



SWD intends to continue to operate in the event of a labor action between Waste Management and Local 117. SWD employees from Teamsters Local 174 may choose to honor picket lines if that occurs. Preparations have been made for that possibility and are ready to be implemented as necessary.

In the event of an action, cities with Waste Management contracts may see collection impacts. Host cities may see picketing at Solid Waste Division facilities. The division has identified a safe place for picketing and will be in touch with host cities if there is labor activity.

King County is not a party to this labor issue and encourages Local 117 and Waste Management to expeditiously reach a fair and equitable settlement.

The Department of Ecology (DOE) is revising WAC 173-351, a regulation governing landfills. Changes to post closure requirements are being considered which could potentially have budget impacts. The division is participating in the comment process which runs through July 6.

The division is briefing County policy makers on the content of the draft rate proposal. When those briefings are complete rate information will be sent to MSWMAC for review and comment. Additionally, the division will send MSWMAC members an invitation to a special meeting to present more information about the rate proposal. The meeting is scheduled for June 22 from 10:00-11:30 in room 7044/7045. The Executive is interested in MSWMAC comments about the proposed rate.

SWAC has received a thorough update on the progress of the Interlocal Agreements. SWAC has suggested a joint meeting of SWAC and MSWMAC in the fall. They received a presentation on the Zero Waste of Resources Grant and the proposed rate.

### **ILA Discussion**

Kiernan said the ILA Drafting Committee reached agreement on all the issues initially identified by MSWMAC which provided policy direction. However, agreement has not been reached on the difficult issues identified since that time. It became clear to those involved with the ongoing effort to revise the Solid Waste Interlocal Agreement that some background information would be useful.

A workshop was proposed. The purpose of the workshop would be to provide information on laws related to solid waste within Washington State. A common understanding of those laws will inform ongoing discussions and policy direction about the Solid Waste Interlocal Agreement. The division is suggesting that a workshop occur on July 13 in place of the regularly scheduled MSWMAC meeting.

In response to questions Kiernan said that the workshop would be a factual discussion about the federal and state laws about solid waste. Discussion of options related to policy would occur later. Kiernan noted that city managers have been informed of the workshop in an attempt to broaden participation.

Kiernan shared information about [Michael Dunning](#) the attorney that is proposed to present an explanation of how cleanup processes work noting that he is not representing the cities or the county and as such would not give legal advice. Instead he will be speaking about the cleanup process in general. In response to a suggestion, Kiernan will invite MSWMAC via email to provide comments or questions they would like him to address.

MSWMAC members responded to the [proposed agenda](#). Comments included:

- Provide an acronyms glossary for the workshop.
- Two hours may not be enough time for the workshop. Consider extending the time frame.
- The current configuration of the conference room will not provide enough space for attendees. Consider another room or a different configuration.
- More than one workshop may be needed.
- Written material should be available at the workshop.
- The workshop will cover federal and state law. Because of time constraints it will not cover the related portions of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC).
- Ensure the agenda provides Michael Dunning with as much time as he would like. The order of the workshop will be revised to ensure that occurs.
- Survey participants after the meeting. Work with Chair McGilton on the questions.

MSWMAC members agreed that videotaping the workshop would be useful. MSWMAC will discuss next steps to move forward with the ILAs at their August meeting.

### **Zero Waste of Resources Grant**

*Note: Subsequent to the June MSWMAC meeting, based on feedback received during the rate making process, the Zero Waste of Resources Grant program was deferred through the end of the 2013-2014 rate period.*

During comp plan discussions MSWMAC and SWAC asked the division to prioritize voluntary approaches to maximizing diversion as opposed to bans or other methods. There was particular interest in incentive-based strategies to encourage the desired behaviors. As a result, the 2012 draft comp plan includes a policy to establish a new competitive grant program in addition to the current grant to fund innovative projects and services that further the WRR goals outlined in the plan.

The new grant program is planned to be funded for \$500k annually. It will be paid for through the tipping fee. The program will encourage partnerships among multiple groups. Eligible groups include cities and haulers in King County, materials and resource conservation businesses, and solid waste and resource conservation non-profits. Eligible projects would support the goals and recommendations of the draft 2012 comp plan or other projects that benefit King County rate payers.

Cities were asked to participate in a group to determine how the grant would be implemented. The cities of Bellevue, Kirkland, Redmond, Renton, and Shoreline sent representatives to provide input. More information about the grant is available [here](#).

Comments included:

- The program addresses underperforming materials rather than just underperforming areas. For example, a city with high recycling levels in most materials could have an eligible project to address materials with a lower than optimal recycling rates.
- This program has no impact on the Waste Reduction and Recycling (WRR) grant levels.
- The program will be implemented subject to the approval of the proposed rate and budget.
- The measurable impact of the associated project will be reported as a condition of the grant. A member said that expectations of how to measure success should be included in the application materials.

### **Transfer Station Siting**

SWD Managing Engineer Neil Fujii and Project Manager Lisa Williams presented information about the siting process for the South County Recycling and Transfer Station (SCRTS). The station is being siting in response to direction from the Solid Waste Transfer and Waste Management Plan. A copy of their presentation is available [here](#).

The process includes identifying a site, public involvement, environmental assessment, and property acquisition and is expected to be completed over the next twenty four months.

The division is purchasing property adjacent to the current Algona transfer station to preserve it as an option for development. The property appears to meet transfer station development requirements and was priced significantly below the budget estimate for property purchase. The property is subject to the same site selection and SEPA processes as any other site.

In addition to various other recruitment techniques, MSWMAC members are invited to recommend members for a Citizen’s Advisory Committee. The committee provides input into the siting process. Steps involved in siting include identifying potential sites, broad screening, focused screening, comparative evaluation and SEPA. At that point the Department of Natural Resources and Parks will recommend a site to the Executive who will make the final decision.

In response to a question Kiernan said that the property adjacent to the Algona Transfer Station is a serious contender and appears to meet the needs of the division. The site was purchased to preserve it as an option for development. However, it is only one of the sites that will be considered during the siting process.

In response to comments Kiernan said that new transfer station facilities are designed to allow more space and flexibility for recycling. The new facility is expected to be opened for the same hours as the current station.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.