

# King County Solid Waste Advisory Committee

October 16, 2009 - 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
 King Street Center 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room  
 Next SWAC meeting – November 20, 10:30-1:30

## Approved Meeting Minutes

<b>Members</b>
David Baker
William A. Beck
Joe Casalini
Bob Dixon
Richard Gelowicz
Jerry Hardebeck
Sean Kronberg
Joan McGilton
Suellen Mele
Ray Schlien
Relaena Sindelar

<b>Others</b>
Ann Berrysmith, Finance and Administration Manager
Tim Crosby, SWAC Applicant
Jeff Gaisford, Recycling and Environmental Services Manager
Kathy Hashagen, SWD Staff
Kevin Kiernan, Division Director
Bill Lasby, Seattle King County Health Department
Victor Okereke, Interim Engineering Services Manager
Mizanur Rahman, SWD Staff
Thea Severn, Planning and Communications Manager
Diane Yates, Intergovernmental Liaison
Lisa Youngren, SWD Staff

### Minutes

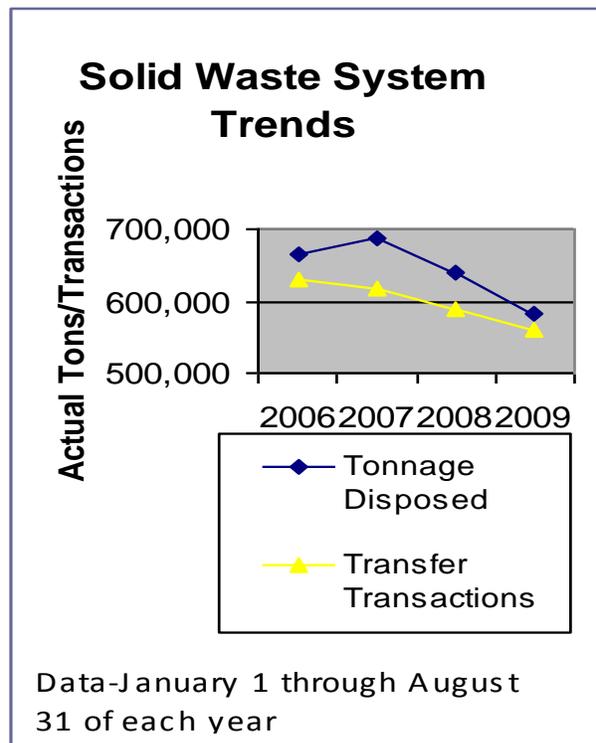
A motion to approve the revised September SWAC minutes passed by general consent. A copy of the revised minutes is available at [http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/about/Planning/documents/SWAC\\_Minutes\\_2009-09.pdf](http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/about/Planning/documents/SWAC_Minutes_2009-09.pdf).

### Updates

Kiernan said the format of SWAC meeting notes would change in response to resource constraints. The notes will be simpler and shorter. The format will match the agenda and will be adjusted as needed.

SWD has proposed reductions in urban transfer station hours in response to tonnage and transaction declines. These reductions will result in lay-offs.

- Most of the reductions are minor changes to opening or closing hours and were proposed primarily to limit overtime expense.
- The significant changes include stopping the Factoria night shift and closing Bow Lake from mid-night Friday to early Saturday morning. Tonnage and transaction data supports these changes.
- There have been few comments about the reductions during the 30-day comment period. The changes are expected to go into effect January 2.



In response to questions, Kiernan said that tonnage declines are nationwide in commercial and residential waste. Recycling tonnage is also down. Less material is being discarded. The preliminary draft comp plan was released October 8. Copies are available to SWAC members along with thanks for their work in developing the plan. It is also available online at <http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/about/planning/comp-plan.asp> SWD is happy to brief any group about the comp plan. Call Severn at 206-296-4360 to arrange a briefing.

SWAC will meet jointly with MSWMAC on November 10, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to discuss the comp plan. Presentations at recent MSWMAC meetings parallel SWAC meeting content.

**Secure Medicine Return Legislation: Discussion of SWAC’s potential support.**

The group discussed the opportunity to support or endorse the legislation and the role of SWAC in relation to legislation.

Options for supporting or endorsing included:

- adding SWAC to the list of endorsers for the legislation,
- sending a letter to state legislators endorsing the legislation and/or supporting the principle,
- writing a letter to the King County Council saying that SWAC supports the principle and suggests that the issue be given additional attention on the county’s legislative agenda.

Concerns about endorsing the legislation included:

- the legislation may change before it is enacted and SWAC may not agree with the changes
- though SWAC may agree with the principle of product stewardship for pharmaceuticals, members are not familiar with the language or details of the legislation,
- SWAC’s statutory role is to advise the division on solid waste matters Endorsing legislation to the King County Council may not be within that role.

Baker moved that SWAC send a letter to the King County Council endorsing the safe disposal of pharmaceuticals using a product stewardship approach. The results of a voice vote follow.

