

**King County Solid Waste Advisory Committee
 October 17, 2014 - 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.
 King Street Center 8th Floor Conference Center**

Meeting Minutes

<u>Members Present</u>	<u>King County Staff</u>	<u>Others</u>
Jerry Bartlett	Lisa Brandt	Doreen Booth
Elly Bunzendahl	Ann Berrysmith	
Jean Garber	Anna Fleming	
Steve Gerritson	Jeff Gaisford	
Stacia Jenkins	Kathy Hashagen	
Philipp Schmidt-Pathmann	Beth Humphreys	
Thomas Wray	Matt Manguso	
Bill Ziegler	Ross Marzolf	
	Laila McClinton	
	Thea Severn	
	Diane Yates	

Approve Meeting Minutes; Review Agenda

No action was taken on the minutes due to the lack of a quorum.

Updates

SWD

Yates distributed materials about the Open Public meetings Act and the King County Code of Ethics. Members were reminded that compliance with public records requests would have less impact on members if communication related to SWAC was completed using the email account provided by King County. Yates will send members information about accessing those accounts.

SWD will host a community meeting to discuss landfill activities on Oct. 22 at the King County Library Service Center in Issaquah. On October 25, the division will give a tour of the landfill to interested local residents.

SWD will receive Washington Asphalt Pavement Association’s *2014 Special or Innovative Use Award* in recognition of SWD’s use of recycled asphalt shingles on the Bow Lake Recycling and Transfer Station project.

Engineering News Record announced the Bow Lake Recycling and Transfer Station Project as a finalist in its “2014 Best Projects” competition. The *Record* will be publishing a special edition in early Dec. highlighting the project. An award ceremony will take place Dec. 5 in Seattle.

On September 30, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals issued a decision upholding Alameda County’s Safe Drug Disposal Ordinance. The court rejected the pharmaceutical industry

association's arguments that the county-level producer responsibility law for medicine take back violates the Constitution's Commerce Clause. Implementation of the King County program had been put on hold pending this decision and will begin soon.

Approximately 5,100 residents and businesses received the first "Neighbor Newsletter" informing them about the replacement of the 50-year-old Factoria Transfer Station in Bellevue. To fully engage the public, the newsletter was issued in four languages. SWD and Bellevue are working collaboratively to provide up-to-date information on the project, including directing the public to the project's website: <http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/facilities/factoria-replacement-project.asp>.

In late September, SWD organized the King County Green Tools Roundtable, a training event developed by the division to discuss historic preservation, sustainability planning, and economic development. In addition, Division Director Pat D. McLaughlin discussed the importance of reducing construction and demolition waste during his opening remarks at the Built Green Annual Conference. In total, the two events saw more than 100 attendees.

On September 17 the division's LinkUp Program hosted its second Mattress Recycling Summit. Almost fifty participants from Puget Sound area, as well as California, Oregon, and British Columbia from the retail, recycling, reuse, and collection industries and government agencies attended. Participants expressed a strong interest in a state-wide stewardship program.

In accordance with SWAC Discussion Guidelines, Schmidt-Pathmann proposed to present information at an upcoming SWAC meeting on the topic of Waste to Energy (WTE). The presentation would discuss, "What is WTE? What WTE technologies are on the market? What are some of the known benefits and drawbacks?" The presentation would be no longer than fifteen minutes and would include five minutes for questions and answers.

Schmidt-Pathmann stated that he has extensive knowledge regarding the topic. He said that though he has not been affiliated with any WTE technology for the past four years, he has been involved in WTE processes in the past with the City of Los Angeles, The City of Vancouver, the Maryland Port Authority, Durham York – Canada, the County of Hawaii and others. He noted that the topic is particularly timely given SWACs involvement in revising the comp plan since treatment technologies are being considered as part of the plan. No action was taken due to a lack of a quorum.

Schmidt-Pathmann participated in discussions with the Newcastle City Commissioners about including language about waste in their comprehensive plan.

MSWMAC

SWAC and MSWMAC Liaison Stacia Jenkins gave the MSWMAC update. MSWMAC had a similar agenda to SWACs. In addition, MSWMAC began discussions regarding their bylaws and came to a consensus that the definition of quorum would remain the same.

Transfer Plan Review

SWAC Chair Garber provided a summary of the September 26 Transfer Plan Review Part 2 Committee meeting.

SWD staff made two presentations to the committee at the September meeting. First, they presented a matrix showing eighteen questions that need to be answered to further explore the alternatives recommended in the Transfer Plan Review Final Report. For each question, the matrix also identifies the data that needs to be collected and analyzed to answer the questions.

Garber encouraged SWAC members to go to the Transfer Plan Advisory Committee website, and look at the [matrix](#). The questions focus on the impacts of various demand management strategies, as well as the impacts of building or not building the Northeast Recycling and Transfer Station, and of closing or not closing the Renton facility. The amount of data that needs to be collected and analyzed to answer these questions is rather daunting, so it's not surprising that the October committee meeting was delayed until the end of the month.

