

in early December highlighting the project. An award ceremony will take place December 5 in Seattle.

SWD met with the City of SeaTac and SeaTac Airport (the Port) to discuss the Port's ability to comply with King County's new construction and demolition debris (C&D) disposal requirements during upcoming construction projects. The Port said it should have no problem complying with the new requirements.

Phase 1 of the project to improve the pipeline that transmits landfill gas to the Bio Energy Washington gas-to-energy plant is complete. Phase two adds a safety shut-off valve and pressure relief system to the pipe and is expected to reach Final Acceptance this December.

Approximately 5,100 residents and businesses received the first "Neighbor Newsletter" informing them about the replacement of the 50-year-old Factoria Transfer Station in Bellevue. To fully engage the public, the newsletter was issued in four languages. SWD and Bellevue are working collaboratively to provide up-to-date information on the project, including directing the public to the project's website:

<http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/facilities/factoria-replacement-project.asp>.

In late September, SWD organized the King County Green Tools Roundtable, a training event developed by the division to discuss historic preservation, sustainability planning, and economic development. In addition, Division Director Pat D. McLaughlin discussed the importance of reducing construction and demolition waste during his opening remarks at the Built Green Annual Conference. In total, the two events saw more than 100 attendees.

On September 30, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals issued a decision upholding Alameda County's Safe Drug Disposal Ordinance. The court rejected the pharmaceutical industry association's arguments that the county-level producer responsibility law for medicine take back violates the Constitution's Commerce Clause. Implementation of the King County program had been put on hold pending this decision and will begin soon.

On September 17 the division's LinkUp Program hosted its second Mattress Recycling Summit. Almost fifty participants from Puget Sound area, as well as California, Oregon, and British Columbia from the retail, recycling, reuse, and collection industries and government agencies attended. Participants expressed a strong interest in a state-wide stewardship program.

SWAC

SWAC Liaison Jenkins said the group honored the six, eight and seventeen years of service provided by three SWAC members, including Baker, that are leaving the group due to term limits. She noted that Garber was elected Chair and Casalini was elected Vice Chair. In addition, SWAC passed a motion in support of the Sustainable Solid Waste Management Plan that was based on the motion passed by MSWMAC for that purpose.

Transfer Plan Review Update

Eggen said that at the last meeting the group discussed the data needed to support information members had previously requested. The group received information about the traffic and service time study and provided input. The results of the study will be available at the end of October.

MSWMAC members are asked to mark their calendars for the Transfer Plan Review Workshop on November 17, at the Mercer Island Community Center from 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. As the event approaches, more details will be forthcoming via email.

2015/2016 Budget Preview

Berrysmith distributed a [2015/2016 Proposed Budget Summary](#), noting that it is in a different format than previous summaries because the County is completing a transition to a two year budget cycle. When discussing revenues, Brandt said:

- The budget was written assuming a one percent increase in tonnage each year with no rate increase which is why revenue remains essentially flat.
- The decrease in recycling revenues reflects a change in contracting relationships. Because of that change, beginning in 2015 the division will receive the net of the value of the materials received and the cost of transportation for materials other than scrap metal. Previously, recycling revenues showed in the revenues section of the budget and transportation costs were shown under recycling in the expenditures section of the budget.
- The increase in grants reflects an additional grant received from the EPA to support [Brownfields](#) work.
- Landfill Gas to Energy revenues decreased because only the revenue from the sale of gas to BEW is reflected. Revenue from the sale of greenhouse gas credits is unpredictable, and unlike previous years is no longer included in the budget.
- Harbor Island rent revenues decrease in 2015 and increase in 2016. During the 2015/16 biennium, the division plans to lease the entire site to a single tenant. The rent decrease is related to the transition in property management. We expect rental revenues to increase in the 2017/18 biennium.
- CDL revenue begins with a partial year in 2015 when the existing CDL contract expires in the third quarter of 2014. Revenue from certified facilities is based on \$4.25 per ton on disposed construction and demolition materials.

When discussing expenditures, Berrysmith said:

- The increase in debt service is in support of the ongoing capital program.
- The Capital Equipment Replacement Fund amount has been lowered because the division plans more repairs than purchases during these years.
- The contribution to the Landfill Reserve Fund has been lowered because the forecasted life of the landfill has been extended and there is more time to collect the required funds.
- Circumstances have improved sufficiently to allow the division to contribute to the Construction Fund which funds part of the capital program and allows the division to lower debt service.

