

King County Solid Waste Advisory Committee

March 19, 2010 - 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
King Street Center 8th Floor Conference Room
Next SWAC meeting – April 16, 2010 - 9:30-11:30

Meeting Minutes

Members
William A. Beck
Joe Casalini
Tim Crosby
Bob Dixon
Jerry Hardebeck
Hilary King
Sean Kronberg
Joan McGilton
Suellen Mele
Philipp Schmidt-Pathmann
Ray Schlien
Relaena Sindelar
Judy Stenberg
Bill Ziegler

Others
Cynthia Adams, Teamsters Local Union 117
Ed Davis, Public Health Seattle King County
Kathy Hashagen, SWD Staff
Jim Jordan, Parametrix
Dwight Miller, Parametrix
Peggy Papsdorf, Suburban Cities Association
Grace Reamer, King County Council Staff
Thea Severn, Planning and Communications Manager
Margaret Shield, Local Hazardous Waste Management Program
John Taylor, CleanScapes
Diane Yates, Intergovernmental Liaison
Kris Beatty, Solid Waste Division

Approve January Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the January SWAC meeting passed by general consent. Casalini welcomed new SWAC members Crosby and King.

Updates: SWD/Other

Yates thanked members for returning their completed financial disclosure forms.

The Division has completed a financial plan review and will not be proposing a rate increase at this time. As a result, the three year rate originally planned to end in 2010 will extend through 2011. SWD will continue to review the financial plan to determine if a rate increase will be proposed for 2012.

The rate reduction ordinance for yard waste/organics went to the King County Council March 15th. The reduction from \$82.50 to \$57.50 per ton is possible because of economies of scale and reduced hauling costs at Shoreline where the majority of yard waste/organics is received.

The negotiated procurement process for the second construction contract at Bow Lake continues. Three contractors have been invited to submit proposals for the contract which will be evaluated using a number of criteria.

The criteria are weighted with cost representing 30 percent, construction approach and ability to coordinate with operations representing 30 percent, and other considerations including safety and environmental protection comprising the remaining 40 percent. The ability to effectively coordinate with operations is particularly important at Bow Lake. The station must continue operating during construction because it receives 30 percent of the system's tonnage.

SWD is scheduled to be occupying the new Bow Lake transfer building by the end of 2011. Then the old building will be deconstructed and transfer trailer parking will be built. The project should be completed in 2012.

SWD has begun looking at preliminary alternatives for the Factoria Facility Master Plan (FMP). The division is working with the City of Bellevue and will be hosting a public meeting May 12th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Yates will send more detailed information about the meeting to SWAC members when it is available. Construction at Factoria will not begin until Bow Lake construction has been completed.

Construction to raise the roof at Houghton is expected to begin in July. The project will require self-haul service to be restricted on weekdays. Self haul service will be available on weekends. Legislation allowing the restriction to self haul service is at Council.

The Request for Proposal (RFP) for new transfer station site selection is in procurement. Algona and Houghton will continue to operate until the associated replacement station has opened.

Labor negotiations between garbage and recycling route drivers and their employers (Allied Waste and Waste Management) are ongoing. Current contracts expire March 31st.

Jeff Gaisford received a “Schrammie” award from Ken Schram at KOMO 4. The column written by Mr. Schram asserted that SWD was involved in social engineering; encouraging people to change their behavior by reduce, reuse, re-cycle as evidenced in bi-weekly collection. SWD agreed with his assertion and requested that the award be delivered to the division. The article is available at <http://www.komonews.com/opinion/kenschram/86226452.html>

Yates will forward a copy of an invitation to members from SWAC member Philipp Schmidt-Pathmann to a solid waste panel discussion on waste-to-energy technology that is to be held in the King County Council chambers on April 16th.

The committee decided to have a retreat in June in lieu of a regular meeting. The agenda will include a review of the legislation creating SWAC, its role in state legislative issues, its bylaws, Roberts Rules of Order and development of a protocol to address requests from outside parties who request time on the committee’s agenda.

Review Comp Plan Comments

Comments received before February 4th will be included in the responsiveness summary which includes both the comments and SWD’s response. Comments received after the comment period closed on February 4th will be considered, but will not be included in the summary.

SWD received several comments about the definition of recycling in comparison to beneficial use; particularly as it relates to construction and demolition (C&D) debris. This is important because LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) points can be earned when a given percentage of materials from a construction site are recycled. As a result, C&D firms that can show that a significant percentage of the materials they collect are recycled have an edge in the marketplace.

