

anticipated by September 24. In response to feedback, the proposed rate has been reduced from the initial \$125 per ton to \$121.75.

Waste Management proposed a change to their franchise agreement that governs the collection of solid waste in the unincorporated county allowing for missed pickups due to labor actions. The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC) has not accepted that proposal and is considering other modifications to the section on missed pickups. The County is participating in this discussion and will provide MSWMAC with updates.

BioEnergy Washington's (BEW) upgrades to their landfill gas to energy plant at Cedar Hills have been completed. Though they continue to make minor modifications, all indications are that the upgrades were successful. BEW has been able to successfully accept up to 90 percent of the gas produced at the landfill for extended periods.

The division presented information about the new Factoria Recycling and Transfer Station at a public meeting in Bellevue related to the Conditional Use Permit for the facility. In addition, the division proposed an alternative procurement method for the new Factoria station to Council. The Council has directed the division to consider other alternatives including lease/lease back. The analysis is underway and when it is completed, the division will report the recommended project delivery method to MSWMAC.

The results to the online survey about the Solid Waste Workshop were provided; click [here](#). Videos of the presentations provided at the workshop are available [here](#).

Next week, the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) will receive a presentation on Waste Conversion Technology – Plastics to Fuel. MSWMAC was asked to consider if they would be interested in receiving a similar presentation. The division will work with the Chair and Vice Chair to determine MSWMAC agenda content.

Effective Monday, September 24 Kiernan will step aside to become Assistant Division Director. This change will allow him to better focus on some personal matters. Pat McLaughlin will assume the position of Solid Waste Division Director. Pat has extensive operations and management experience in both the public and private sectors. As the Director of Business Enterprises for the Washington State Liquor Control Board, he has been responsible for managing a dispersed, private business-like operation in a government setting.

McGilton thanked Kiernan for his efforts and commended his ability to be open and take on difficult subjects without becoming rattled. She noted that he has been involved with MSWMAC to some degree since its inception in 2005 and hopes to continue to work with him in his new role.

SWAC

McGilton noted that SWAC has an ongoing interest in energy recovery. However, it is necessary to compare the costs of that energy recovery to the cost of disposal and to consider various technologies.

Like MSWMAC, SWAC members were invited to identify prospective members of the Siting Advisory Committee for the South County Recycling and Transfer Station.

In response to a question Kiernan noted that early in 2012 the division discontinued collection of the curbside recycling mix at transfer stations. The service was restored at Cedar Falls and Enumclaw in response to community comments. The proposed 2013/2014 budget restores recycling of curbside mix to Shoreline, Houghton, and Renton. Curbside mix collection will be added to Bow Lake upon the completion of construction. There is insufficient space to allow for recycling at Algona and Factoria. Deanna Dawson, Executive Director of the Suburban Cities Association noted that there was discussion at the Regional Policy Committee about the advisability of that restoration.

ILA Discussion

Dawson said that the SCA offered principles for the ILA related to liability to the King County Executive. The Executive concurred with the proposed language. Currently, the SCA Public Issues Committee (PIC) is considering language related to mitigation which is supportive of the idea that mitigation be supported by the rate. Dawson will send the SCA adopted position on liability and proposed position on mitigation to the division who will forward it to MSWMAC members.

Kiernan discussed the plan to negotiate new ILA language using principles proposed by the SCA and agreed to by Executive Constantine. The intent is to build upon areas of agreement reached by the ILA Drafting Committee while remaining open to improvements.

The County negotiating team includes Christie True, Diane Carlson, Carrie Cihak, and Kevin Kiernan. Deanna Dawson, SCA is a member of the cities' negotiating team. One of her roles will be to keep elected officials from SCA member cities informed. Other members of the cities' negotiating team members include Jay Covington of Renton, David Cline of Tukwila, Mike Thomas of Enumclaw, Julie Underwood of Shoreline and a member from Bellevue.

The plan is to have condensed negotiations in an effort to get to a conclusion by the beginning of November. Meetings are scheduled for four hours a day, three days a week during the weeks of 10/15, 10/22, 10/29. If they are successful, various groups would receive briefings in November.

