

**King County Solid Waste Advisory Committee
April 19, 2013 - 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
King Street Center 8th Floor Conference Room**

Meeting Minutes

<u>Members Present</u>	<u>King County Staff</u>	<u>Others</u>
Jerry Bartlett	Jeff Gaisford	Doreen Booth
William Beck	Kathy Hashagen	Kimberly Shanley
Joe Casalini	Josh Marx	
Bob Dixon	Ross Marzolf	
Jean Garber	Pat McLaughlin	
Steve Gerritson	Victor Okereke	
Keith Livingston	Diane Yates	
Craig Lorch		
Joan McGilton		
Suellen Mele		
Philipp Schmidt-Pathmann		
Stephen Strader		
Bill Ziegler		

Approve February Meeting Minutes; Review Agenda

Action Item: The February minutes were approved as written.

Updates

SWD

Beginning April 17, the Teamsters collection truck drivers employed by Republic/Allied Waste commenced a labor action stemming from labor disputes between the company and the local Teamsters unions in Ohio. As part of that action, picketers were present at the Bow Lake, Factoria and Houghton transfer stations. SWD supervisors were on site to manage related delays and traffic impacts. The company has notified the division that negotiations have resumed and no immediate further labor action is anticipated.

Tonnage has shown a modest overall growth though the number of transactions has increased more substantially.

February 19, King County sold general obligation bonds to fund Solid Waste Division capital projects. The net proceeds from that bond sale were \$84.4M with an average interest rate of 2.85 percent. When compared to Seattle’s inflation rate of 2.5 percent the rate seems particularly reasonable.

Thirty cities have adopted the extended ILA. Bellevue has indicated they will remain with the existing agreement which expires in 2028. Their decision is raising questions from other cities regarding the new Factoria transfer station and the design of the solid waste system. Bellevue

represents more than half of the tonnage of the Factoria transfer station and the current Factoria transfer station is reaching the end of its useful life.

The Sound Cities Association Public Issues Committee (PIC) approved a motion recommending that King County and MSWMAC formally revisit the Solid Waste Transfer and Waste Management Plan. The division is open to revisiting the plan.

Recycling of curbside mix materials has been reinstated at Shoreline, Houghton and Renton as of April 8.

Members approved the chair and vice chair's signatures on certificates of appreciation for five members who are no longer on SWAC: Tim Crosby, Jerry Hardebeck, Relaela Sindelar, Judy Stenberg, and John Taylor. Recruitment for those positions has been completed and applicants' paperwork is at the Executive's office awaiting appointment.

MSWMAC

MSWMAC received an update on SWD Business Priorities, the Sustainability Plan Scope of Work, and signed a certificate for transfer station scale operators commending them for their efforts related to unsecured loads. The also received the Waste Conversion Presentation on Plastics to Fuel that SWAC received in November.

State Legislation Update

The Board of Health will hold a public hearing at 1:30, May 16 as part of its monthly meeting. The hearing will be on the proposed rule and regulation to establish a medicine take back program in King County.

The two challenges to the Mercury Lighting Stewardship Law are dead for this legislative session. The bills attempted to reduce/eliminate producer responsibility for financing and operating a statewide recycling system. Two bills requiring participation from all manufacturers in a product stewardship program for small rechargeable batteries are dead for this session. Paint product stewardship legislation also did not pass.

Focus on the budget continues including monitoring funding levels for Coordinated Prevention Grants (CPG) and restrictions on the use of funding from the State Toxics Control Account. In general the efforts seem to be heading toward collecting less money and allowing it to be used for more projects.

Divisional Priorities Discussion

SWAC reviewed the [division's 2013 business priorities](#). Topics to be considered in the priorities were gathered from many sources, include the advisory groups. The division organized them, considered available resources, and made some tough decisions which resulted in leaving some important projects in the parking lot. Those projects will be considered if resources become available as time passes. Virtually all of the priorities identified by SWAC are included in the business priorities. The division intends to provide regular progress updates on the business priorities.

Sustainable Solid Waste Management Study Scope of Work

The Scope of Work (SOW) for the Sustainable Solid Waste Management Study includes five key areas:

- Resource recovery at Solid Waste facilities
- Construction and demolition debris
- Organics processing
- Disposal alternatives including waste to energy
- Sustainable financing for solid waste services

The SOW instructs consultants to include technologies that have been used both within and outside the United States. However, all technologies must be shown to be applicable in the current regulatory and economic climate in King County.

The division is in the process of creating criteria for the consultant. Work must consider current regulations, regional differences, confidence and uncertainty regarding future feed stocks and markets, options including public/private partnerships and centralized and decentralized systems. Work will consider previous studies.

The division intends to select the consultant by June and will advertise using the County procurement system. Work is expected to be completed early in 2014.

Secured Loads: Thank you certificate for transfer station scale operators

SWAC moved and unanimously approved that the Chair and Vice Chair sign a certificate for transfer station scale operators thanking them for their efforts regarding unsecured loads. The wording of the certificate follows.

“Thank you for the work you do every day to provide excellent customer service. We especially extend our appreciation for your extraordinary efforts to educate customers on the important of securing loads and to assess the recently increased unsecured load fees. Your efforts do make a difference in keeping our roadways safe and clean for the citizens of King County.”

King County Strategic Climate Action Plan and Solid Waste Division

This Strategic Climate Action Plan (SCAP) focuses on what has been or is being done currently. The 2015 SCAP will talk about future opportunities for King County and the region. The SCAP includes five overarching climate change targets. The target most directly related to the division is Consumption and Materials Management. More information is available in the [presentation materials and PowerPoint](#).

Open Forum

The following links were offered by Schmidt-Pathmann to SWAC members for their perusal.

[“Closing the Loop: Risk or Reward”](#) published by FCC Environmental and Resource Revolution/McKinsey and Company

[Earnings, jobs and innovation: the role of recycling in a green economy](#), published by the European Environment Agency

[Highest recycling rates in Austria and Germany – but UK and Ireland show fastest increase](#), published by European Environment Agency.