

event of a service disruption. Yates will contact host cities if action is taken that effects the facility in their city.

In response to a question about a sympathy strike, Kiernan quoted a portion of the applicable King County labor contract with Local 174.

The County and the Union agree that the public interest requires efficient and uninterrupted performance of all County services and to this end pledge their best efforts to avoid or eliminate any conduct contrary to this objective.

King County and the Cascadia Region Green Building Council are co-hosting a green building conference on Wednesday, May 5th from 8:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Bellevue City Hall. Information about the conference was distributed at the meeting. More information is available at <http://cascadiagbc.org/living-future/10/greentools-government-confluence>.

The May 14th MSWMAC meeting is cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for June 11th.

SWAC updates:

McGilton reported that SWAC received a request from one of its members to make a presentation at the April meeting about waste-to-energy. Instead, SWAC decided to forward an invitation to its members for a solid waste panel discussion on waste-to-energy to be held in the King County Council chambers on Friday, April 16th.

SWAC has chosen to have a retreat in lieu of its regular meeting in June. At that retreat, the group will discuss development of a protocol for handling these types of requests.

Master Schedule:

The ordinance requesting a change in self-haul service at Houghton during construction was approved by the King County Council March 29th.

MSWMAC 2010 Work Plan and Meeting Schedule

SWD has drafted a MSWMAC work plan for the balance of the year for the committee's review. The work on the Solid Waste Transfer and Waste Management Plan and the comp plan has been the primary topic of MSWMAC meetings over the past few years. With that work completed, the group may choose to add content or perhaps meet less frequently. Members agreed to meet when there is something substantive to talk about rather than because a meeting is scheduled.

Members expressed interest in a tour in lieu of the July meeting. Possible tour destinations include Cedar Hills Regional Landfill, Cedar Grove Composting, an anaerobic digestion facility, a mill demonstrating steel recycling, C&D recycling and other green building related destinations, or a materials recovery facility (MRF). Yates will email members to determine their preferred tours.

SWD reminded members that the division is always happy to provide tours of Cedar Hills or other SWD facilities; either through the advisory groups or in response to request. Contact Yates to request a tour.

Consider a joint MSWMAC/SWAC meeting in 2010. Rate study discussions will begin in 2011.

SWD plans to release the final draft of the comp plan on September 30th. That will begin the 120 day period when cities may choose to take action on the plan. No additional MSWMAC action is required for the adoption process.

Members identified Interlocal Agreements (ILA) as a topic to discuss at future meetings. These ILAs commit cities to send waste from their municipalities to the King County solid waste system. The income from that waste pays for construction bonds to update the system in addition to paying for everyday operating expenses. The ILAs are the same for all the cities in the system. The ILAs expire in 2028.

Greenway will gather information informally from MSWMAC members about how they would like to proceed with ILA discussions. Yates will bring the Governance Report to the MSWMAC meeting in June. The Governance Report is available online at <http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/about/planning/documents/GovernanceReport.pdf>

King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks Strategic Plan Development

In November 2008, the County Council directed the Executive to write a countywide strategic plan based on the values and priorities of residents (Ordinance 16202: 2008 Performance and Accountability Act). King County gathered input from stakeholders through resident surveys, community meetings, employee surveys and more to create the King County Strategic Plan.

The King County Strategic Plan is intended to communicate the county's vision and direction; inform policy, operational and budget decisions; provide a structure to ensure accountability and strategic management; and signify the county's commitment to customer service. More information about the county's strategic plan is available at <http://www.kingcounty.gov/exec/strategy/StrategicPlan/CountyStratPlan.aspx>

The next step is for each department to write a strategic plan that supports the King County plan. Richard Gelb, DNRP Performance Measurement Lead attended the MSWMAC meeting to gather input about the following topics for the DNRP Strategic Plan.

- customer service
- internal coordination
- working with partners
- equity and fairness in service levels

Members suggested that the questions be formally sent to the Mayor of each city to ensure a wider scope of input is gathered. Members said they would prefer a more formal, organized way to provide input and would require a minimum of four weeks to respond. They asked that DNRP identify a timeline, process and who will be asked to provide input. Members said they would prefer to gather input from others in their cities as opposed to only reporting their personal experiences. Gelb said that letters could be sent to cities within a week and could provide four to six weeks to respond.

Members also asked how input could be sent to other departments and if the strategic plan is in the goal/action plan format. A member suggested that the questions be brought to the Suburban Cities Association. Gelb said MSWMAC was the first group that received this presentation and their ideas would be considered in shaping future presentations.

A member commented that agriculture/flood control/salmon recovery experts do not appear to be communicating across silos. SWD communicates well internally. Other divisions' management structures are more difficult to navigate.

A member said that MSWMAC worked well. A formal group of cities that are members of the King County Solid Waste System and have a vested interest in its operation have a serious voice in planning. It works well and should continue. This contrasts with the lack of participation about the flood control zones/districts.

The Local Hazardous Waste Management Plan group continues to work on equity and fairness. One result of that effort is the placement of the bi-monthly HHW service provided in Auburn.

Public Comment

John Taylor of CleanScapes commented that CleanScapes supports the ordinance reducing the organics fee.