

- The Sound Cities Association Public Issues Committee (PIC) approved a motion recommending that King County and MSWMAC formally revisit the Solid Waste Transfer and Waste Management Plan. The division is open to revisiting the plan.
- Cities have been asking questions regarding customer classes, differential rates and the future of the Factoria Transfer Station given that Bellevue has chosen not to sign the extended ILA. Before the division can answer those questions it is necessary to know which cities have chosen to be part of the system beyond 2028. After April 30, the division will need to do a systemic analysis and look at options. The division believes there is nothing in either version of the ILAs precluding or requiring customer classes or differential rates.
- The Factoria Transfer Station cannot continue on as it is. The station has operational and safety needs that still need to be addressed. Bellevue represents about eight percent of overall system tonnage however it does represent more than half of the tonnage of the Factoria station. The Engineering Services Section (ESS) is looking at options that reflect the possibility of reduced tonnage from Bellevue after 2028 when the current ILA expires.
- The extended ILA says that the division will work with MSWMAC on financial policies. Assuming that MSWMAC chooses to have a subcommittee work on the details of those policies, the division will bring a recommended scope of work and suggestions about how that group could operate to MSWMAC next month. Conceptually the task is to look at types of financial decisions including the possible effect of customer classes. This work will impact the upcoming rate study. Because it is time sensitive, the division will request subcommittee volunteers next month.
- The BioEnergy Washington (BEW) landfill gas to energy plant accepted gas every day during the month of March, continuing their successful operation since the restart late last year. BEW had an output of 135,772 MMBTU over the past six months. The plant is generating enough biogas each month to serve the monthly natural gas needs of 19,966 homes.
- There will be no activity on siting a transfer station in the northeast county until early 2014 when the Siting Advisory Committee (SAC) will be formed. The division will reach out to cities in the service area for suggestions for SAC members.
- The scoping period for the EIS for siting a transfer station in the south county closed on April 5th. The division will still receive comments and respond to requests for information. A plan is being developed to communicate with interested parties during the EIS development.
- The Washington State Recycling Association (WSRA) will highlight outstanding recycling achievements May 14. Out of fourteen awards, nine were awarded to King County cities, haulers, schools and businesses.
 - Jeanette Brizendine, City of Federal Way Recycling Project Manager received the Individual Recycler of the Year Award.
 - The City of Shoreline was awarded the Public Agency Recycler of the Year award.
 - The City of Issaquah was awarded the Innovative Recycler of the Year award.
 More information about those and other awards is available [here](#).
- The Board of Health will hold a public hearing on May 16 on establishing a medicine take back program in King County.

Survey Results: Review and Action

After a review of the [survey results](#), members unanimously passed a motion to make no changes in current practices regarding MSWMAC meeting date, time, frequency etc.

Divisional Priorities

MSWMAC reviewed a [mindmap](#) showing division priorities. The priorities were influenced by input from the advisory groups. MSWMAC will receive quarterly progress updates on the priorities.

Sustainability Plan

The division asked for comments on the draft scope of work for the sustainability plan. Comments were received from five cities and three SWAC members. The division will also be getting input from interested Councilmembers.

The scope will ensure the consultant considers the system's waste stream and regional conditions. The division intends to send out the RFP in May and hopes that the study will be complete in early 2014. CPG money will fund a portion of the study.

Secured Loads

MSWMAC unanimously passed a motion to sign a certificate of recognition to Solid Waste Division Scale Operators for their efforts regarding implementing the increased fee for unsecured loads. The wording of the certificate follows.

“Thank you for the work you do every day to provide excellent customer service. We especially extend our appreciation for your extraordinary efforts to educate customers on the importance of securing loads and to assess the recently increased unsecured load fees. Your efforts do make a difference in keeping our roadways safe and clean for the citizens of King County.”

Waste Conversion Technology: Plastics to Fuel

MSWMAC received a presentation on converting plastics to fuel. A copy of the presentation is available [here](#).

Public Comment

There was no public comment.