

**Clark County
Solid Waste Advisory Commission
Regular Meeting**

Thursday November 6, 2014

Clark County Auto License Office
1408 Franklin Street
Vancouver, WA

SWAC Members Present: Lisa Schmidt, Don Ebbeson, Allan Jeska, Jack McClary, Stephen Smythe, and Bill Turlay

SWAC Members Excused: Rem Wilson, Brandon Vick, and Richard Baker

Staff Present: Peter DuBois and Cynthia Kiehl

Others Present: Rich McConaghy, City of Vancouver; and Scott Campbell, Waste Connections

I. Roll Call, Approval of Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Don Ebbeson. Bill Turlay made a motion to approve the October 2, 2014 minutes as written, Jack McClary seconded the motion. Stephen Smythe abstained. Motion passed.

II. Updates

County Environmental Services – Peter DuBois

Pete reported on the Washington Green Schools Summit and the award received by the County for having the most certified Green Schools in the state.

City of Vancouver – Rich McConaghy

Rich reported that residential and commercial customers will see no rate increase from 2014 to 2015. The City will subsidize the increase in costs (\$.44 per customer) with their fund balance. Drop-off customers will see some increase in fees at the transfer stations due to an increase in tip fees.

III. Landfill and Dirt Huggers Tour – Allan Jeska

Allan presented on the tour he participated in on September 11, 2014 of both Dirt Huger and Finley Butte.

IV. Approval of Preliminary Draft of Solid Waste Management Plan and release for 30 day public comment – Peter DuBois

Allan made a motion to accept plan as written. Bill seconds. Motion passed.

A 30-day public comment period will begin November 7, 2014 and end December 7, 2014. An electronic copy of the plan and comment forms can be found on the County website (<http://www.clark.wa.gov/recycle/documents.html>) and hard copies will be made available at some public offices and libraries (see attached press release for details). Don Ebbeson

requested that SWAC be presented with any public comments received before the next meeting. Pete reported that Environmental Services is hoping for the plan to be fully adopted by April. In order for Environmental Services to apply and qualify for the CPG grant through Department of Ecology, that language must be in the updated Solid Waste Management Plan.

V. Recommendation RE: Green Neighbors Recycling Day Events – Peter DuBois

Pete presented a PowerPoint presentation to recap results of the 2014 Green Neighbors Recycling Day Events. This year, food donations were encouraged and over 1,000 pounds of food was collected and donated to the Clark County Food Bank. Even with fewer events, the number of residents who participated in the events as a whole, was higher than any other year. For the events this year, more types of materials were accepted and outreach (including media) was increased. Some ideas for future events include accepting plastic bags, holding events at the transfer stations, as well as increasing sponsorships and partnerships. Jack mentioned that in other areas, latex paint is recycled locally and used by the County and City to cover graffiti. Pete will research the idea and find out if that is something that we can do here in Clark County.

VI. Recognition

This was the last meeting for three commissioners. Everyone thanked Lisa, Jack, and Stephen for their leadership and involvement over the years.

Q: Will we have new members next month?

A: Yes. There will be interviews this month and new members will be seated next month.

VII. Other Business

There will be discussion at the next meeting to elect a chairperson. Lisa encouraged Don to take on that roll.

VIII. Comments from the Public on Non-Agenda Items

No comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.



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NEWS RELEASE

November 7, 2014

Contact: Peter DuBois, Clark County Environmental Services, (360) 397-2121 ext. 4961;
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Clark County seeks public comment on updated solid waste management plan

Vancouver, WA – An updated solid waste management plan providing goals and policies for recycling, disposal and related issues is available for public review.

A public comment period begins today and ends Monday, Dec. 8. Public comments will be incorporated into the draft plan submitted to the Washington State Department of Ecology.

The draft update sets five-year goals for Clark County, including increasing the county's recycling rate to 55 percent from 53.9 percent and keeping 70 percent of the county's waste stream out of landfills, up from 66.2 percent.

Other proposed changes include:

- Chapter 3, Sustainable Choices, would emphasize sustainable materials management in the solid waste system.
- Chapter 5, Education and Outreach, would include additional information on how programs and outreach materials are developed and evaluated.
- Chapter 7, Landfill Disposal, would have new master plan recommendations for the closed Leichner Landfill and adjacent properties and for decommissioning the closed Rufener Landfill.
- Chapter 13, Organic Wastes, would have several new recommendations, including a feasibility study on the community's capacity to process organic material.

A new chapter, Economic Development, has been added to encourage business growth in waste-related industries.

"A solid waste plan is a roadmap to managing the region's waste," said Don Benton, Environmental Services director. "Our Solid Waste Advisory Commission has spent many volunteer hours on this update. It represents an important part of what we do to protect our environment."

The updated plan is on the county's website: www.clark.wa.gov/recycle/documents.html.

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Printed copies of the draft plan are available for review at these locations:

- Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin St., Room 185.
- Vancouver Community Library, 901 C St., fourth floor.
- Three Creeks Community Library, 800-C N.E. Tenney Road.
- Battle Ground Community Library, 1207 S.E. Eighth Way.

Comment forms are available at the same locations and on the county's website. Comments can either be mailed or emailed to the county. Instructions are on the forms.

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