

King County Solid Waste Advisory Committee

November 16, 2012 - 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

King Street Center 8th Floor Conference Room

Next SWAC meeting – January 18, 2013 - 9:30-11:30

Meeting Minutes

| <u>Members Present</u> | <u>King County Staff</u> | <u>Others</u> |
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| David Baker | Jeff Gaisford | Signe Gilson |
| Jerry Bartlett | Kathy Hashagen | Preston Horne Brine |
| William Beck | Beth Humphreys | Keith Livingston |
| Bob Dixon | Kevin Kiernan | Doreen Booth |
| Steve Gerritson | Laila McClinton | |
| Sean Green | Grace Reamer | |
| Suellen Mele | Thea Severn | |
| Philipp Schmidt-Pathmann | Kathy Wright | |
| Stephen Strader | Diane Yates | |
| Bill Ziegler | | |

Approve October Meeting Minutes; Review Agenda

Action Item: October meeting minutes were approved as written

Updates

SWD

King County expects to send a draft ILA to the cities December 10. The intent is that the cities make decisions about adoption not later than early Feb 2013. The draft ILA is the result of collaborative efforts of County and Cities representatives.

The SEPA public comment period for South County Transfer Station siting will end on November 30, 2012. More information about the project is available [here](#).

King County Council approved the SWD budget consistent with the adopted rate. A proviso to the budget requires a report related to SWAC.

“...The report shall describe the solid waste advisory committee’s accomplishments in 2011 and 2012 and the solid waste advisory committee’s work plan or goals for 2013 and 2014. The report shall also describe the research and analysis being conducted regarding strategies and options for waste disposal after the closure of the Cedar Hills landfill.”

The division is looking at work processes and will be providing a simplified version of meeting notes.

MSWMAC

The group received an update on South County Recycling and Transfer Station siting and discussed ILA progress and scheduling

Other

Shannon McClelland from WSDOE will be hosting a discussion of co-mingled recycling in the NW Region similar to that which occurred for southwest Mele will ask that SWAC members be invited.

State Legislation Preview

Preparations for the 2013 Legislative session have begun. At this point three pieces of proposed legislation are of immediate interest to the division.

Paint – This effort is supported by the American Coating Association and would increase the number of locations accepting latex and oil based paints for recycling.

Rechargeable batteries – This legislation would make it mandatory for all rechargeable battery producers to provide funds for/participate in rechargeable battery product stewardship. Currently, participation is voluntary. This legislation would spread the recycling cost across the industry.

Mercury containing lighting – This effort revises the financing provisions in the previously passed product stewardship legislation.

Emergency Planning

Emergency response is part of the division's mission. The division's primary role in emergencies is to maintain operations and to plan for debris management. Division resources are available for other agencies when needed.

Additional information for emergency preparedness is available at the following links.

<http://www.takewinterbystorm.org>

<http://www.makeitthrough.org>

Waste Conversion Technology

SWAC received a presentation about converting non-recyclable plastics to fuel which is one of the conversion technologies being tracked by the division. Evaluating conversion technologies has many facets including economics, technology and regulation. A copy of the presentation is available [here](#).

Open Forum

The California Air Resources Board has exempted WTE facilities from the obligation to purchase CO₂ emissions allowances under California's cap-and-trade program in response to CalRecycle's analysis which concluded that WTE reduces net GHG emissions relative to landfilling. A link to their analysis is available [here](#).

Germany's central federal authority on environmental matters has stated that biodegradable plastic packaging is no better than common plastics. A press release containing more information and other links is available [here](#).