

**King County Solid Waste Advisory Committee
November 21, 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>
April Atwood	Anna Fleming	Doreen Booth
Jerry Bartlett	Kathy Hashagen	Gib Dammann
Elly Bunzendahl	Beth Humphreys	Ross Marzolf
Jean Garber	Kevin Kiernan	
Steve Gerritson	Laila McClinton	
Stacia Jenkins	Thea Severn	
Keith Livingston	Diane Yates	
Craig Lorch		
Philipp Schmidt-Pathmann		
Stephen Strader		
Thomas Wray		
Bill Ziegler		

Approve Meeting Minutes; Review Agenda

The September SWAC minutes were approved as written.

The attendance for the October SWAC minutes was revised to show that member April Atwood was not in attendance. The October minutes were approved as amended.

Updates

SWD

The division will be undergoing an internal reorganization. More specifics will be provided over the coming months.

To thank SWAC members for their service on the committee, the division offered to provide a holiday lunch at next month's meeting. A majority expressed their interest in the lunch. Instead of a break, a 30-minute lunch will follow the meeting.

The first workshop of the Transfer Plan Review Part 2 had 53 attendees on Nov. 17, including County Council staff members, city elected officials and staff members, and interested citizens. The workshop included a review of the methodology for traffic and environmental studies. A second workshop to present results of the analysis will be held in January 2015. SWD is on track to transmit a draft report, as required by Council Motion 14145, in the first quarter of 2015.

On Nov. 17, SWD launched an online Transfer Station User Survey to gather data about how and why self-haul customers use King County transfer stations. The survey focuses on the Factoria, Houghton, and Renton transfer stations. Results collected from the survey will inform the analysis that is currently underway regarding transfer system planning.

The division received 76,080 tons in October, a 3.6 percent increase from the same time last year. This tonnage increase is a continuing trend the division has seen in 2014. About half of the 3.6 percent increase was received at the Shoreline station from Seattle residents. The rest of the increased tonnage went to the Houghton and Factoria transfer stations.

On Oct. 8, Lean teacher Iwanami Sensei visited the Bow Lake Transfer and Recycling Station to tour the facility, ask questions, and make suggestions on how the division can help implement Lean. Sensei Iwanami has been working with the Seattle Children's Hospital through Enna, a Lean training organization.

SWD, in conjunction with Seattle Public Utilities, Zero Waste Washington, and the Washington State Department of Ecology, hosted a carpet recycling stakeholder meeting and webinar on Oct. 16. The goal of the meeting was to understand how the state can increase carpet recycling. The exchange of information will serve as the foundation for involving more stakeholders.

SWD-funded cleanup crews removed more than five tons of illegally-dumped materials from a hillside in unincorporated King County near Algona. The largest item removed was a demolished Chevy S-10 pickup truck, which went to a recycling facility. Other trash included mattresses, furniture, insulation from a wire-stripping/metal salvage operation, and old tires. Following cleanup of the site, King County Roads placed concrete blocks across the driveway to keep illegal dumpers out.

In September, 40 King County residents took part in the Food: Too Good To Waste Program and were challenged to reduce the amount of food wasted each week. The average food waste reduction was 16 percent, and one resident achieved a 77 percent decrease. The Seattle Globalist took notice of the program and featured a couple participants:
<http://www.seattleglobalist.com/2014/10/16/food-waste-addiction-northwest-families/29596>

SWD has nearly completed its 2014 scope of work of recycling education for English and Spanish-language residents. The "One Less Bag Challenge," which asks residents to vow to recycle more and compost food scraps, reached 204 percent of its initial pledge goal. The community event for the Master Recycling Composter program reached more than 13,000 King County residents, and Recicla Mas, the Facilitadores de Reciclaje (facilitators of recycling), talked to about 1,200 Spanish-speaking residents and handed out essential recycling tools and kits. The "Recycle More" retail partnership with Bartell Drugs, City of Seattle, and Biobag saw a 45 percent increase in the sale of compostable bags and food scrap composting containers.

