

**KING COUNTY METROPOLITAN SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**February 9, 2007**

**11:45 – 2:00 p.m.**

**King Street Center, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Center**

**Approved Minutes**

Members in Attendance

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Title</u>
Sharon Hlavka	City of Auburn	Solid Waste Supervisor
Bill Peloza	City of Auburn	Councilmember
Alison Bennett	City of Bellevue	Utilities Policy Advisor
Susan Fife-Ferris	City of Bellevue	Conservation and Outreach Program Mgr.
Rob Van Orsow	City of Federal Way	Solid Waste and Recycling Coordinator
Elaine Borjeson	City of Kirkland	Solid Waste Coordinator
Jessica Greenway	City of Kirkland	Councilmember
Carolyn Armanini	City of Lake Forest Park	City Representative
Jean Garber	City of Newcastle	Mayor
Nina Rivkin	City of Redmond	Senior Policy Analyst
Jon Spangler	City of Redmond	Natural Resources Division Manager
Linda Knight	City of Renton	Solid Waste Coordinator
Rika Cecil	City of Shoreline	Environmental Programs Coordinator
Frank Iriarte	City of Tukwila	Deputy Public Works Director

Others in Attendance

Solid Waste Division

**Theresa Jennings, Solid Waste Division Director**

**Kevin Kiernan, Engineering Services Manager**

**Brad Bell, Landfill Operations Manager**

**Diane Yates, Intergovernmental Relations Liaison**

**Jane Gateley, Staff**

**Kathy Hashagen, Staff**

King County Council Staff

**Mike Huddleston**

**Mike Reed**

Guests

**Erin Leonhart, City of Kirkland**

1 **Call to Order**

2 MSWMAC Chair Jean Garber called the meeting to order at 12:20. Everyone present  
3 introduced themselves.

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5 **Approve December Meeting Minutes and Review Agenda**

6 *The December minutes were approved by consensus.*

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8 **Nominations and Election of 2007 Chair and Vice Chair**

9 Garber asked Yates to conduct the nomination and election process for chair and vice  
10 chair. Yates called for nominations for chair. She said nominations do not need a  
11 second. She said she would do a role call vote and once a nominee received a majority of  
12 votes, they would be declared chair.

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14 MSWMAC member Carolyn Armanini nominated Jean Garber for chair.

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16 Hearing no other nominations, Yates declared the nominations closed and called for the  
17 votes. Having received six votes, Jean Garber was declared the chair for 2007.

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19 MSWMAC member Linda Knight nominated Jessica Greenway for vice chair.

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21 Hearing no other nominations, Yates declared the nominations closed and called for the  
22 votes. Having received six votes, Jessica Greenway was declared the vice chair for 2007.

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24 **SWD Update**

25 Division Director Theresa Jennings discussed the recent weather events and their impacts  
26 on solid waste facilities and operations. She reported that division facilities suffered no  
27 damage except for minor damage to a stormwater pond liner at the Cedar Hills Landfill.  
28 During the windstorm, three facilities – Factoria, Cedar Falls and Houghton – were  
29 closed due to access issues; either trees were down or roads were closed. The division  
30 had two free weekend events to collect yard debris from the storms and received 250  
31 tons. In comparison, the division receives approximately 1,000 tons of material on an

32 average weekend. She said the division's storm-related costs were approximately  
33 \$25,000, which was primarily for staff overtime.

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35 Jennings reported that the *Solid Waste Transfer and Waste Export System Plan* has been  
36 reintroduced at Council. The rate proposal will be retransmitted later this month along  
37 with the Bow Lake Transfer/Recycling Station Facility Master Plan.

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39 MSWMAC member Carolyn Armanini asked if funds for the Bow Lake project are tied  
40 up in the proposed rates. Jennings said that the division has funds for planning works but  
41 does not currently have funds for construction.

