

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

Thursday September 4, 2014

Clark County Auto License Office
1408 Franklin Street
Vancouver, WA

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

SWAC Members Excused: Brandon Vick, Richard Baker, and Stephen Smythe

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

SWAC members introduced themselves and noted what interest group they represent. Members recognized Pete DuBois as Acting Division Manager for Solid Waste and Environmental Education.

Lisa Schmidt proposed that a change be made to the agenda and requested an executive session of the commission members to discuss the goals and how they plan to move forward. All SWAC members agreed. The executive session would convene immediately following the regular session and would not require staff to be present.

Allan Jeska made a motion to approve the June 5, 2014 minutes as written, Jack McClary seconded the motion. Motion passed.

II. Updates

County Public Health – Joe Laxson

No report

City of Vancouver – Rich McConaghy

No report

County Environmental Services – Peter DuBois

Pete reported that the county has undergone some changes since SWAC last met. Anita Largent has left the County and Pete has assumed her duties as Acting Division Manager. Pete presented the division budget and reported that it had been submitted but had not yet been finalized. Pete presented the revenue forecast for the biennium as being over six million dollars with most of that money coming from user fees at the transfer stations and from the Washington State Department of Ecology Coordinated Prevention Grant. In order to qualify for grant funding, programs and projects must be included in the updated Solid Waste

Management Plan (SWMP). Pete highlighted the upcoming Green Neighbors Recycling Day Events over the next month including the highly successful collection of household hazardous waste meeting a key recommendation from the Moderate Risk Waste chapter. Lisa asked how these events impact and meet the goals of the SWMP specifically.

Bill Turlay spoke about the Board of County Commissioners meeting on September 2, 2014 and how he was pleased with the presentation given by Pete DuBois and Don Benton. The upcoming medication take-back event was also discussed.

Pete would like to present a detail of revenue and expenditures at the next SWAC meeting. Lisa asked that copies be emailed and distributed to commission members to allow enough time for review before the next meeting. That discussion will be placed on the agenda for October.

Pete discussed the tour of Finley Buttes Landfill and Dirt Hugger Compost that is scheduled for Thursday, September 11, 2014. Lisa discouraged County staff to take time to attend but encouraged SWAC members. Lisa requested another email notice regarding the tour to be sent to SWAC members.

Commission member, Stephen Smythe, and Commission chair, Lisa Schmidt, both have terms that are ending as of the September 30, 2014. Pete discussed the new selection process required by the Board of County Commissioners. This Board likes an open process and requires all vacancies on advisory boards be advertised to the public.

III. Review of SWMP Timelines

The Solid Waste Management Plan is a working draft with the final chapter to update being Chapter 19 – Implementation. The SWAC final approval of the Preliminary Draft SWMP is scheduled for October 2014, followed by a public comment period to be held at the November SWAC meeting. The Preliminary Draft SWMP will be submitted to the Department of Ecology in December 2014 for their 120 day review.

IV. Review Implementation Schedule

Chapter 18 “Waste to Wealth” recommendations were reviewed by SWAC members. Jack McClary made a motion to strike recommendation number six regarding subsidizing loans for weatherization projects. The motion is seconded by Bill Turlay. Motion passed. Bill Turlay made a motion to strike recommendation number nine regarding minimum garbage levels as this is covered in the Waste Collection chapter. Jack McClary seconded the motion. Motion passed.

VI. Comments from the Public on Non-Agenda items

Scott Campbell reported an unfortunate incident at West Van Materials Recovery Center in which a body was discovered on the sort line. Law enforcement and the Health Department were contacted. The body was later identified. Waste Connections is offering counseling to employees.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15