MSWMAC

SWAC and MSWMAC Liaison Stacia Jenkins gave the MSWMAC update. MSWMAC finished revising its bylaws, which included maintaining the definition of a quorum as a majority of

members. The quorum was lost at the end of the meeting, however, so the committee could not approve the revised bylaws.

Transfer Plan Review: Update

Chair Garber provided an update to the Transfer Plan Review process, with a summary of the October 31 Transfer Plan Review Committee meeting and the November 17 workshop. Members requested a copy of her summary, which is appended.

Severn noted that the Transfer Plan Advisory Committee will meet after the December SWAC meeting and holiday lunch.

Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan

Severn presented the revised [redline version of Chapter 2: Planning](#) for final review. Comments from the first review at the October SWAC and MSWMAC meetings were taken into account. There are a number of placeholders that will be updated as studies are completed and more information becomes available. Comments included:

- Consider calling out the specific responsibilities related to “planning for solid waste” that are left to cities that have not signed the Amended and Restated ILA.
- Consider adding a statement about the potential impacts on the division if cities were to sign the Amended and Restated ILA at a later time.
- Members requested additional information about the [King County Cities Climate Collaboration](#).
- Consider including a statement about the division’s Product Families (Waste Prevention, Resource Recovery, and Waste Disposal) in the Additional Planning Considerations Section.
- Some discussion of emergency planning in light of climate change issues may be added. Emergency transfer and disposal plans are also addressed in the Transfer System and Disposal chapters. It was noted that the new King County transfer stations are designed to meet FEMA immediate occupancy standards.
- Cities are responsible for their own emergency planning, which includes identifying their own temporary debris management sites. King County can provide Arc GIS as a planning tool to help cities identify the most vulnerable areas and potential debris management and/or neighborhood collection sites.
- A member pointed out the importance of phasing out the use of “waste management.” The member suggested replacing it with “sustainable resource management.”
- Discussion of the division’s resource recovery efforts will be included in the Waste Prevention and Recycling chapter.
- Consider including power outages and maintenance in the emergency management plan.
- Consider including a more comprehensive statement about the division’s efforts to prepare for potential climate change impacts, rather than a couple of examples.
- Consider including a note in the Climate Change section that alternatives to landfilling are covered in other chapters.

The comments provided will be considered for inclusion in the Draft Comp Plan, which is anticipated to be complete in September 2015.

Severn presented [updates anticipated for Chapter 7](#): Finance for review by SWAC for the first time. The policies were drafted by the Financial Policies subcommittee. Comments included:

- Consider switching the order of FIN-8 and FIN-9. This would introduce the idea of customer classes before mentioning how fees relate to customer classes.
- FIN-14 only provides the possibility of creating an Environmental Reserve Fund. It has not been established yet. MSWMAC will begin discussion in 2015.
- King County policy defines the length of time of the rainy day fund; it is not determined by any risk analysis studies.
- In the case of superfund action, King County would be able to access records of tonnage that has come from each city and some large businesses to identify major contributors.
- Consider adding “encouraging recycling” to FIN-6: “Keep tipping fees as low as reasonable, while covering the costs of effectively managing the system, protecting the environment, and providing service to customers.”
- A member recommended retaining the second sentence of FIN-16 in the policies as opposed to including it in the text of the chapter.
- The cost savings of waste prevention programs will be included in Disposal chapter.
- Consider mentioning potential future revenue sources, such as a carbon credit fee, associated with sending less garbage to the landfill.
- C&D surcharge enforcement procedures will be included in the Collection and Processing Chapter.
- Consider making it clear that the division is not locked into a \$4.25 per ton surcharge for C&D.
- A member requested that a Table of Contents of the chapter under review be included in the future.
- Members may share suggested language with the division.

2015 Work Plan: Review and Action

The 2015 Work Plan was approved as written.

Open Forum

Philipp Schmidt-Pathmann motioned to make an informational presentation to SWAC on waste-to-energy technology. The motion was approved unanimously.

A member requested an update on the [GreenTools program](#) from Jeff Gaisford at a future meeting.