

Metropolitan Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee

June 14, 2013, - 11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.
King Street Center 8th Floor Conference Room

Meeting Minutes

Members	
Diana Quinn	<i>Algona</i>
Bill Pelosa	<i>Auburn</i>
Joan Nelson	<i>Auburn</i>
Alison Bennett	<i>Bellevue</i>
Susan Fife-Ferris	<i>Bellevue</i>
Barre Seibert	<i>Clyde Hill</i>
Ken Miller	<i>Federal Way</i>
Rob Van Orsow	<i>Federal Way</i>
Micah Bonkowski	<i>Issaquah</i>
David Baker	<i>Kenmore</i>
John MacGillivray	<i>Kirkland</i>
Bob Lee	<i>Lake Forest Park</i>
Diana Pistoll	<i>Maple Valley</i>
Nina Rivkin	<i>Redmond</i>
Jon Spangler	<i>Redmond</i>
Linda Knight	<i>Renton</i>
Chris Eggen	<i>Shoreline</i>
Scott MacColl	<i>Shoreline</i>
Frank Iriarte	<i>Tukwila</i>

Others
Jeff Gaisford, SWD Recycling & Environmental Services Mgr.
Kathy Hashagen, SWD Staff
Michael Huddleston, King County Council Staff
Morgan John, SWD Staff
Kevin Kiernan, SWD Assistant Director
Laila McClinton, SWD Staff
Pat McLaughlin, SWD Director
Mike Reed, King County Council Staff
Diane Yates, Intergovernmental Liaison
Guests
Melissa Dahl, City of Bellevue
Laura Moser, Waste Management

Minutes & Agenda Review

The May MSWMAC minutes were approved unanimously. No changes were made to the agenda.

Updates

SWD

- The RFP for the Sustainable Solid Waste Management Study will be posted on Thursday. Proposals will be due July 11.
- Community meetings about siting a South County Recycling and Transfer Station (RTS) have been tentatively planned for July 11 and October 10.
- Bio-Energy Washington (BEW) reported that May 2013 was their best month ever for delivering converted gas to PSE.
- SWD recently received permission to accept marine flares for disposal at the Factoria HHW facility.
- Bow Lake RTS construction continues on schedule. Paving has begun and recycled asphalt shingles will be incorporated into the pavement. There will be a ribbon cutting for the facility early this fall.
- SWD is working to clean up a sprawling illegal dumpsite on May Creek and Honey Creek. Together with King County Parks, the cities of Renton and Newcastle, a local

citizens' group and neighboring property owners SWD is creating a plan to remove cars, tires, appliances and truckloads of other garbage. The clean-up will begin in 2013 and may extend into 2014.

- The division received \$400k in EPA grant funds to conduct environmental site assessments in the Duwamish industrial area as part of the Brownfields Program. The Duwamish area has a high percentage of the county's contaminated sites as well as disproportionately high levels of negative health indicators.
- A Latin American delegation toured Cedar Hills on June 11. Those attending worked for a variety of organizations and are exploring ideas that could be implemented in their home countries.

SWAC

- At their meeting SWAC received an update on the number of cities that have signed the ILA. Members were also reminded that because SWAC members are appointed by the Executive and confirmed by Council they are subject to the county's ethics rule. They also heard a presentation about illegal dumping and discussed adopting Roberts Rules as part of their bylaws.

Cities

- The Sound Cities Association PIC is in the process of supporting a thorough review of waste to energy and other conversion technologies in the Sustainable Solid Waste Management Study. SWD noted that those technologies and other disposal alternatives for post Cedar Hills closure are included in the RFP. To view the RFP, click [here](#) and enter the site as a guest.

Illegal Dumping Clean Up Report

MSWMAC received a [presentation](#) about the community litter clean-up program. The program which can clean up illegal dumping and littering on public property is funded by a grant from the state Department of Ecology. Since the program began in 1997, over 600 tons of debris has been cleaned up and over 180 tons of debris was recycled.

Illegal dumpsites are scattered throughout the county. There is no discernible correlation between increases in dumping fees and illegal dumping. Prosecution of illegal dumpers is difficult because it is a low priority with compared with violent crimes. Citizens can call the illegal dumping hotline 206-296-SITE to report illegal dumping and will be referred to the appropriate jurisdiction. SWD response time is dependent on risk and resources but can generally be accomplished in about a week.

2011 Performance Audit of Solid Waste Transfer Station Capital Projects

MSWMAC received a [presentation](#) on the [2011 performance audit](#). The audit supported the rate study and identified that the regional decisions made through that iterative and collaborative process have in some cases increased costs. Those decisions also contributed to higher capital costs for KC facilities than those of some other jurisdictions.

When figuring capacity, the audit assumed that each transfer station would have two compactors, able to process 100 tons every hour for 362 days per year. However not all

stations will have two compactors. The audit also did not consider vehicle capacity, emergency storage, other services offered at the facilities or possible changes in operating hours. The audit included only capital costs in the analysis though it did note that some capital costs “may be considered investments that will save on operating costs.”

Comments included:

- It seems reasonable to review the system in light of lower tonnage than expected and some cities choosing not to sign the extended ILA; particularly before construction begins at Factoria.
- The auditors have strongly recommended that procurement continue for Factoria. A short delay would cause construction to either occur in poor weather or to be delayed for another year. Either of those choices would increase the cost of the project.
- It’s not yet clear what topics need to be included in a review of the transfer plan, how the review would occur or how long it would take.
- The new Factoria RTS has a flexible design so it can change over time as business needs change.

MSWMAC will meet July 12 rather than having a tour as was previously discussed.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.