

KING COUNTY METROPOLITAN SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 9, 2009

12:00 – 12:25 p.m.

King Street Center, 8th Floor Conference Center

Members in Attendance

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Title</u>
Jeff Viney	City of Algona	Councilmember
Joan Clark	City of Auburn	Recycling Coordinator
Bill Peloza	City of Auburn	Councilmember
Susan Fife-Ferris	City of Bellevue	Conservation & Outreach Program Manager
Sabrina Combs	City of Bothell	Special Projects Administrator
Lisa Clausen	City of Burien	Intergovernmental Relations Specialist
Barre Seibert	City of Clyde Hill	Councilmember
Rob Van Orsow	City of Federal Way	Solid Waste & Recycling Coordinator
Dini Duclos	City of Federal Way	Councilmember
Gina Hungerford	City of Kent	Conservation Coordinator
Jessica Greenway	City of Kirkland	Councilmember
John MacGillivray	City of Kirkland	Solid Waste Coordinator
Jean Garber	City of Newcastle	Councilmember
Tom Gut	City of SeaTac	Public Works Director
Chris Eggen	City of Shoreline	Councilmember
Frank Iriarte	City of Tukwila	Assistant Public Works Director

Others in Attendance

Solid Waste Division

Kevin Kiernan, Division Director

Diane Yates, Intergovernmental Liaison

Cities

Sabrina Kang, Suburban Cities Association

Scott MacColl, City of Shoreline

1 **Call to Order**

2 MSWMAC Chair Jean Garber of Newcastle called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.
3 She said that today's meeting would primarily be in caucus beginning at approximately
4 12:25.

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6 Meeting attendees introduced themselves.

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8 **Approval of December Meeting Minutes; Review Agenda**

9 **Jessica Greenway of the City of Kirkland moved to approve the December minutes.**

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11 *The December minutes were approved by consensus.*

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13 **Nomination and Election of 2009 Chair and Vice Chair**

14 Garber asked Division Intergovernmental Liaison Diane Yates to conduct the nomination
15 and election process for chair and vice chair. Yates called for nominations for chair. She
16 said nominations do not need a second. She said she would do a roll call vote and the
17 nominee with the majority of votes would be declared chair.

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19 Greenway nominated current Chair Jean Garber for chair. She complimented Garber on
20 her skillfulness in chairing the meetings.

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22 Hearing no other nominations, Yates declared the nominations for chair closed and
23 conducted a roll call vote. Upon a unanimous vote, Garber was declared chair for 2009.

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25 MSWMAC member Dini Duclos of Federal Way nominated Jessica Greenway for vice
26 chair.

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28 Hearing no other nominations, Yates declared the nominations closed and called for the
29 vote. Upon a unanimous vote, Greenway was declared vice chair for 2009.

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31 **Updates: SWD**

32 **Storm events:**

33 Solid Waste Division Director Kevin Kiernan said that the recent successive snow storms
34 and subzero temperatures presented a challenge to some of the division's operations. The
35 first impact of the weather was to road conditions, which impacted the haulers' ability to
36 run their collection routes and the division's ability to move transfer trailers between the
37 stations and the landfill. As noted at last month's meeting, significant snowfall would
38 result in the closure of the Houghton and Factoria Transfer Stations. With more than 6''
39 of snow, the Houghton station had to be closed for more than a week and the Factoria
40 station was closed for three days. All other stations were opened every day. The Bow
41 Lake station continued operations 24 hours/day, which is important since it serves
42 SeaTac airport. A number of transfer trailers operating on Christmas Eve had to be
43 towed to the landfill.

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45 Once the streets were passable there was a surge of garbage to the transfer stations. Waste
46 Management asked the division to extend hours at stations to allow them to clear the
47 garbage out from its routes. Hours were extended one hour at the beginning and end of
48 each day for a short period of time at the Houghton, Factoria and Renton stations, as well
49 as at the landfill. The division contacted host cities and informed staff or left messages
50 before implementing.

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52 Then the rains came and Cedar Grove Road – the main route to the landfill - was closed.
53 The division's trucks had to be rerouted. We are still using those alternate routes.

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55 Solid waste is a recovery function and the emergency is still in response phase. The
56 division is working on plans for the recovery phase, which will include free disposal
57 services to residents of cities who experienced storm damage. We are talking to haulers
58 about locating drop boxes and we will be talking to council on Monday.

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60 MSWMAC member Barre Seibert of Clyde Hill asked about budget implications as a
61 result of the storm events. Kiernan said that since the event isn't over yet and since it was
62 the first major weather event of the year, the division doesn't know yet what the impact
63 to the budget will be. Costs for waived disposal fees aren't reimbursable to the division

64 by FEMA. Expenditures beyond what was allocated in the 2009 budget would require the
65 division to transmit a supplemental budget request to council.

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67 Chair Garber asked if the division had taken any photos of the stations or landfill during
68 this time. Kiernan said that the division does have photos and would bring them to next
69 month's meeting.

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71 **Landfill Gas-to-Energy Project:**

72 The landfill gas facility is being tested in phases. The first phase of testing began this
73 week. The facility is anticipated to be operational in the first quarter, hopefully February.
74 The facility still needs to be connected to the Williams Energy Pipeline.

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76 There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony and MSWMAC members will be invited.
77 In response to a question, Kiernan said that the minimum revenue the division will realize
78 from the gas to energy operation will be \$1.2 million annually. There is an escalator so
79 the division will receive additional revenue when energy costs rise.

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81 **Utility Audits:**

82 Utility audit is progressing. Draft findings are due the end of January. The audit will
83 focus on the following areas:

- 84 • Overhead
- 85 • Overtime
- 86 • Fleet management
- 87 • Rent on Cedar Hills Landfill
- 88 • Leachate recirculation

89 In response to a question, Kiernan said the audit is being conducted by Ernst and Young.
90 The company is conducting the audit, per Initiative 900, under contract to the State of
91 Washington.

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93 **Adjourn**

94 The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m. MSWMAC took a ten minute break after which
95 they reconvened in caucus until 2:00 p.m.

96 Submitted by:

97 Diane Yates, SWD Staff