Changing the definition of a process from recycling to beneficial use or disposal may change the percentage some C&D processing businesses can claim and thus could have an adverse impact on their market share. Comments from those businesses were against clear definitions. In contrast, businesses currently using practices that would most likely be considered to be recycling are in favor of clear definitions.

SWD also received comments about where waste is disposed when border cities annex areas in an adjacent county. Under state law, cities have the authority to determine where waste generated within their borders is disposed. All but two of the cities in King County (Seattle and Milton) have signed Interlocal Agreements (ILA) with the county that direct waste to King County's system.

SWD received several comments about the capacity of the system in the region to recycle organics. There has been a lot of interest in technologies other than composting. There were also several comments about sustainability.

After SWD has reviewed the comments, completed the responsiveness summary and made any necessary changes, the revised draft will be sent to Ecology. After their response, the final draft will begin the approval process. More information about the comp plan process and schedule is available at http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/about/planning/comp-plan.asp#next_steps.

State Legislative Session Wrap Up

HB2530 –Optimizing collection of source separated materials - passed and has been sent to the Governor for signature. This bill changed significantly during the session. Currently Washington Utilities and Transportation (WUTC) regulated collection companies may retain up to 30 percent of the value of the recyclables they collect, as part of revenue sharing agreements with counties. This bill increases that amount to 50 percent. As now, the remaining money will be passed to residential customers.

HB 22539 – Advertising solid waste collection without a certificate – passed and has been sent to the Governor for signature. This bill refines existing law to include advertising, soliciting, offering, or entering into an agreement to provide hauling services as part of “hauling solid waste for compensation.”

ESSB-5543 – Mercury reduction - passed and has been sent to the Governor for signature. This bill requires the creation of a producer financed residential recycling program for compact fluorescent lights and fluorescent tubes with no charge at the time of recycling. It requires service to be provided in every county and in every city with a population greater than ten thousand. There will be rulemaking associated with this bill which is the second recycling bill based on producer responsibility in Washington State.

ESSB 6426 – Eliminating certain boards and commissions – did not pass during the regular session but is being discussed in the special session. The bill would eliminate many state boards, commissions and other entities, including the Solid Waste Advisory Committee within the Department of Ecology.

HB 1189 – Regulating retail bags, HB2644 – Requiring a deposit on beverage containers and HB 3099 – Increasing the number of recycling containers in public places all failed to pass.

2SSB 5279 – Secure medicine return bill – also did not pass. The pharmaceutical companies lobbied successfully against this bill. Work with the federal Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) is progressing. The DEA now agrees that it would be useful to change the federal law which prohibits pharmacies from collecting controlled substances and will consider a change of this type when Congress has completed work on other topics. Future plans include a statewide strategic plan for communication and education about the value of the bill. SWAC members with strategy ideas are invited to contact Shield at 206-263-3059 or Margaret.Shield@KingCounty.gov.

Shield will contact Group Health Cooperative about their handouts about medicine disposal. Their policy prohibiting hospice volunteers from picking up unneeded medications for disposal is most likely a result of federal controlled substances law.

Asphalt Shingle Recycling Project

Asphalt shingle scrap was the second largest component of the C&D disposed waste stream in the 2007 waste characterization study. The asphalt in shingles can be recovered and used as part of the material for paving public roads. Eight state departments of transportation allow recycled asphalt shingles to be used in this way. The aim of the Shingles in Paving Project is to add Washington State to that list.

SWD worked on a demonstration project with recyclers, asphalt producers, and partners in many agencies. In September of 2009, Woodworth and Co. paved two miles of SE 416th Street near Enumclaw with hot mix asphalt which included ground recycled asphalt shingles.

Initial testing indicated that using recycled asphalt shingles in hot mix asphalt has no negative impact on pavement performance. The road is in near perfect visual condition and skid resistance is normal. Further testing will be conducted over the next three years. After that, King County Road Services Division will consider whether to allow recycled asphalt shingles in the asphalt mix for roads on an ongoing basis.

A copy of the presentation is available at:

[http://your.kingcounty.gov/extranet/dnrp/swd/MSWMAC Asphalt Shingle Presentation compressed_03.12.10.pdf](http://your.kingcounty.gov/extranet/dnrp/swd/MSWMAC_Aspphalt_Shingle_Presentation_compressed_03.12.10.pdf).

Open Forum

There was no public comment.