

Labor issues between commercial haulers and their employees were resolved with limited service disruptions. SWD appreciated the information received from those involved and is pleased that 5-year labor agreements were ratified.

The Washington State SWAC was eliminated as a cost savings measure. The Washington State Department of Ecology (WSDOE) is committed to receiving stakeholder input and is creating a new committee to ensure it continues. However WSDOE will no longer be able to reimburse travel expenses for those that attend.

The King County Council tabled the proposed organics rate reduction. Instead, they will consider the organics rate in context with the next rate proposal. The Council wants to consider the policy implications related to recovering direct versus full cost of services.

The Washington State Recycling Association presented Recycler of the Year awards at their recent conference.

- Sabrina Coombs from the City of Bothell received an Individual award for spearheading city initiatives in commercial and residential recycling and waste prevention, and reduced use of single occupancy vehicles by city employees. She also received a Governor's award for commute reduction.
- The City of Bellevue received a K-12 Youth Education award for the Carbon Yeti Program. The program promotes individual pledges to take specific steps toward reducing carbon footprints.

SWD distributed a Product Stewardship Program Update.

- Electronics recycling - The report "2010 Preliminary Analysis of E-Cycle Programs in Washington and Oregon is available at www.productstewardship.net
- Secure Medicine Return (pharmaceuticals program) – The Local Hazardous Waste Management Program (LHWMP) in King County is coordinating the efforts of a coalition that plans to run a version of the bill next session. Contact Margaret Shield (206-263-3059 or margaret.shield@kingcounty.gov) or Cheri Grasso (206-263-3089 or cheri.grasso@kingcounty.gov) with questions.
- Recycling Mercury-Containing Lights – ESSB 5543 – The next steps include participating in WSDOE rule-making process in 2011. Contact Lauren Cole (206-296-4363 or lauren.cole@kingcounty.gov) with questions.
- Paint – LHWMP continues monitoring the Oregon Paint Product Stewardship program. (<http://www.deq.state.or.us/lq/sw/prodstewardship/OregonPaintCareUpdateLocalGovts.pdf>) Contact Abby Gayle Boudouris (503-229-6108 or boudouris.abby@deq.state.or.us) for more information about Oregon's program. The Northwest Product Stewardship Council paint subcommittee is discussing potential timelines for paint legislation in Washington. Contact Lauren Cole (206-296-4363 or lauren.cole@kingcounty.gov) for more information about that effort.
- Carpet –The "Establishing Carpet Processing Capacity and End Markets for Recovered Material" document is available at <http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/linkup/documents/carpet-recycling-strategy.pdf>

Cities can consider negotiating the addition of curb side pick up service for electronics to upcoming contracts with haulers. Collection costs are not part of producer responsibility.

The July 9th and August 13th MSWMAC meetings are cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for September 10th.

SWAC updates:

SWAC has chosen to have a retreat in lieu of its regular meeting in June. At their May meeting, SWAC received the presentations MSWMAC is receiving today.

Factoria Recycling and Transfer Station Facility Master Plan

The Solid Waste Transfer and Waste Management Plan approved by the King County Council in 2007 included a plan to renovate the aging transfer system. The Shoreline Recycling and Transfer Station (RTS) has been updated, construction is underway at Bow Lake, and Factoria is next. The new Factoria RTS will be constructed at the current site which has been expanded with the purchase of two adjacent parcels. The station will remain open during construction.

Each of the options being considered include a transfer building about three times the size of the existing facility, increased space for recycling and household hazardous waste services, and a traffic pattern where customers enter and leave on NE 32th and transfer vehicles access and leave the site on NE 30th. Each option would require wetland mitigation but all current alternatives will protect the stream in the northwest corner of the site.

SWD expects to submit the Factoria RTS Facility Master Plan (FMP) to the King County Council for approval late in 2010. Environmental review, facility design, permitting and procurement are expected to be completed late in 2012. Construction is anticipated to begin mid 2013 with the new station opening in 2015. The Factoria FMP will be added to the MSWMAC agenda in September.

The website for the Factoria Recycling and Transfer Station Replacement Project is <http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/facilities/factoria-replacement-project.asp> The PowerPoint presentation from this meeting is available at [http://your.kingcounty.gov/extranet/dnrp/swd/MSWMAC_ & SWAC/MSWMAC-FactoriaTransferStation_PPT_FINAL_06.11.10.pdf](http://your.kingcounty.gov/extranet/dnrp/swd/MSWMAC_&_SWAC/MSWMAC-FactoriaTransferStation_PPT_FINAL_06.11.10.pdf)

Recycle More

“Recycle More/Recycle Food” is a regional recycling education campaign which began in 2006. The campaign’s goal is to increase recycling rates with an emphasis on single family residences in areas of King County with current residential recycling rates of less than 35 percent (not including yard waste.)

The campaign objective is to increase food scrap recycling participation both by increasing the number of subscriptions for yard waste collection and by increasing the volume of food scrap and soiled paper recycled in households who are already recycling their yard waste .

In addition to promoting recycling through media and retail partnerships, SWD leverages the Recycle More budget through earned media events like the Recycling Relay in Kent (<http://www.kingcounty.gov/environment/dnrp/newsroom/newsreleases/2009/july/0714Recycling-relay.aspx>) and through partnering with suburban cities for events like Mayor Larson's Community Recycling Challenge (<http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/garbage-recycling/lighten-your-load-challenge.asp?mfile=Recyclemore.wmv&loc=server#video>).

Community Education is also important. Master Recycler Composter (MRC) volunteers answer questions about recycling at community events like farmers markets. The "Cube of Food" appears at community events. It is a visual display featuring the volume of food scraps and soiled paper disposed by the average family in a year (477 pounds).

More information about the "Recycle More/Recycle Food" campaign is available at www.kingcounty.gov/recyclemore. A copy of the presentation is available at <http://your.kingcounty.gov/extranet/dnrp/swd/MSWMAC & SWAC/MSWAC KC Food Waste Present 06.11.10.pdf>

Secure Medicine Return Guidelines and Agreement

The Controlled Substances Act says that only law enforcement agencies can collect controlled substances from residents. There are ongoing efforts to amend that act. There is a need to collect those substances until that change occurs.

The Local Hazardous Waste Management Program (LHWMP) acknowledges that pharmaceutical collection in law enforcement offices is not a good long term solution. Until there is another choice, LHWMP is assisting local cities that wish to collect medicines in law enforcement offices by funding the purchase of a metal secure medicine return container, providing technical assistance for installing the container, and offering to pay for hazardous waste disposal of non-controlled substances.

In return LHWMP asks that the recipients report information about the cost of providing the service and the quantity of medicines received, ensure the container is installed in a secure manner that is convenient to consumers, and ensure the medicines are disposed in an environmentally sound manner.

MSWMAC members commented that law enforcement and local government should not have to pay for collection and disposal of pharmaceuticals. Some said that servicing the container and sorting pharmaceuticals requires a significant investment of time. Others noted that when local law enforcement collects the medicines pharmaceutical companies may argue that a producer funded collection program is not necessary.

The Local Hazardous Waste Management Program (LHWMP) in King County is coordinating efforts to run a version of the Secure Medicine Return bill next session. More information, including ways that cities or city associations can support the legislation is available at

www.medicinereturn.com or by contacting Cheri Grasso (206-263-3089 or cheri.grasso@kingcounty.gov).

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Interlocal Agreement

MSWMAC adjourned to caucus.