

SWAC

- At their meeting SWAC heard about the bond sale, discussed divisional priorities and the scope of work for the Sustainable Solid Waste Management Study, signed a thank you certificate to Scale Operators for their work related to unsecured loads, and received a presentation about the King County Strategic Climate Action Plan.

Other

- The Board of Health will hold a public hearing on May 16 on establishing a medicine take back program in King County. After discussion the following motion was made.
MSWMAC authorizes Joan McGilton to speak on their behalf in favor of the pharmaceutical take back program.
The motion passed with eighteen cities in favor and Bellevue abstaining.

SWD Quarterly Report Preview

Previously, the division suggested to MSWMAC that a regular review of division performance measures could be useful to the group. There are many measures used in the division to chart and track progress. The division's quarterly leadership team meetings have a two hour agenda item that reviews only some of those measures. It is challenging to know which of those measures to share with MSWMAC on a quarterly basis. Recommended topics to report on included:

Recycling and Environmental Services

- Recycling (curbside and transfer station)
- Moderate risk waste
- Outreach and education

Engineering

- Capital project status
- Regulatory monitoring

Operations

- Air space utilization
- Landfill gas conversion (BEW)
- Cost per ton

Special Projects

- ILA implementation
- Sustainable Solid Waste Management Study

After discussion, a subcommittee was formed to look at the measures and bring a recommendation back to the group regarding sharing performance measure information with MSWMAC. Members included Stacia Jenkins, Rob Van Orsow and Joan McGilton. MSWMAC members are encouraged to share their comments and opinions with the subcommittee.

ILA Implementation

MSWMAC received a [presentation](#) on the key differences between the current and [extended ILA](#). The presentation does not cover all elements of the agreement and MSWMAC members are urged to refer to the actual document for specific language.

There are several parts of implementing the extended ILA for both parties. The most immediate issue is involving MSWMAC in writing financial policies. Though work on those policies will extend for some time, those that have a primary impact on the rate must be completed by the end of the third quarter. Work on the rate study must begin in the fourth quarter of 2013. That schedule allows time for the work to be completed, the results to be reviewed by the advisory committees and for a rate proposal, if warranted, to begin the legislative process by June of 2014. This would allow a new rate to be implemented in January 2015.

To accomplish this work, the division suggests a subcommittee begin working on the financial policies fairly quickly with the goal of meeting for ninety minutes twice a month. Members may be MSWMAC members or other city staff. Diana Quinn (Algona), Allison Bennett (Bellevue), Rob Van Orsow (Federal Way), John MacGillivray (Kirkland), Linda Knight (Renton) and Chris Eggen (Shoreline) volunteered to be on the subcommittee. MSWMAC members are invited to send names of participants to Yates.

The extended ILA has been transmitted to Council. It is expected to be heard at the Transportation, Economy and Environment Committee in late May or early June before it is sent to Council.

Transfer Plan: Review

MSWMAC received a [presentation](#) on the Solid Waste Transfer and Waste Management Plan.

The plan, approved by Council in 2007, was the result of an iterative and collaborative process. The process produced four milestone reports before the plan was completed.

- The first milestone established criteria for evaluation of the transfer system.
- The second applied those criteria to the current transfer system.
- The third report evaluated options for public and private solid waste management.
- The fourth identified options for provide transfer system services including their estimated capital and operating costs. It also identified options to extend the life of Cedar Hills and long haul transport options.

The division is implementing the plan. Modern recycling and transfer stations are in place at Enumclaw, Vashon, and Shoreline. The Bow Lake transfer building opened last summer and facility completion is scheduled for this fall. Land use permits have been obtained for Factoria. The design of the station has been changed to reflect reduced tonnage and construction scheduled to begin in 2014. The South County siting environmental review is in progress and the Northeast site selection is scheduled to begin in 2014.

Upon request, the division is happy to take a fresh look at the Solid Waste Transfer and Waste Management Plan. However, until that request comes forward and its issues and concerns are clear, implementation will continue.

Huddleston noted that about half of the solid waste generated in the service area does not come through the transfer system. It is handled as recycling or construction and demolition (C&D) debris. The contracts governing C&D are coming to an end. The future availability of markets for that material is not clear.

Huddleston also commented that the King County Auditor suggested in its audit report that it would be prudent to review the entirety of the plan, particularly after work to extend the ILAs has been completed.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.