- The Recycling and Planning and Communications Section’s expenditures increased to fund consultant services, some of which are in support of the projects identified in the Sustainable Solid Waste Management Study.
- Finance and Administration expenditures increased to allow the division to upgrade the point of sale/cashiering system.
- Shop Operations expenditures increased due to a “catch up” on maintenance that was deferred during the Great Recession.
- Transfer Station expenditures increased to support the expanded resource recovery program.
- Cedar Hills disposal decreased because the rent on Cedar Hills decreased.

Comments included:

- Nine FTEs were added for the Resource Recovery Program rather than temporary employees to show support for the initiative which is planned to expand into Bow Lake and Enumclaw.
- The value of the space that will not be used at Cedar Hills as a result of the resource recovery program is included in landfill life calculations.
- The comp plan will discuss the non-monetized benefits of the resource recovery program.
- The Landfill Gas/Water control expenditures went up to reflect expected increases in waste water processing costs.

Budget deliberations are underway. More information is available on the Executive’s [Planning, Strategy and Budget website](#).

Bylaws

Chair Eggen suggested that the MSWMAC bylaws written in 2005 would benefit from updating and provided a [red-lined draft](#). Many of the suggested changes are essentially clerical. However, he identified one more substantive suggestion (line 66), which would change the definition of a quorum to 40 percent of cities that have a designated MSWMAC representative as a place to begin discussion. He said because of limited attendance it is sometimes difficult to take action on important issues and that changing the definition of quorum would help the work of the committee to move forward. Comments about the quorum included:

- If the definition of quorum is changed as suggested, twenty one percent of the membership could pass a motion.
- Encouraging participation of members would be a better way to address the issue than changing the definition of a quorum.
- A member said they agreed with maintaining the current definition of quorum.

A straw poll showed the group preference is to maintain the current definition of quorum.

Other comments included:

- Yates noted that the language in the ordinance creating MSWMAC says representatives and alternates and the ILA says alternates and representatives.
- Each city has one vote on MSWMAC. Alternates can vote in place of members.
- A member suggested that limiting participation in meetings to one person per city should be added to the in the bylaws to ensure that cities had an equal amount of influence in discussion as well as in voting; regardless of their size and ability to bring

multiple members to meetings; saying that they are not “alternates” to the “representatives” if both parties can participate in the discussion.

- Others noted that the expertise provided by alternates adds value to the dialogue and provides a valuable perspective.
- A member said that the vote is only the last part of the process and that much influence occurs during the discussions prior to the vote.
- Others noted that allowing only one participant from each city would prevent the committee from benefiting from the expertise of staff members with significant experience in solid waste issues that may be attending to support their city’s representative. Those staff members tend to bring a different perspective (?) which benefits the discussion.
- A member suggested that line thirty eight be changed from calendar year to twelve months. This makes terms lengths clear while allowing for elections to take place in February. Elections were changed to February because city councils make their regional committee appointments in January.
- Consider when/how to change the name of the committee from MSWMAC to MSWAC. It may be a good idea to set it up so the name automatically changes when Title 10 changes are passed by Council.

Members are invited to provide amendments to the bylaws for discussion at the next MSWMAC meeting.

Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan

Severn presented [updates anticipated for chapter 2](#): Solid Waste System Planning. Comments included:

- Consider including the King County Climate Commitment and/or the Mayor’s Climate Collaboration workshops rather than the more dated Kyoto protocol.
- Severn requested that cities submit specific solid waste climate actions and actions related to equity and social justice that could be referenced in the comp plan. She noted that it is a regional plan, rather than a county plan.
- Consider a policy related to the product families.

Severn discussed the proposed process for comp plan where a copy of the 2013 revised draft would be sent to committee members in advance of the meeting along with a one page description of anticipated changes. Committee members would provide input and the following month would receive a red-lined version of the chapter for their review.

Members requested that instead, the division provide a red-lined version the first time the information was distributed. MSWMAC members would provide comments and then received a second red-lined version for discussion at the following meeting. The division agreed. Severn recommended that MSWMAC members familiarize themselves with the structure of the [2013 draft comp plan](#) as it will be repeated in this current draft.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.