

Metropolitan Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee

February 12, 2016 - 11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.
King Street Center 8th Floor Conference Room

Meeting Minutes

<u>Members</u>	
Joan Nelson	<i>Auburn</i>
Bill Peloza	<i>Auburn</i>
Alison Bennett	<i>Bellevue</i>
Susan Fife-Ferris	<i>Bellevue</i>
Sabrina Combs	<i>Bothell</i>
Austin Bell	<i>Burien</i>
Brian Roberts	<i>Burien</i>
Barre Seibert	<i>Clyde Hill</i>
Chris Searcy	<i>Enumclaw</i>
Jenna Higgins	<i>Kirkland</i>
John MacGillivray	<i>Kirkland</i>
Toby Nixon	<i>Kirkland</i>
Phillippa Kassover	<i>Lake Forest Park</i>
Diana Pistoll	<i>Maple Valley</i>
Jerallyn Roetemeyer	<i>Redmond</i>
Linda Knight	<i>Renton</i>
Beth Goldberg	<i>Sammamish</i>
Trudy Olson	<i>Seatac</i>
Rika Cecil	<i>Shoreline</i>
Nicole Sanders	<i>Snoqualmie</i>
Thomas Hansen	<i>Woodinville</i>
Bernie Talmas	<i>Woodinville</i>
Paula Waters	<i>Woodinville</i>

<u>King County Staff</u>
Kinley Deller, SWD staff
Anna Fleming, SWD staff
Jeff Gaisford, SWD staff
Beth Humphreys, SWD staff
Laila McClinton, SWD staff
Pat McLaughlin, SWD staff
Meg Moorehead, SWD staff
Jim Neely, SWD staff
Mike Reed, Council staff
Olivia Robinson, SWD staff
Eben Sutton, SWD staff
<u>Guests</u>
Kelly Ferron, Recology CleanScapes
Megan McCain, Recology CleanScapes
Joe Murdoch, HDR
Ian Sutton, Parametrix

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Bill Peloza called for nominations for Chair. Toby Nixon nominated Penny Sweet and Barre Seibert seconded. No other nominations were received and Sweet was unanimously elected as Chair.

Peloza called for nominations for Vice Chair. Seibert nominated Carol Simpson and Nixon seconded. Sabrina Combs nominated Chris Searcy and Linda Knight seconded. Members took a written vote and Searcy was elected as Vice Chair.

Searcy took over Chair duties for the remainder of the meeting.

Minutes & Agenda Review

The December minutes were approved as written.

Updates

Chris Searcy welcomed new MSWMAC members Austin Bell (Burien), Toby Nixon (Kirkland), and Phillippa Kassover (Lake Forest Park). He also recognized new member Jonathan Chicquette (Normandy Park) who was not in attendance.

SWD

SWD facilities received 881,525 tons of solid waste in 2015. This figure represents an increase of 33,362 tons from 2014. SWD transfer stations recycled a total of 18,174 tons in 2015, a 33 percent increase over 2014.

On December 19, 2015, Assistant Division Director Kevin Kiernan announced his plans to retire at the end of 2016. SWD has initiated the recruitment process for a new Assistant Division Director so that Kiernan has ample time to work with the new leader in the transfer of duties. In his 30 years of service, Kiernan has contributed immensely to the division and his knowledge and expertise will be greatly missed. SWD will provide updates on the recruitment process as it unfolds.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the future South County Transfer Station was released on February 4 and comments are being accepted until March 9. Two open houses will be held: the first on February 22 at Auburn High School and the second on March 3 at the Filipino American Hall in Algona.

A [SWANA technical session](#) devoted to waste diversion will be held on February 26. Topics will include multi-family recycling, mercury lighting, construction & demolition materials, and transfer station resource recovery.

The next Cedar Hills community meeting is scheduled for April 13 at the Issaquah Library.

SWD will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Cedar Hills Regional Landfill on Saturday April 23. MSWMAC members will receive an invitation to attend and are encouraged to save the date.

