

**Solid Waste Interjurisdictional Technical Staff Work Group**  
**Approved June 28, 2007**  
**King Street Center**

**Meeting Attendees:**

City Staff:

Sharon Hlavka – City of Auburn  
Joyce Nichols – City of Bellevue  
Debbie Anspaugh – City of Bothell  
Linda Knight – City of Renton  
Amy Ensminger – City of Woodinville

County Staff:

Gemma Alexander – SWD  
Jennifer Broadus – SWD  
Jane Gateley – SWD  
Jeff Gaisford – SWD  
Kevin Kiernan – SWD  
Thea Severn – SWD  
Shirley Jurgensen – SWD  
Diane Yates – SWD

**I. Review Agenda and Minutes**

Everyone present introduced themselves. Debbie Anspaugh volunteered to give the June ITSG update to MSWMAC.

**II. SWD Updates**

Engineering Services Manager Kevin Kiernan reported that the in-sourcing of recyclables hauling proposal was heard by the Operating Budget committee and no decision was made pending further study.

The first landfill gas to energy briefing with the council went well. Another briefing is scheduled for July 9<sup>th</sup>.

The rate proposal is on the agenda for the July 9<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

The division distributed comments on the draft Conversion Technologies Report from Susan Fife-Ferris. During the course of the division's internal review of the report, an error was found in the use of the discount rate. The correction will result in a slight increase in the capital cost of the waste conversion technologies alternatives.

**III. Transfer System: Rural Level of Service: Presentation and Discussion**

Transfer and Transport Operations Manager Thea Severn gave a presentation on the Transfer System Rural Level of Service. This presentation can be viewed at:

<http://www.metrokc.gov/extranet/dnrp/swd/ITSGRURALLOS062807.ppt>

ITSG discussed the current rural transfer stations and what services are provided at these facilities. Curbside recycling is available and utilized countywide with the exception of Vashon Island, where service is available but not heavily used. Vashon residents tend to compost their yardwaste, while the recyclables are accepted at the transfer station. Because it is on an island, waste not usually accepted at a transfer station is taken at the Vashon Island station. Severn said that special clearance is required for some of this waste. Waste from Vashon goes directly to Cedar Hills Landfill in sealed containers due to ferry regulations.

ITSG noted that rural level of service is an important discussion point for the unincorporated King County jurisdictions. Severn stated that it will be presented to the Unincorporated Area Council (UAC).

Severn gave the sequence of transfer station capital projects and closures. After 1<sup>st</sup> NE Transfer Station reopens, Bow Lake will be rebuilt, followed by Factoria. Because no transfer stations need to be closed in order for the new Northeast Lake Washington and South County transfer stations to be built, they can proceed on a parallel timeline. Houghton Transfer Station will remain open until the new Northeast Lake Washington Transfer Station is completed in approximately ten years.

In the fall, self haul level of service and transfer station recycling will be discussed together because they are closely intertwined.

Severn stated that the 1<sup>st</sup> NE Transfer Station will pilot some new services. Because of the flat floor design of the station, transfer employees will be able to recover some recyclables. Severn stated that 1<sup>st</sup> NE Transfer Station will take the following recyclables:

- Curbside mix – glass separated by color,
- Sorted papers – newspapers and cardboard will be bailed separately from office paper to ensure a more valuable market product,
- Scrap metal,
- Household generated sharps,
- Compact fluorescent lights and tubes,
- Organics, including yard waste and food scraps,
- Televisions for a fee till 2009. The fees will be similar to fees of a recycling event,
- Cellphones and batteries, and
- Reusable building materials exchange on a periodic basis.

ITSG members commented that promotion and education will need to be done for the separation of colored glass. Severn agreed, stating that information will be published before the station re-opens, and there will be extensive signage on the site.

The City of Shoreline asked to change the name of the 1<sup>st</sup> NE station because it is no longer on 1<sup>st</sup> NE. The new proposed name is the Shoreline Transfer and Recycling Station.

ITSG recommended that the map presented in the handout should be in color when presented to MSWMAC. The division agreed.

### **Next Steps**

MSWMAC's July agenda includes the Conversion Technologies discussion, third party review, ITSG legislation, and rural level of service.

The next ITSG meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 22<sup>nd</sup>.