<b>Yes</b>	Baker, Beck, Dixon, Gelowicz, Kronberg, Mele, McGilton, Schlien
<b>No</b>	Hardebeck
<b>Abstain</b>	Casalini, Sindelar

Baker and Mele will draft a concise letter with signature lines for the Chair and Vice Chair. SWAC will review the draft prior to the joint meeting with MSWMAC on November 20.

**2010 Budget**

As tonnage continued to decline in 2009, SWD reduced expenditures. Expenditures are expected to match the revenue from the 860,000 tons currently forecasted and not the 987,000 tons used to project revenue in the 2009 adopted budget.

Tonnage decreases appear to have leveled off in the past few months. As a result, the 2010 proposed budget is based on revenue from 860,000 tons. With few exceptions, proposed spending is based on expected 2009 expenditures.

Slight adjustments have been made related to diesel prices, the reorganization of IT services, and shop operations supplies. The division is continuing to fund reserves and is moving forward with capital projects. For details, see a copy of the proposed budget summary which is attached to the end of these notes.

The next three-year rate period will begin in 2011. SWAC will receive information about the upcoming rate study in the first quarter of 2010.

### **Cedar Hills Site Development Plan update**

The scoping portion of the Cedar Hills Site Development Plan review process ran from March 30 – May 2, 2009 and included a public scoping meeting. As a result of those comments, six additional studies were completed on topics such as air quality, noise and vibration, fugitive dust and traffic.

The draft EIS reviews five alternatives for extending the life of Cedar Hills.

- None of the alternatives consider landfilling in the buffer area. All would develop landfill capacity in the southern portion of the Cedar Hills property.
- Some would include placing support activities like maintenance and admin facilities in the southern or eastern buffer area. None of the alternatives consider placing support activities in the northern or western buffer areas.
- Some of those alternatives may require a change in existing land use permits.

Each alternative for extending the life of Cedar Hills is being evaluated based on environmental impacts, engineering feasibility and cost.

The draft EIS for the Cedar Hills Site Development Plan was released on September 30. The public comment period will end November 6. A copy of the plan and details about the SEPA process are available at [http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/facilities/cedar-hills-development.asp#EIS\\_docs](http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/facilities/cedar-hills-development.asp#EIS_docs)

The final EIS will identify the preferred alternative and is expected to be sent to Council for approval early in 2010. The PowerPoint presentation is available at (insert link.)

Discussion points:

- If an alternative is chosen that results in moving refuse from older disposal areas, additional odor control measures will be implemented as necessary.
- Capacity projections in the EIS were made based on 2008 tonnage. SWD consistently makes conservative projections of landfill capacity to ensure it is available when needed.
- It is possible that the agreement with BioEnergy Washington could be renewed if the life of the landfill is extended.

- The landfill gas to energy plant identified the hill of refuse in the SE pit area as a major factor in their noise mitigation plan. How would removing that hill impact that noise mitigation?

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

## 2010 Executive Proposed Budget Summary

	2009 Adopted	2010 Executive Proposed	
<b>Revenues</b>			
Disposal Fees	94,077,240	81,983,700	
Moderate Risk Waste	3,348,272	3,512,295	
Construction, Demolition, and Landclearing	-	-	
Interest	365,505	146,250	
EPA , DOE, and Washington State Grants	493,000	376,000	
Landfill Gas to Energy	510,883	770,800	
Other	498,216	224,931	
<b>Solid Waste Fund Total</b>	<b>99,293,116</b>	<b>87,013,976</b>	
Fund Balance Used (Added)	4,815,651	6,371,618	
	<b>104,108,767</b>	<b>93,385,594</b>	<b>(10,723,173)</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
ADMISTRATION SECTION(1454)			
Debt Service-Existing	5,943,551	5,954,125	
Capital Equipment Replacement Fund	3,990,034	3,240,034	
Landfill Reserve Fund	5,556,810	4,171,000	
Construction Fund	2,000,000	2,000,000	
Overhead Allocation	2,484,975	1,805,561	
Admin. Section Less Above Transfers	6,336,898	6,544,810	
ENGINEERING SECTION(1455)	6,518,000	5,344,433	
RECYCLNG & ENVIRONMENTAL SVCS (1456)	6,517,300	5,233,445	
PLANNING & COMMUNICATIONS (1457)	1,805,106	1,621,512	
FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION(1458)	5,279,516	4,271,824	
SW MODERATE RISK WASTE(1459)	3,348,273	3,512,295	
SWD INFORMATION TECH(1463)	-	927,479	
SHOP OPERATIONS(1687)	11,193,531	10,156,071	
TRANSFER STATION(1688)	9,999,389	9,390,156	
TRANSPORTATION(1689)	11,403,689	9,139,581	
CEDAR HILLS DISPOSAL(1690)	14,579,358	13,917,542	
LEGAL SUPPORT(7190)	879,140	447,540	
OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT(7569)	1,419,463	1,145,837	
LANDFILL GAS/WATER CONTRL(7572)	2,366,476	1,993,618	
CUSTOMER TRANSACTIONS(7574)	2,487,258	2,568,731	
<b>Solid Waste Fund Total</b>	<b>104,108,767</b>	<b>93,385,594</b>	