

King County Solid Waste Advisory Committee

May 21, 2010 - 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
King Street Center 8th Floor Conference Room
Next SWAC meeting – September 17, 2010 - 9:30-11:30

Meeting Minutes

<u>Members</u>
William A. Beck
Joe Casalini
Bob Dixon
Hilary King
Joan McGilton
Suellen Mele
Philipp Schmidt-Pathmann
Ray Schlien
Relaena Sindelar
Judy Stenberg
Joe Tessier
Dave Whitley
Bill Ziegler

<u>Others</u>
Cynthia Adams, Teamsters Local Union 117
Gerty Coville, SWD Staff
Lawrence Frazier, AmeriCorps
Neil Fujii, SWD Staff
Jeff Gaisford, SWD Recycling and Environmental Services Manager
Jean Garber, SWAC Applicant
Kathy Hashagen, SWD Staff
Jim Jordan, Parametrix
Kevin Kiernan, SWD Director
Bill Lasby, Public Health Seattle King County
Craig Lorch, Total Reclaim
Victor Okereke, SWD Engineering Services Manager
Peggy Papsdorf, Suburban Cities Association
Yolanda Pon, Public Health Seattle King County
Grace Reamer, King County Council Staff
Thea Severn, SWD Planning and Communications Manager
Patti Southard, SWD Staff
Diane Yates, SWD Intergovernmental Liaison

Approve March Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the April SWAC meeting passed by general consent.

Updates: SWD/MSWMAC/Other

Bow Lake Recycling and Transfer Station - SWD reached agreement regarding a drainage and sewer easement and is working with the City of Tukwila for the necessary permits. The negotiated procurement process is moving forward and a recommendation will be sent to Council for approval in late summer.

Houghton Transfer Station Roof Raising/Safety Improvements – Low bid was \$2.3M which is \$600k less than the engineer’s estimate. On site construction will begin this summer. During construction, self-haul service will be available on weekends but not on weekdays. The station will remain open to commercial traffic during construction.

Factoria Recycling and Transfer Station – The two Facility Master Plan concepts presented at the public May 12th public meeting were well received. Comments received revolved around traffic on local streets, recycling opportunities, and continuing service during the construction of the new station.

The Washington State SWAC was eliminated as a cost savings measure. The Washington State Department of Ecology (WSDOE) is committed to receiving stakeholder input and is creating a new committee to ensure it continues. However WSDOE will no longer be able to reimburse travel expenses for those that attend.

Labor issues between commercial haulers and their employees were resolved with limited service disruptions. SWD worked closely with all concerned and is pleased that 5-year labor agreements were ratified.

SWD distributed a Product Stewardship Program Update.

- Electronics recycling - The report “2010 Preliminary Analysis of E-Cycle Programs in Washington and Oregon is available at www.productstewardship.net
- Secure Medicine Return (pharmaceuticals program) – The Local Hazardous Waste Management Program (LHWMP) in King County is coordinating the efforts of a coalition that plans to run a version of the bill next session. Contact Margaret Shield (206-263-3059 or margaret.shield@kingcounty.gov) or Cheri Grasso (206-263-3089 or cheri.grasso@kingcounty.gov) with questions.
- Recycling Mercury-Containing Lights – ESSB 5543 – The next steps include participating in WSDOE rule-making process in 2011. Contact Lauren Cole (206-296-4363 or lauren.cole@kingcounty.gov) with questions.
- Paint – LHWMP continues monitoring the Oregon Paint Product Stewardship program. (<http://www.deq.state.or.us/lq/sw/prodstewardship/OregonPaintCareUpdateLocalGovts.pdf>) Contact Abby Gayle Boudouris (503-229-6108 or boudouris.abby@deq.state.or.us) for more information about Oregon’s program. The Northwest Product Stewardship Council paint subcommittee is discussing potential timelines for paint legislation in Washington. Contact Lauren Cole (206-296-4363 or lauren.cole@kingcounty.gov) for more information about that effort.
- Carpet –The “Establishing Carpet Processing Capacity and End Markets for Recovered Material” document is available at <http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/linkup/documents/carpet-recycling-strategy.pdf>

Membership – SWAC terms for Tim Crosby, Hilary King, Suellen Mele, Philipp Schmidt-Pathmann, and Bill Ziegler end September 30, 2010. Members interested in being re-appointed should let Diane Yates know. Joe Tessier is retiring. SWAC and the Solid Waste Division recognized him for his nine years of service on the committee.

SWAC Retreat: Review retreat agenda

SWAC agreed by general consent to change the start time of the retreat from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The purpose of the retreat is to review the authority documents related to SWAC and have a basic training on Robert’s Rules. The retreat is not a formal SWAC meeting and is only open to SWAC members. Sindelar moved that

“Those who are in the process of being approved to SWAC, pending a positive interview, would be approved to attend the retreat.”

The motion passed by general consent. Kevin Kiernan, Diane Yates and Kathy Hashagen will also attend the retreat at SWAC’s request.

Factoria Recycling and Transfer Station Facility Master Plan

The Solid Waste Transfer and Waste Management Plan approved by the King County Council in 2007 included a plan to renovate the aging transfer system. The Shoreline Recycling and Transfer Station (RTS) has been updated, construction is underway at Bow Lake and Factoria

is next. The new Factoria RTS will be constructed at the same site which has been expanded with the purchase of two adjacent parcels. The station will remain open during construction.

After considering the goals of the project and site constraints, two options were presented and well received at a public meeting on May 12th. Both options include a transfer building about three times the size of the existing facility, increased space for recycling and household hazardous waste services, a flat tipping floor, and a traffic pattern where customers enter and leave on NE 32th and transfer vehicles access and leave the site on NE 30th.

SWD expects to submit the Factoria RTS Facility Master Plan to the King County Council for approval late in 2010. Environmental review, facility design, permitting and procurement are expected to be completed late in 2012. Construction is anticipated to begin mid 2013 with the new station opening in 2015.

The website for the Factoria Recycling and Transfer Station Replacement Project is <http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/facilities/factoria-replacement-project.asp> The PowerPoint presentation from this meeting is available at http://your.kingcounty.gov/extranet/dnrp/swd/MSWMAC_&_SWAC/SWAC-FactoriaTransferStation_PPT_FINAL_05.21.10.pdf.

Recycle More

“Recycle More/Recycle Food” is a regional recycling education campaign which began in 2006. The campaign’s goal is to increase recycling rates with an emphasis on single family residences in areas of King County with current recycling rates of less than 35 percent (not including yard waste.)

Though multi-family housing is growing as a percentage of total households, the challenges of dealing jointly with owners, property managers, and residents makes it difficult to influence behavior. SWD determined to allocate resources to single family homes because there is an opportunity for significant improvement and a greater likelihood of success at this time.

The campaign components include purchased media, earned media events, retail partnerships, partnerships with cities, community event education, outreach in collaboration with haulers and extensive web site support. More information about the “Recycle More/Recycle Food” campaign is available at www.kingcounty.gov/recyclemore. A copy of the presentation used at this meeting is available at http://your.kingcounty.gov/extranet/dnrp/swd/MSWMAC_&_SWAC/SWAC_KC_Food_Waste_Presentation_05.21.10.pdf.

Open Forum

Schmidt-Pathmann suggested an article entitled “Covanta offers free medicine disposal to municipalities” from the April 26, 2010 issue of Waste Recycling News may be of interest to members. Yates will forward a copy of the article to SWAC members.