On January 2, SWD's EcoConsumer attended a fundraiser for the new South King Tool Library, a non-profit tool lending library located in unincorporated King County and serving the Federal Way and Auburn area. The EcoConsumer program is also supporting the formation of local repair groups. Federal Way will host a repair group session at Federal Way City Hall on March 14.

State Legislation

The paint product stewardship bill (House Bill 1571) passed out of the Washington State House of Representatives on February 10. A public hearing is scheduled in the Senate Committee on Energy, Environment, and Telecommunications on February 23.

The division is also paying attention to the following:

- Senate Bill 6605 “Ensuring that solid waste management requirements prevent the spread of disease, plant pathogens, and pests”

It is aimed at addressing composting and possible apple maggot contamination from Seattle compost heading to Eastern Washington. It requires the Washington State Department of Agriculture to review all solid waste comprehensive and building plans.

- House Bill 1525 “Concerning beverage containers”

This bill would allow for the creation of special beer and malt liquor cans with removable lids, which could end up in the trash rather than being recycled.

- Section 122 of the Supplemental Budget

This section directs the State Auditor to investigate whether local governments have combined fees for commercial solid waste and source-separated recyclable materials collection. The Auditor will be reviewing if these cities are imposing a solid waste tax on recycling, which is in violation of RCW 82.18.010.

Susan Fife-Ferris asked if the division knows the history behind section 122 of the supplemental budget. Robinson replied that the division does not know anything concrete.

Construction and Demolition Contract: Presentation

SWD staff Jim Neely and Kinley Deller gave a [presentation on the new Construction and Demolition \(C&D\) materials management ordinance](#). The county’s primary goal is to increase its C&D recycling rate from 67 to 85 percent by 2025. The plan includes disposal bans, additional designated processing facilities, increased enforcement, and further restrictions on C&D disposal at SWD transfer stations. The division is also working on developing new markets for C&D materials. The new King County requirements align with those established by Seattle Public Utilities, creating common disposal requirements for construction materials in the region.

Comments included:

- Brian Roberts asked about planning for emergencies such as earthquakes. Neely confirmed that Title 10 has provisions for emergency declarations.
- In response to a question from Diana Pistoll, Neely confirmed that the designated processing facilities are required to list the landfills that are used for final disposal. They must be Class D municipal solid waste landfills, which undergo strict environmental monitoring.
- In response to a question from John MacGillivray, Neely explained that all expenses (including hiring a sheriff for enforcement) are covered by the C&D fees, and do not come out of municipal solid waste fees. Council requires the division to track all income and expenses for C&D.

- At the next Regional Code Collaboration meeting on March 16, members will be developing C&D permitting code language.
- Pelosa applauded the C&D disposal bans, adding that he would like to see bans on other items such as mattresses and tires. Gaisford explained that the division will continue to talk about these opportunities. He noted two reasons a ban is possible for C&D: 1) material recovery facilities are able to sort the materials and 2) markets for the materials exist. Deller added it has taken nearly 15 years to develop a sorting system for C&D materials.
- In response to a question from Susan Fife-Ferris, Neely explained that there are about 400,000 tons of C&D materials generated each year, 67 percent of which is recycled. In comparison, county facilities receive about 880,000 tons of municipal solid waste, 54 percent of which is recycled. *Follow up note: In 2013, 455,000 tons of C&D were generated, about 305,000 tons of which were recycled or beneficially reused.*

Factoria Transfer Station Construction: Presentation

Eben Sutton gave a presentation on the Factoria Transfer Station Construction. Sutton showed videos of what the new transfer station will look like, described some of the benefits of the new facility, reviewed the schedule and progress to date, and shared the safety and the diversity summary.

Comments included:

- Diana Pistoll asked how self-haul customers will know where to go. Sutton explained that to enhance site flexibility, there will not be painted lines and stalls like there are at the other stations. Instead, the division will use movable visual indicators such as cones, blocks, and signs, and in the interim period staff will direct customers to guarantee the safety of all involved.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.