

**King County Solid Waste Advisory Committee
 July 19, 2013 - 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
 King Street Center 8th Floor Conference Room**

Meeting Minutes

<u>Members Present</u>	<u>King County Staff</u>	<u>Others</u>
April Atwood	Gemma Alexander	Elly Bunzendahl
David Baker	Kathy Hashagen	Doreen Booth
Jerry Bartlett	Kevin Kiernan	Aaron Lawhead
Bill Beck	Ross Marzolf	
Joe Casalini	Laila McClinton	
Bob Dixon	Pat McLaughlin	
Jean Garber	Victor Okereke	
Steve Gerritson	Thea Severn	
Keith Livingston	Diane Yates	
Craig Lorch		
Jose Lugo		
Joan McGilton		
Suellen Mele		
Philipp Schmidt-Pathmann		

Approve June Meeting Minutes; Review Agenda

Action Item: The June minutes were approved as written. There were no changes to the agenda.

Updates

SWD

The division hosted a community information meeting July 11 regarding the EIS underway for the South County Recycling and Transfer Station (RTS). The meeting was well attended and included comments from Mayor Hill of Algona, Mayor Lewis and Councilmember Pelosa of Auburn and other stakeholders. Attendees deemed the meeting to be of value. SWD will host another event prior to the release of the draft EIS. All three sites and the no action alternative continue to be considered in the EIS process.

June 13, the division issued the RFP for the Sustainable Solid Waste Management Study. Proposals were due July 11 and four have been received by Procurement. The division expects a consultant will be selected by the end of July.

July 8, the King County Council approved [Ordinance 17619](#), which included a Proviso calling for an expenditure restriction of \$750,000 on the Factoria RTS project until a review of the [2006 Solid Waste Transfer and Waste Management Plan](#) has been completed. The ordinance requires stakeholder involvement in the review.

MSWMAC

MSWMAC provided input on the Solid Waste Transfer and Waste Management (transfer plan) review and discussed progress on financial policies.

Transfer Plan Review – Process and Timeline

Ordinance 17619 approved on July 8 by the King County Council requires the division to complete a review of the transfer plan and submit a draft report showing the results by October 9. The division, together with Joe Casalini – Chair of SWAC, Chris Eggen – Chair of MSWMAC, and Deanna Dawson the Executive Director of the Sound Cities Association agreed to a method to accomplish that task.

Because of time constraints, the transfer plan review will be focused. At a minimum the review will include all of the issues identified in ordinance as well as key issues that have the most potential to impact costs of the remaining planned facilities. Meetings are planned at the Mercer Island Community Center July 26, August 22 and September 27. SWAC, MSWMAC, other cities that are part of the system but not members of MSWMAC, Council staff, Executive Staff, Deanna Dawson from the SCA and others will be invited to attend.

Comments included:

- It would be valuable to send the agenda and materials out a week in advance.
- A strong chair or very good facilitator will be needed for success in workshops like these.
- When appropriate, uses matrices to draw comparisons between alternatives.
- All of the commercial haulers that use the system have been invited to attend.
- Add to the guiding principles that the outcome must be consistent with sound financial and environmental stewardship and must include a product life cycle analysis. Ensure materials recovery and other options to extend the life of materials are considered.
- Consider finding a way for the citizens to be directly involved.
- Find a way to increase material recovery in the new transfer stations.
- Impacts on costs as well as service and the environment will be part of the review.
- Long term capacity should also be considered. It is important that the system be flexible.

Members were reminded that additional self-haul information is available in chapter 4 of the [October 2012 Waste Characterization Study](#). Alternative disposal options will be reviewed in the Sustainable Solid Waste Management Study.

Bylaws: Addition of Language on Parliamentary Authority

A motion to add the following language to SWAC bylaws passed unanimously.

Rules of Procedures for Meetings: When invoked, meetings of the SWAC and/or subcommittees shall be conducted in accordance with the most current issues of Robert's Rules of Order, except where such are in conflict with the Bylaws, whereupon the latter shall govern over said Rules of Order.

Open Forum

Garber toured the [Thee Mile Canyon Farms](#), a bio-digestion facility in Oregon that specializes in manure handling. She noted that the system is complex and self-sustaining. The facility leader

wondered aloud why food waste would be removed from landfills saying that they are perfect anaerobic digesters.

Schmidt-Pathmann said that composted food waste could be used to replenish soils. He stated that it is important to encourage the least amount of activity in landfills.

New members Jose' Lugo and April Atwood introduced themselves.