



Motion No. 2: MSWMAC will receive an overview of the adopted Transfer and Waste Management Plan from the Solid Waste Division in order to update and educate the group. The vote was unanimous at 17 to 0 with 5 cities not in attendance.

Motion No. 3: MSWMAC will participate in collaborative discussions regarding revisions to the ILA document, with discussions to include relevant financial information. The vote was unanimous at 17 to 0 with 5 cities not in attendance.

Kiernan said that MSWMAC worked with the division to write the 2011 plan, which updates and advances programs such as recycling and waste prevention. The 2011 plan also ensures that various disposal options will be considered when the Cedar Hills landfill closes. However, the division has been planning to update the transfer system for some time. As a result, the 2011 comp plan is not significantly different from the 2001 plan as it relates to capital improvements.

SWD long term debt choices will be informed by ILA decisions. Historically, SWD participates in King County's pool to sell twenty year general obligation bonds. However, the eighteen years remaining in the term of the ILAs does not support a twenty year bond term. Longer term bonds would be an option if ILAs are extended to support that time frame. Bonds to finance Bow Lake have not yet been sold.

In response to a comment, Severn noted that extending the facility replacement schedule in the Transfer and Waste Management Plan would require revisions to the 2011 draft comp plan, which incorporates information from the Transfer and Waste Management Plan. In addition the comp plan is required by law to include project schedules for the next six years.

Members commented that MSWMAC took great care in reviewing the transfer system and that the Transfer and Waste Management Plan was the result of that work. It has been approved by the Regional Policy Committee (RPC) and the King County Council. A member suggested that it may be useful to ask SWD to provide a briefing on the Transfer and Waste Management Plan to refresh memories of the content of the plan and how MSWMAC was involved.

### **Minutes**

A motion to approve the September MSWMAC minutes passed unanimously.

### **Updates**

SWD updates

SWD expects to transmit the comp plan and a rate study to the King County Council early next year. The previous rate study is online at <http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/about/planning/documents/SWDRateStudy2006.pdf> and includes a twenty-year rate model.

Tonnage appears to be stabilizing at two to four percent below last year, which was already 15 percent below the 2007 peak. Members noted that recycling tonnage has also decreased. It is likely that the decreases are primarily related to the downturn in the economy.

Copies of the division's response to the 2009 State Utility Audit are on the table with the handouts.

The Cedar Hills Project Program Plan environmental review has been completed without challenge. The plan has been transmitted to Council. After adoption, the division will begin detailed design for the site development plan.

The project to lift and strengthen the Houghton roof is proceeding smoothly. Other work including right-of-way improvements is proceeding and completion is expected in January.

The draft Factoria Facility Master Plan (FMP) [http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/facilities/factoria-replacement-project.asp#factoria\\_documents](http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/facilities/factoria-replacement-project.asp#factoria_documents) has been released for comment.

At Cedar Hills, SWD has begun operations in Area 7. Interim closure of Area 6 is underway.

On September 29, 2010, the U.S. Congress unanimously passed Senate Bill 3397 which paves the way for drug companies to create a statewide medicine take-back program in Washington State. Currently, only law enforcement can accept narcotics and other controlled substances from residents. The intent of this federal bill is to authorize other convenient community return locations – like pharmacies – for secure disposal of unwanted controlled substances. Thanks to Kenmore Mayor David Baker for his work on this bill.

### **Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan Adoption Process Options**

A motion to recommend Option 1 for the approval process of the Solid Waste Comprehensive plan passed unanimously. Option 1 has the cities taking action on the plan after it is approved by the King County Council.

### **Review Transfer Elements of Transfer and Waste Management Plan**

The 2001 comp plan established policy directing the division to export waste after the Cedar Hills landfill reaches capacity and closes. At that time, SWD expected to close Cedar Hills in 2012. That closure date was extended to 2016 for various reasons.

The King County Council directed that SWD develop a Waste Export Plan. Cities asked how that work could reasonably proceed without looking at the transfer system. In response, Ordinance No. 14971 established MSWMAC in part to give cities input into development of the Waste Export Plan. The ordinance also required a series of milestone reports. All documents referenced below can be found online at the following link:

<http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/about/planning/documents-planning.asp#export>.

Milestone report #1 - **Transfer System Level of Service Standards and Criteria** – sets standards and criteria for evaluating county waste transfer system

Milestone report #2 - **Analysis of System Needs and Capacity** – applies standards and criteria for evaluating county waste transfer system

Milestone report #3 - **Options for Public & Private Ownership & Operation of Transfer & Intermodal Facilities** – sets forth options, policy choices and service elements and identifies characteristics

Milestone report #4 - **Preliminary Transfer & Waste Export Facility Recommendations And Estimated System Costs, Rate Impacts & Financial Policy Assumptions** – the fourth and final milestone report in the waste export system plan development process as required by Ordinance 14971

These reports informed the development of the Transfer and Waste Management Plan <http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/about/Planning/documents/Transfer-Waste-Export-Plan.pdf> or if you prefer to view the plan including appendices, use this link <http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/about/planning/documents/Transfer-WasteExportPlanAppendices.pdf>. The capital improvements recommended in that plan were not significantly different from the recommendations in the 2001 comp plan. However, MSWMAC ensured the plan had a regional consensus.

The reconstruction of the Shoreline Recycling and Transfer Station has been completed. Construction is underway at Bow Lake with the new building expected to be completed in 2012. Construction at Factoria is next in line.

The Algona and Houghton Transfer Stations cannot be reconstructed at their current locations. The plan recommended that those stations be replaced at new locations. The request for proposals for a consultant to identify and screen potential sites and to help with environmental review and acquisition has been advertised. The consultant contract will be awarded next year. Once the contract is awarded the siting process will begin and SWD will be asking MSWMAC for its help in identifying members for the Citizen's Advisory Committees. While the siting process will be collaborative, the final decision will be made by the Executive.

The CIP project timeline has changed since the Transfer and Waste Management Plan was written. One reason for the change in timeline is that the plan wasn't adopted until a year after it was written.

In response to a question Kiernan said that the transfer system upgrades need to be completed before Cedar Hills closes.

MSWMAC will discuss the relationship between bonding decisions and ILAs at a future meeting. The rate proposal is for a three year period. It includes financial assumptions based on a long term financial plan.

SWD will provide a schedule that includes bonding information. Diane Yates will email a copy of the Transfer and Waste Management Plan without the appendices to all members.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.