

**King County Solid Waste Advisory Committee
 October 18, 2013 - 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
 King Street Center 7th Floor Conference Room 7044-7045**

Meeting Minutes

<u>Members Present</u>	<u>King County Staff</u>	<u>Others</u>
April Atwood	Gemma Alexander	Doreen Booth
David Baker	Kris Beatty	Cindy Flanagan
Jerry Bartlett	Meagan Eliot	Signe Gilson
Bill Beck	Neil Fujii	Marie-Anne Harkness
Jean Garber	Jeff Gaisford	Aaron Lawhead
Steve Gerritson	Kathy Hashagen	Dwight Miller
Keith Livingston	Lisa Huntley	Thomas Wray
Jose Lugo	Ross Marzolf	
Joan McGilton	Laila McClinton	
Suellen Mele	Pat McLaughlin	
Philipp Schmidt-Pathmann	Bill Reed	
Stephen Strader	Alexander Rist	
	Diane Yates	

Approve September Meeting Minutes; Review Agenda

The September minutes were approved as written. There were no changes to the agenda.

Updates

SWD

The Grand Opening for the Bow Lake Recycling and Transfer Station was on Oct. 8th. Executive Constantine, Tukwila Mayor Jim Haggerton, and SWD Director Pat McLaughlin spoke to a crowd of 125 people, including city elected officials and/or staff from Auburn, Des Moines, Federal Way, Kirkland, Lake Forest Park, Normandy Park, Renton, and Tukwila.

Event tours included the newly opened recycling area, the public tip floor, the public art, and the automated traffic management system. The tour highlighted the station’s numerous LEED features such as the rainwater collection system, recycled structural steel, asphalt paving made from 3,900 tons of recycled asphalt shingles, skylights and translucent panels that reduce energy needs, recycled glass in the public art, and solar panels on the roof.

The project was completed on time and \$4 million under budget. It also won the Green Project of the Year for Achievement in Sustainability award from the Northwest Construction Consumer Council.

Draft Transfer Plan Review Report was released on time on October 9. Written comments are due to Diane by close of business Oct. 23. Thus far, seven comments have been received.

The annual landfill tour is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 19, 2013 from 9-10:30 a.m. This is an opportunity for our neighbors and others in the surrounding community to see how the landfill operates and to ask questions of division staff.

The semi-annual Cedar Hills Community Meeting with landfill neighbors is scheduled for October 24 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. This meeting is part of the division’s ongoing commitment to meet with landfill neighbors to discuss conditions and activities at the landfill. Representatives from Bio Energy Washington will provide an update on the landfill gas-to-energy plant.

MSWMAC

MSWMAC received a recap on the second transfer plan review workshop. They also heard about Bow Lake construction completion and recycling services.

Other

SWAC members Suellen Mele and Mathew House will no longer be serving on SWAC. The committee and the Solid Waste Division thanked them for their service and presented them with certificates of appreciation.

King County Strategic Plan Update: Presentation and Discussion

SWAC received a [presentation](#) about King County’s efforts to update the 2010 King County Strategic Plan. Input is being gathered from internal and external stakeholders. SWAC members and their networks are encouraged to provide input into the strategic plan revision. One of the primary input gathering tools is <http://www.onekingcounty.info/>

Comments included:

- Climate related issues are a significant concern. A member asked if groups interested in changes in how energy is created and used were included in the outreach.
- Consider contacting grass roots groups. Many of them are active electronically.
- Ensure the business community is contacted.

Draft Transfer Plan Report

MSWMAC received a presentation about the [Draft Transfer System Plan Review Report](#). SWAC members were encouraged to send written comments to Diane not later than October 23. Points in addition to those included in the [presentation](#) follow.

- A guest that asked why environmental aspects such as increased recycling were not included in the review. The division responded that environmental aspects were included in the review. For example, the seventy percent recycling goal was included in the tonnage forecasts which were used to evaluate alternatives.
- In response to a comment about carpet, mattresses and other bulky items, the division noted that the report identifies the standard for recycling services was set to meet recycling goals established in collaboration with SWAC & MSWMAC. This standard is presented as “Scenario 3” in the report, which includes recycling carpet, mattresses and other bulky materials. It is further noted that many of the alternatives do not achieve the services described in Scenario 3. In addition, it was noted that the division’s current efforts regarding mattresses, carpeting and asphalt shingles are toward building markets for materials recovered from those items and encouraging recycling options for residents and businesses.

- The new transfer stations will allow flexibility in handling new materials.
- Roadside dumping concerns were considered in the division's recommendations.
- The division's recommendation includes the closure of the Renton Transfer Station but it does so while providing new capacity in the system.
- SWAC member McGilton complimented the division on the transfer plan workshops saying that at the end of the third workshop sufficient information had been shared to understand the decision on the table. She fully supports the base plan.
- A guest requested that the comment period for the plan be extended because some stakeholder groups do not meet during the comment period.
- The comment period is constrained by the timeframe in the ordinance. In addition, the ordinance limits the resources that can be spent on the Factoria project until the plan is approved by Council. Because the first part of the Factoria construction is weather sensitive, a short delay could set the project timeline back to the next construction season. That would result in cost increases and perhaps permitting difficulties.
- SWAC and SCA member Baker said the division has done a tremendous job in keeping people informed and seeking input.

Carpet Recycling Update

A carpet recycling webinar discussing the progress of the markets and product stewardship is scheduled for November 4. SWAC members received an email invitation at their King County email addresses and are encouraged to take advantage of the webinar.

Open Forum

Zero Waste Washington is beginning work on community sponsored sharing libraries. These libraries would lend different types of items like tools, children's toys, kitchen equipment etc. Funding is available and the first effort is hoped to be in a marginalized or low income community.