SCA PIC: Nov 7

MSWMAC: Nov 9

Executive's monthly meeting with SCA leadership: Nov 14

RPC: Dec 12th

The agreement would be transmitted to City Councils for approval December 3. The city adoption process would be from Dec 3, 2012 to Feb 8, 2013. The transmittal of the motion by the Executive to the King County Council would occur by Feb 11. The King County Council would have time to act before the bond sale which will occur on February 28. New financing for the costs of construction at Bow Lake must be in place by March 1.

In response to a question Kiernan said that the rate assumes that debt incurred will be repaid during the existing ILA. If new ILAs were in place and the division was able to finance

through 2040 instead, the debt cost per ton could decrease as much as \$2.20. Because the rate would be in place, part of the ILA negotiation may be about the use of that additional income. It could be used to delay future rate increases, create a reserve, or other options.

In response to a request Carlson agreed to work on a summary of the information listed above to be sent to MSWMAC members next week.

Council Staff Michael Huddleston reminded the group that the rate per ton is increasing to fund capital improvements and because tonnage has decreased. Consequently fixed costs must be paid from fewer tons. He said concerns about restoring services in this economy were expressed at the Regional Policy Committee. Presently, changes to transfer station hours are not being considered.

Huddleston said some cities have expressed concerns about capital costs and have suggested that the County revisit the commitment to updating the system as identified in the [Solid Waste Transfer and Waste Management Plan](#). MSWMAC participated in the five-year collaborative planning process resulting in that document. If the cities wish to revisit the *Solid Waste Transfer and Waste Management Plan*, the request should be made with a cohesive voice. The Council is also concerned about capital costs. Options include changing the sizing of facilities, revising the timelines and possibly changing the procurement processes.

Huddleston said that one additional updated facility is needed to handle system tonnage over time. The other new stations provide convenience. The shorter disposal trips from a more dispersed system are more efficient for haulers. That increased efficiency would most likely result in lower collection costs.

McGilton noted that as new members are added to MSWMAC it may be useful to review the thinking around these decisions.

Board of Health Subcommittee on Medicine Return

Kenmore Mayor David Baker reported that previous efforts to begin a statewide drug take-back program via legislation have been unsuccessful. The Seattle-King County Board of Health is working to pass legislation in December for a county-wide drug take back program. This type of program is already in place in other jurisdictions, including Alameda County in California. A copy of the Board of Health letter distributed at the meeting is available [here](#).

The idea of a county-wide program has been presented to the Suburban Cities Association (SCA) who will send a model resolution to each city. A member suggested that MSWMAC could revise and resend the previous letter sent to Council on this issue. Others said it would be more effective for each city in support of the idea to send an individual letter to the Board of Health.

South County Recycling and Transfer Station Siting Process

SWD staff Polly Young and Project Manager Eric Richardt presented an update about the South County Recycling and Transfer Station Siting Project. The station is being sited in response to direction from the *Solid Waste Transfer and Waste Management Plan*. Steps involved in siting include identifying potential sites, broad screening, focused screening,

comparative evaluation and SEPA. When those steps are complete the Department of Natural Resources and Parks will recommend a site to the Executive who will make the final decision.

The division reached out to a number of stakeholder groups to recruit members to the Siting Advisory Committee (SAC) for this project. At their first meeting the SAC identified community criteria and ranked their importance. At the second event, members toured the new Bow Lake building. Members discussed the five properties being considered and how the SWD project team has applied the criteria at their third meeting. The group will meet again Oct 10.

Many possible sites were identified using GIS and a search done by Real Estate Consultants. Key criteria were applied considering the size of the site, zoning, locations of arterials, cost, and critical areas including flood plains which reduced the number of potential sites. Click [here](#) to view the presentation.

Kiernan said siting is challenging. The division is under no illusion that it will be easy but the goal is to work with the communities and to consider both one-time project related mitigation and ongoing mitigation. He invited MSWMAC members to suggest methods to communicate about the project with the south county and assured the group that they would continue to receive updates on the project.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.