

Metropolitan Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee

July 12, 2013, - 11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.
King Street Center 8th Floor Conference Room

Meeting Minutes

Members	
Bill Peloza	<i>Auburn</i>
Joan Nelson	<i>Auburn</i>
Joyce Nichols	<i>Bellevue</i>
Aaron Nix	<i>Black Diamond</i>
Rebecca Olness	<i>Black Diamond</i>
Joan McGilton	<i>Burien</i>
Barre Seibert	<i>Clyde Hill</i>
Don Vondran	<i>Covington</i>
Laura Techico	<i>Des Moines</i>
Chris Searcy	<i>Enumclaw</i>
Ken Miller	<i>Federal Way</i>
Rob Van Orsow	<i>Federal Way</i>
Micah Bonkowski	<i>Issaquah</i>
David Baker	<i>Kenmore</i>
John MacGillivray	<i>Kirkland</i>
Bob Lee	<i>Lake Forest Park</i>
Diana Pistoll	<i>Maple Valley</i>
Nina Rivkin	<i>Redmond</i>
Jon Spangler	<i>Redmond</i>
Linda Knight	<i>Renton</i>
Chris Eggen	<i>Shoreline</i>
Scott MacColl	<i>Shoreline</i>
Frank Iriarte	<i>Tukwila</i>

Others
Gemma Alexander, SWD Staff
Diane Carlson, King County Executive Staff
Grover Cleveland, DNRP Council Relations
Neil Fujii, SWD Staff
Kathy Hashagen, SWD Staff
Michael Huddleston, King County Council Staff
Laila McClinton, SWD Staff
Pat McLaughlin, SWD Director
Bill Reed, SWD Staff
Mike Reed, King County Council Staff
Thea Severn, SWD Planning & Communications Manager
Diane Yates, Intergovernmental Liaison
Guests
Deanna Dawson, Sound Cities Association
Jean Garber, SWAC
Kevin Kelly, CleanScapes

Minutes & Agenda Review

The June MSWMAC minutes were approved by consent. No changes were made to the agenda.

Updates

SWD

- The division hosted a community information meeting July 11 regarding the EIS underway for the South County Recycling and Transfer Station (RTS). The meeting was well attended and included comments from Mayor Hill, Mayor Lewis, Councilmember Peloza and other stakeholders. Attendees deemed the meeting to be of value. SWD will host another event prior to the release of the draft EIS.
- June 13, the division issued the RFP for the Sustainable Solid Waste Management Study. Proposals were due July 11 and four have been received by Procurement. The division expects a consultant will be selected by the end of July.

- July 8, the King County Council approved [Ordinance 17619](#), which included a Proviso calling for an expenditure restriction of \$750,000 on the Factoria RTS project until a review of the [2006 Solid Waste Transfer and Waste Management Plan](#) has been completed. The ordinance requires stakeholder involvement in the review.

SWAC

- SWAC has diverse membership and is putting a procedure in place to share the expertise of the various members. With the approval of the group, members may make presentations on topics in which they have particular interest. SWAC received a presentation on Anaerobic Digestion and on King County's [Equity and Social Justice Initiative](#). SWAC also agreed to review their bylaws.

Financial Policies Committee Update

Seven cities have volunteered to be part of the financial policies group. The group has met twice and has identified the following types of policies for review.

- Customer classes/rate differentials
- How to determine the amount of an environmental liability reserve and determine how much insurance is needed
- Host city mitigation
- WPR grants
- Debt issuance (includes short term debt/BANs)
- Operating reserve (rules and assumptions)
- Asset ownership and use
 - Who owns revenue generated (ex: materials recovery, Waste to Energy revenue, revenue from sale of Carbon Credits etc.)
 - Rent (Cedar Hills landfill)
 - Property under some transfer stations is owned by the general fund. Who gets the revenue if that property is rented or sold
 - Ensure the policy includes language making it clear that property must be sold/rented at market value.
- Ensure rates are equitable and fairly allocated based on benefits enjoyed

Copies of the notes from the meeting will be sent to MSWMAC.

Transfer Plan Review – Process and Timeline

With Shoreline RTS completed and Bow Lake scheduled to be completed this fall, three projects remain under the current transfer system plan. It's prudent to pause and make sure the plan meets the needs of the region.

One possible outcome would be to continue along the direction of the existing transfer plan which includes building the new Factoria station. Construction of that facility is currently scheduled to begin in the second quarter of 2014. The schedule is time sensitive because construction of a storm water vault, import of fill material and building temporary retaining

walls must be done during good weather. If construction is delayed even a few weeks the favorable weather window may pass.

Delaying the Factoria project a year or so would increase costs approximately \$1.65M, require a re-start of the procurement process, and run the risk of losing internal and external team members that already have a great deal of knowledge about the project.

To avoid those possible costs, it is important to complete a stakeholder review of the Solid Waste Transfer and Waste Management Plan (transfer plan) by October. The division, together with Chris Eggen – Chair of MSWMAC, Joe Casalini – Chair of SWAC, and Deanna Dawson the Executive Director of the Sound Cities Association agreed to a plan to accomplish that task. The plan requires three 4 ½ hour meetings that are expected to be held at the Mercer Island Community Center. MSWMAC, other cities that are part of the system but not members of MSWMAC, SWAC, Council staff, Executive Staff, Deanna Dawson from the SCA and others will be invited to attend.

Given the time constraint it is not possible to deal with the entirety of the content of the transfer plan or to deal with it at the same level of detail as occurred when it was written. Items identified in amendment to Ordinance 17619 approved on July 8 by the King County Council will be included in the review.

Comments about the Solid Waste Transfer Station Plan Review included:

- In the first guiding principle, change “residents of King County” to “participants in the system.”
- In the first assumption, change “costs” to “costs, services and environmental impacts” wherever it is appropriate. Change “MSWAC” to “MSWMAC” for consistency.
- Consider adding language saying that the process will be transparent and that information will be shared widely among stakeholders.
- There is a trade-off between costs and service levels.

The division can speak about tipping fees, capital project budgets and other internal costs. The division does not have access to information about the possible impact of system changes on collection costs. However, at a recent community meeting in Auburn, a Waste Management representative said that choosing not to have a transfer station in the south county would result in additional annual costs to commercial haulers “in the seven figures” range.

The benchmark of three days emergency storage was agreed to in the transfer plan. The division will look into the policy or code requirements for that amount of storage.

The costs and benefits of providing self-haul service will be included in the transfer plan review. Chapter 4 of the [October 2012 Waste Characterization Study](#) informs further

discussions about the types of customers that frequent the transfer stations, what they bring to the stations, and why they choose to do so.

The division has been asked about the possibility of increasing the size of the Factoria station. The environmental review covered a building footprint of 10k square feet larger than the current design. However, since then the size of the station has been decreased to control costs and in response to decreased tonnage. The Conditional Use Permit (CUP) was requested for that new design. That CUP would allow the size of the station to be only 351 square feet larger without revising the permit. Revising the CUP could add two years to the schedule with the associated costs. Increasing the size of the station would also incur cost increases associated with redesign.

Members asked that the plan review be the primary topic of MSWMAC meetings for August, September and October.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.