The second [presentation](#), also available on the committee website, was on a Traffic and Service Time study currently underway. The division is working with the Transpo Group and URS to perform traffic studies at the recycling and transfer stations. The data collection is part manual, supplemented with cameras to observe traffic circulation and tubes for measuring traffic volumes. In addition, customers will be asked to complete questionnaires about their use of the recycling and transfer stations.

Results of these studies will indicate where changes may increase capacity; under what circumstances a site would exceed capacity; and potential neighborhood impacts. On-site work for the studies was planned for September, with initial data analysis in October.

Committee members had questions and comments on both presentations that will be reflected in the [meeting minutes](#) which will also be available on the committee website.

2015/2016 Budget Preview

Berrysmith distributed a [2015/2016 Proposed Budget Summary](#), noting that it is in a different format than previous summaries because the County is completing a transition to a two year budget cycle. When discussing revenues, Brandt said:

- The budget was written assuming a one percent increase in tonnage each year with no rate increase which is why revenue remains essentially flat.
- The decrease in recycling revenues reflects a change in contracting relationships. Because of that change, beginning in 2015 the division will receive the net of the value of the materials received and the cost of transportation for materials other than scrap metal. Previously, recycling revenues showed in the revenues section of the budget and transportation costs were shown under recycling in the expenditures section of the budget.
- The increase in grants reflects an additional grant received from the EPA to support [Brownfields](#) work.
- Landfill Gas to Energy revenues decreased because only the revenue from the sale of gas to BEW is reflected. Revenue from the sale of greenhouse gas credits is unpredictable, and unlike previous years is no longer included in the budget.
- Harbor Island rent revenues decrease in 2015 and increase in 2016. During the 2015/16 biennium, the division plans to lease the entire site to a single tenant. The rent decrease

is related to the transition in property management. We expect rental revenues to increase in the 2017/18 biennium.

- CDL revenue begins with a partial year in 2015 when the existing CDL contract expires in the third quarter of 2014. Revenue from certified facilities is based on \$4.25 per ton on disposed construction and demolition materials.

When discussing expenditures, Berrysmith reminded members that the budget being discussed is only proposed and is being discussed with Council. She made the following comments about the revenue in the proposed budget.

- The increase in debt service is in support of the ongoing capital program.
- The Capital Equipment Replacement Fund amount has been lowered because the division plans more repairs than purchases during these years.
- The contribution to the Landfill Reserve Fund has been lowered because the forecasted life of the landfill has been extended and there is more time to collect the required funds.
- Circumstances have improved sufficiently to allow the division to contribute to the Construction Fund which funds part of the capital program and allows the division to lower debt service.
- The Recycling and Planning and Communications Section's expenditures increased to fund consultant services, some of which are in support of the projects identified in the Sustainable Solid Waste Management Study.
- Finance and Administration expenditures increased to allow the division to upgrade the point of sale/cashiering system.
- Shop Operations expenditures increased due to a "catch up" on maintenance that was deferred during the Great Recession.
- Transfer Station expenditures increased to support the expanded resource recovery program.

Comments included:

- The county's budget process is not amenable to showing the net costs of the materials recovery program. In addition, avoided costs are difficult to quantify. Previous county efforts to move towards activity based budgeting have not been successful.
- The proposed budget assumes that the station hours of operation will not change during the biennium.
- Cedar Hills' disposal budget decreased because the rent on Cedar Hills decreased as a result of an updated appraisal.
- More information about recycling, program costs and methods to reach the 70% goal will be discussed with SWAC as part of the comp plan process.
- Transfers to other King County departments and divisions are almost exclusively limited to overhead costs. Some exceptions include payment for wastewater processing costs and transfers to Roads for striping services.

Budget deliberations are underway. More information is available on the Executive's [Planning, Strategy and Budget website](#).

Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan

Previously, the division suggested that each month members would receive a copy of the chapter from the 2013 draft comp plan that would be discussed along with a one page list of changes that were expected to be made in that chapter. MSWMAC asked that instead they be

sent a red-lined version. After discussion, SWAC agreed that a red-lined version would be more useful. Severn recommended that members glance through the [2013 draft comp plan](#) and familiarize themselves with the content.

Comments included:

- Consider adding a section showing how King County compares with other regional, national, and international waste management organizations.
- This comp plan is specifically for the upcoming six years during which time both ILAs will still be in effect.
- The division will provide a “cross walk” between the draft being discussed and previous plans.
- Consider adding a reference to the Green Building Ordinance in regional authorities and roles.
- Ensure that information about how the division works with a broad range of individuals, agencies and companies is included in an appropriate comp plan section. Make a particular effort to engage businesses in recycling conversations.
- Regional authorities participate in the planning process through MSWMAC. In addition, division staff offers to attend city meetings, puts articles in cities newsletters, and provides briefings upon request. Additionally, division leadership visits city leaders on a regular basis.
- The environmental component is a fundamental part of the planning process.
- Consider adding cross checks of data received from collection companies; particularly related to single and multi-family recycling.
- Ask cities to provide specific examples of what they have done to address climate change so that portion of the plan is not solely focused on King County efforts.
- Consider using graphics to show climate priorities. Ensure the largest impacts are shown first. Identify the models used for climate calculations.

Open Forum

There was no Open Forum.