.

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98 **Set Future Meeting Schedule**

99 Garber asked for input on MSWMAC's meeting schedule.

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101 Yates said that Algona Mayor Scholz asked her to let MSWMAC know that he is only able to
102 meet on Mondays and Tuesdays afternoon.

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104 Discussion followed regarding meeting dates, time and location. Garber moved that the regular
105 meeting of MSWMAC take place on the 2nd Friday of every month from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m in the
106 8th floor conference room of King Street Center.

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108 The motion passed unanimously.

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110 Discussion followed regarding whether or not MSWMAC meetings would be open to the
111 public.

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113 Rivkin moved that MSWMAC shall decide during agenda development if it would aid in
114 MSWMAC's discussion of an agenda item to have an outside party present.

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116 Peloza seconded the motion.

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118 The motion passed unanimously

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120 **Suggested Future Meeting Agenda Items:**

121 It was agreed that meeting agendas will be e-mailed to members ten days in advance of the
122 meetings. Members agreed that February agenda items will include discussion and adoption of
123 bylaws and presentation and discussion of the Transfer System Level of Service Evaluation
124 Criteria and Standards.

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126 Peloza suggested that the language regarding weighted voting be deleted from the bylaws. He
127 indicated that the Metropolitan Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee (MWPAAC)
128 does not use weighted voting.

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130 Yates said that while MWPAAC has never used weighted voting, its bylaws contain provisions
131 for weighted voting.

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133 Garber said this would be a good discussion to have when the draft bylaws are reviewed at the
134 February meeting.

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136 Rivkin suggested that staff can provide different voting options at the next meeting.

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138 Yates said she would e-mail the meeting notes from the Governance Subcommittee to
139 MSWMAC so members can review the discussion concerning voting.

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141 **Adjournment**

142 The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

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144 Submitted by:

145 Diane Yates, MSWMAC Staff Liaison