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#### 43 **SWAC Update**

44 MSWMAC member and SWAC Chair Carolyn Armanini reported that SWAC discussed  
45 the county's budget proviso requiring analysis of waste to energy technologies and the  
46 scope of work for the study. Armanini discussed the letter SWAC sent to the King  
47 County Council. She said the intent of the letter was to ensure that all council members  
48 were aware of the almost \$400,000 cost of the study. SWAC thought its letter might  
49 provide a springboard for MSWMAC to also weigh in with its position on the proviso  
50 requirement.

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52 Garber expressed concern that another \$100,000 could be spent responding to comments  
53 on the study.

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55 Council staff Michael Huddleston clarified the proviso language, saying Council thought  
56 it reasonable to study the viability of waste to energy technologies to help inform the  
57 update of the Comp Plan.

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#### 59 **ITSG Update**

60 Garber asked Elaine Borjeson if she had an update she wanted to give before she gave the  
61 ITSG update. Borjeson announced that she had accepted a position with the City of  
62 Bellevue and would be starting at the end of the month. She said that Erin Leonhart will  
63 attend MSWMAC meetings along with the other Kirkland members of MSWMAC.

64 MSWMAC members and Division Director Theresa Jennings thanked Elaine for her  
65 work and congratulated her on her new position. Everyone agreed that Elaine will be  
66 missed.

67 Borjeson said that ITSG has been working on the Governance Report that MSWMAC  
68 will be discussing today.

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### 70 **Third-Party Review Update**

71 Huddleston said Council has been briefed on the last two years of work on solid waste  
72 issues. They were surprised and pleased at the number of cities participating in the  
73 planning process. King County Council Chair Larry Gossett asked Huddleston to convey  
74 his appreciation of the time and energy cities have devoted to solid waste planning.

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76 Huddleston conveyed the Council's sadness at the passing of former Renton Mayor Jesse  
77 Tanner, who had been very involved in regional issues.

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79 Huddleston distributed a memo summarizing requirements for the third-party review, the  
80 list of questions for the review panel's consideration and the recommendation selecting  
81 the consulting firm that will conduct the review. He said the firm, GBB, demonstrates the  
82 required technical ability. Two members of the team do have contracts with King County,  
83 which is highlighted in the memo. There is a recommendation to add two public utility  
84 managers outside King County, perhaps from Portland, Oregon and San Bernardino,  
85 California to ensure adequate redundancy so there is no perception of a conflict of  
86 interest.

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88 In response to a question about the timeline for the third-party review, Michael Reed,  
89 King County Council Staff, said the timeline shown in the handout will be updated to  
90 show the review completed in May instead of April.

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### 92 **ITSG Governance Report**

93 Garber said she would go through the report by section and ask for questions and  
94 comments.

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96 Introduction: No comments

97 Background: No comments

98 Pages 5 to 10: SWIF: No comments

99 Pages 11 to 12: Dispute Resolution: No comments

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101 MSWMAC Vice Chair Jessica Greenway said the Governance Report is a fabulous piece  
102 of work. She said she appreciated having the time to review it and take it to the Kirkland  
103 City Council for discussion. Kirkland City Council discussed the governance report with  
104 the understanding that the City of Kirkland may be asked to sign a longer term interlocal  
105 agreement. The document gave the City Council a lot of confidence in ITSG's and  
106 MSWMAC's work, and the Council's direction to her was that the work should proceed.

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108 Garber said she also took the report to the Newcastle City Council, which voted to  
109 approve MSWMAC becoming the Solid Waste Interlocal Forum.

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111 Huddleston said four King County Council members have reviewed the draft Governance  
112 Report. Referencing page 15, lines 859-860: Host City Mitigation, he said the Council  
113 members liked the idea of changing state law so that the state Business and Occupation  
114 Tax currently paid by the division to the state can be paid to the host communities, as  
115 long as the county is not paying fees to the host communities as well.

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117 There were no other comments on the report. Chair Garber said it is an excellent report  
118 and very well written. She said she will be taking each recommendation back to her  
119 council as each option is further developed.

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121 Council staff and MSMWAC members complimented division technical writer Jane  
122 Gateley's work on the report.

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124 Greenway moved to approve the report.

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126 Armanini asked for clarification on what is being approved.

