

## Metropolitan Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee

August 9, 2013, - 11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.  
King Street Center 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room

### Meeting Minutes

<b>Members</b>	
Paul Mallary	<i>Algona</i>
Diana Quinn	<i>Algona</i>
Bill Pelosa	<i>Auburn</i>
Joan Nelson	<i>Auburn</i>
Alison Bennett	<i>Bellevue</i>
Aaron Nix	<i>Black Diamond</i>
Rebecca Olness	<i>Black Diamond</i>
Sabrina Combs	<i>Bothell</i>
Barre Seibert	<i>Clyde Hill</i>
Jim Scott	<i>Covington</i>
Chris Searcy	<i>Enumclaw</i>
Ken Miller	<i>Federal Way</i>
Rob Van Orsow	<i>Federal Way</i>
Gina Hungerford	<i>Kent</i>
John MacGillivray	<i>Kirkland</i>
Stacia Jenkins	<i>Normandy Park</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>
Zach Schmitz	<i>Woodinville</i>

<b>Others</b>
Jeff Gaisford, SWD Recycling & Environmental Services Mgr.
Kathy Hashagen, SWD Staff
Michael Huddleston, King County Council Staff
Kevin Kiernan, SWD Assistant Director
Laila McClinton, SWD Staff
Beth Mountsier, King County Council Staff
Lisa Sepanski, SWD Staff
Thea Severn, SWD Planning & Communications Manager
Margaret Shield, Local Hazardous Waste Management Plan
Diane Yates, Intergovernmental Liaison
<b>Guests</b>
Doreen Booth, Sound Cities Association
Signe Gilson, CleanScapes

### **Minutes & Agenda Review**

The July MSWMAC minutes were approved by consent.

### **Updates**

SWD

- The division’s focus has been on the Transfer Plan Review. The division is scheduled to make a presentation on that topic to the Regional Policy Committee in the afternoon of Wednesday, August 14 and to the Sound Cities Association Public Issues Committee that evening.

### **Transfer Plan Review Workshop – Recap and Next Steps**

MSWMAC received a [presentation](#) about the Transfer Plan Review. They were reminded that the scope of the review is narrowly defined by [Ordinance 17619](#) which also establishes a tight timeline for completing the work.

Though the division welcomes input, members were reminded that the workshops are the most effective place to provide feedback because it can be heard by all the stakeholders. Attendees at the July 27 workshop included representatives from 17 cities including 7 elected officials, a representative from the Sound Cities Association, 11 Solid Waste Advisory Committee members, and representatives from the four haulers that operate in King County as well as Executive Office, DNRP, SWD and King County Council staff.

Workshop presentations are available on the [website](#). Topics included the 2007 GBB Independent Review, the 2011 performance audit, the tonnage forecast, the cost to retain and repair existing top load stations, compaction, self-haul, transfer station recycling and drive time analysis.

The next workshop is scheduled for August 22 and the third for September 27. A draft report is due October 9. A table of the alternatives being considered was distributed.

Comments from MSWMAC members included:

- It's important to consider an alternative that retains Algon.
- Compaction is essential for commercial customers but not necessarily for self-haul.

In response to questions Solid Waste Division staff noted:

- When choosing an alternative it's important to consider capital costs, operating costs, services provided and regional equity.
- If the new NE station is not built and Houghton is closed, the new Factoria station would need to be bigger than is currently designed.
- Capacity is driven both by tonnage which is the ability to move the garbage through the station and transactions which is the ability to accommodate vehicles including queuing, time in station, availability of spaces to unload, etc.
- SWD will receive input from environmental groups and Labor through the Solid Waste Advisory Committee which includes members from those groups.
- There is no data directly linking illegal dumping to the availability of self-haul services.
- Work on Financial Policies is important and the division would have liked to focus on that work this summer but the Transfer Plan Review took precedence. If necessary, the division could work with existing financial policies to work on a new rate.
- It is likely that some of the alternatives will include limiting self-haul service availability.

### **Product Stewardship**

MSWMAC received a [presentation](#) about product stewardship. The presentation included background on the topic, an example of how it's been accomplished and an overview of the current state of product stewardship in King County and Washington State. The group was

asked to provide advice on next steps and about how they would like to be involved in product stewardship efforts going forward.

Comments included:

- In September, the Sound Cities Association will [consider](#) taking action on a proposed position in support of product stewardship. The Association of Washington Cities is also considering product stewardship as one of their legislative issues.
- The Washington Refuse and Recycling Association (WRRRA) opposes product stewardship policies for non-toxic products, particularly curbside materials. Their concern may stem from a program introduced in British Columbia which makes manufacturers responsible to fund recycling programs for packaging materials and printed paper. They are concerned that can be interpreted to mean that manufacturers “own” those materials in the waste stream which c/would negatively impact the revenue received by the haulers for those materials.
- A representative from CleanScapes noted that they have always supported product stewardship.
- The mercury lamps product stewardship law passed in 2010 has been challenged. The producers association, the National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA), filed a lawsuit seeking to have the funding provisions of the rule implementing the law declared invalid. In May 2013, Thurston County Superior Court ruled in favor of NEMA. The decision postponed the start of the mercury-containing lights program. Ecology has appealed the Superior Court decision and is working with stakeholders to resolve the program funding issue. The mercury lamps law was also challenged by two bills in 2013. Both of those bills failed to move forward.
- More information about Washington State’s electronics product stewardship efforts is available at the [E-Cycle Washington website](#).
- Rather than a stewardship law, King County is working on the development of an infrastructure to recycle unwanted mattresses. If this doesn’t result in an effective mechanism for managing mattresses, a stewardship system could be considered.

MSWMAC can be helpful in moving product stewardship forward by officially supporting product stewardship legislation and working with the solid waste management companies that provide services in their cities to support product stewardship.

#### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.