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128 Rivkin referred to the report's conclusion on page 20. She said an endorsement means the  
129 work is supported and that ITSG is directed to continue its work.

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131 Armanini said the Next Steps in the report are very broad. She said she wanted to be sure  
132 that by voting yes on this, she is not voting yes to change state law for the B&O tax.

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134 Rivkin responded that a yes vote means this option will be explored. Most of next steps  
135 are doing more work to decide if the options discussed in the report should be further  
136 explored or implemented.

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138 SWAC member Alison Bennett said she had briefed the Bellevue City Council about the  
139 report, but hadn't asked for its input on the options.

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141 Huddleston said the report is the culmination of ITSG effort per Ordinance 14971. New  
142 legislation is necessary to reauthorize ITSG.

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144 Armanini said that in the Conclusion and Next Steps sections of the report that references  
145 to "ITSG" could be deleted for now since it addresses future work to be done by ITSG.

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147 MSWMAC member Linda Knight said the report could go forward and MSWMAC could  
148 further develop the issues in the report. Then issue is how MSWMAC accomplishes the  
149 work. MSWMAC could choose a staff group to assist them.

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151 Solid Waste Division Engineering Services Manager, Kevin Kiernan said that under  
152 'Other Issues' language could be added that MSWMAC will be considering an ongoing  
153 role for ITSG.

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155 Garber asked that an item be on the March MSWMAC agenda for discussion of the role  
156 of ITSG.

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158 Garber asked for a motion that would direct staff to go through the document and remove  
159 the language referencing ITSG doing future work.

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161 Armanini moved that all references to ITSG’s future work in the Governance Report be  
162 removed.

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164 Huddleston commented that if council mandates ITSG that would ensure council staff’s  
165 continued participation.

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167 The motion passed unanimously.

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169 Garber called for the vote on the main motion – to submit the Governance Report, with  
170 approved changes, to council.

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172 The motion passed unanimously.

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174 Division staff will draft a cover letter to accompany the report. The letter will be signed  
175 by Theresa Jennings, on ITSG’s behalf. The draft letter will be emailed to ITSG for its  
176 review and approval.

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178 **Conversion Technologies Report Scope of Work**

179 Jennings commented that there have not been any studies such as this conducted around  
180 the country. Other jurisdictions are calling to ask about it.

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182 Greenway said that the Kirkland City Council discussed this work. Some council  
183 members support waste to energy and some are opposed. The council thinks the study  
184 should be done because there is interest in these technologies and because it is  
185 controversial. The council did acknowledge the need for the transfer system regardless of  
186 decisions on disposal.

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188 MSWMAC member Rob Van Orsow asked what is meant by ‘commercially applicable’  
189 on page 15, item 4.11.

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191 Kiernan responded that the text should read ‘identified commercially applicable  
192 conversion technologies.’

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194 Van Orsow asked about the lack of a reference to fly ash on page 13, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph in task  
195 4.9. Jennings said the reference is to whatever residuals there are. Kiernan said the range  
196 of residuals is addressed in 4.8.

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198 Garber asked if the study will look at energy uses and greenhouse gases of all uses. One  
199 question is whether fly ash and bottom ash need to be transported.

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201 Kiernan said that could be incorporated into study.

202 Van Orsow referred to page 4, task 4.2(2). He asked if it addresses subsidy that would be  
203 required to market energy. Kiernan referred to page 16, 4.1.2. He said project energy  
204 review is handled there.

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206 Rivkin asked for the project schedule that is listed as an attachment in the scope of work,  
207 but wasn’t provided to MSWSMAC. She said that there’s a draft report due in April, but  
208 task 1 takes 11 ½ months.

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210 Kiernan said the timeline provides for additional time for responding to questions.

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212 Jennings said the project schedule will be e-mailed to MSWMAC.

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214 Garber suggested that the regulations that apply to different conversion technologies – or  
215 at least of listing of them - be attached to the final report.

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217 **Adjourn**

218 The meeting was adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

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220 Submitted by:

221 Diane Yates, SWD Staff