

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

Thursday November 5, 2015
Clark County Elections Building
1408 Franklin Street
Vancouver, WA

SWAC Members Present: Allan Jeska, Don Ebbeson, Stephen Schrag, Bill Turlay, and Steven Willis

SWAC Members Excused or Absent: Rem Wilson, Simone Auger, Brandon Vick (absent)

Staff Present: Pete DuBois, Kim Harless

Others: Scott Campbell, Waste Connections; Rich McConaghy, City of Vancouver; Melissa Sutton, County Public Health

I. Roll Call, Approval of Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Don Ebbeson. Steven Willis made a motion to approve the October 1, 2015 minutes as written. Allan Jeska seconded the motion. Motion passed.

II. Updates

County Public Health – Melissa Sutton, Environmental Health Specialist

- Clark County PH received a Solid Waste Handling Permit application from the City of Washougal for a decant facility located at the waste water treatment plant. This is within the City of Washougal's existing plan.
 - Melissa advised the SWAC members that it is within their purview to provide a recommendation at the January 7th SWAC meeting.
 - City of Washougal representatives have been invited to be in attendance at the January meeting: Public Works Director Trever Evers and their consultant Nate Bell.
 - CCPH is receiving agency and public comments by December 20th.
 - Melissa will forward these comments to Pete to share with SWAC to review by December 31st, 2015 for the January SWAC meeting packet.
- The Solid Waste Enforcement Grant quarterly report will be sent to SWAC once complete.

City of Vancouver – Rich McConaghy

- A press release was sent out about putting leaves in the street; unlike Portland, a citizen can get fined for putting leaves into the street. There are free leaf disposal coupons out.
- Rufener landfill: Jon Wagner, City of Vancouver Planner, will present at next month's meeting to explain the permits at the 43 acre site.
- Rich provided a map showing the 10 acre landfill in the SW corner, a 19 acre farm in the NW corner, and a 14 acre lagoon in the SE corner.
- The original objective of the consent decree was to see the landfill and the lagoon properly decommissioned, clarifier solids properly spread, the landfill encapsulated, and the affected parcels be brought up to final grade.
 - The 19 acre parcel that was a recipient site of the clarifier solids, in accordance of the plan, is complete in its requirements of the consent decree. It is now in the process of being sold for development.
 - On the 10 acre former landfill parcel, the landfill liner was removed and disposed of properly. Fill operations are nearly complete and scheduled to be completed by the end of the year with final finish grading being completed by spring 2016.

- On the 14 acre former lagoon parcel, the lagoon has been decommissioned. The bottom portion of the liner is removed, but some of the side liners are still on site. Some filling has started, with the bulk planned for 2016 and 2017: 80% by the end of 2016, final fill in 2017, and finish grading completed at the end of 2017 or beginning of 2018.
- Concerns and issues that the City of Vancouver was interested in with respect to the lagoon and landfill have been satisfied. The remaining work is solely grading and filling and not related to solid waste concerns.

County Environmental Services – Pete DuBois

- Still recruiting a county at large position for SWAC
 - A press release to come, and advertizing through social media and the CoV's newsletter.
- Metro is looking at long term disposal options, marketed as the Solid Waste Road Map.
 - As noted by Don Ebbeson, what Metro does influences Clark County.
 - Metro has two groups: Solid Waste Alternatives Advisory Committee (SWAAC) and the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC), which Anne McEnerny-Ogle and Jeanne Steward represent Clark County at with nonvoting seats.
- SP Newberg paper mill has closed. As a result, the Portland region is temporarily removed from wood waste recovery goal requirements.
- A new OR bill for DEQ will bring on new staff members to prevent waste at the source, funded through an increase in their tip fees. Clark County's tip fee will be impacted because OR is the final destination for a majority of Clark County's waste.
- The Regional Solid Waste System Steering Committee (RSWSSC) is tomorrow, November 6th.
 - Pete presented a flow diagram showing SWAC's role to advise the county councilors in relation to the RSWSSC.
 - Stephen noted that the RSWSSC is in line with the roles outlined in the Solid Waste Plan (2-2 & 2-4).
 - SWAC members requested a report at the next meeting about the RSWSSC meeting.
 - Pete made a note that the public ownership of the transfer stations is contractually possible beginning in 2027.

III. Waste Connections Inc. - Annual Report – Scott Campbell

- Scott presented the newly released 2014 annual report, focusing on highlights:
 - In the industry, WCW is leader in safety; 16 incidents, lowest in history
 - Charitable giving at \$200k and in-kind donations at \$240k
 - 18k calls and emails monthly; customer service representatives are local
 - All routes increased in 2014; rollout increased
 - Yard Debris and Recycling fleet running on natural gas
 - Waste reduction educators:
 - Assisted 136 businesses, 8 waste audits, 61 pilot recycling customers
 - 7 new food waste customers, total of 75 participants
 - Outreach & event recycling coordination: 150 events and 35 tours at West Van
 - Residential and multifamily presentations and personal assistance
 - Presentations and assistance at every school
 - New sorting system for C&D, and 10 green certified projects processed
- WCW helped with the homeless camp at the Sharehouse.
 - Able to bring a container out there to be served 6 days of the week instead of 5.
 - Through the ordinance with the CoV, there was a time limit the camp needed to be cleaned up. WCW helped with this cleanup, along with the Health Department.

IV. Solid Waste Enforcement – Melissa Sutton, Environmental Health Specialist

● Overview of the CCPH Solid Waste Enforcement program

- Upon request, Melissa can send out the presentation to SWAC members
- Melissa presented the CCPH organization chart.

- Solid Waste Enforcement is comprised of Melissa Sutton, with supervision from Chuck Harman; she monitors compliance and the permitting of solid waste facilities.
 - Melissa responds to calls and inspects facilities as well
 - If a site is in city limits, works with city enforcement
 - 114 Solid Waste facility inspections in the 2013/2015 budget cycle, as well as 305 nuisance complaints, and 306 rodent complaints.
 - Facilities are inspected quarterly or more frequently, exempted facilities are inspected annually.
- **Findings from the 2015 West Van Materials Recovery Facility inspections**
 - West Van Materials Recovery Center is the largest transfer station in Clark County, and thus is a model facility and open to public tours.
 - Inspection concerns at the end of April, 2015:
 - Site supervisor change with no notice to Public Health
 - Excessive bales due to port closure; roughly 10k bales; litter and overflowing receptacles
 - Perimeter grates were outdated; clogged and damaged
 - Compactor was frequently down for repairs
 - MRF area was unkempt, and safety corridor and fire hose was blocked
 - HHW facility concerns:
 - Drums stored on grates blocking them, all labels were not visible, and no aisles
 - Improper signage
 - Obstructed emergency eye wash station that also was leaking
 - Inspection results in June, 2015:
 - Bails and litter cleaned up, but air quality issue
 - Grates on doors 4 and 6 were repaired
 - New legible signs in the HHW station, and the eye wash station was replaced
 - Personal food items found in HHW station
 - MRF area cleaned up
 - Inspections in July, 2015:
 - Safety corridor still unkempt and fire hose even more blocked
 - Implementation seen that all material on the tip floor was processed in 24-48hours
 - Inspections in September, 2015:
 - Fire hose even more inaccessible.
 - Written documentation of violation of food again present in HHW area
 - In summary: April 30th inspection had concerns, DES was notified, CRC responded and made improvements while CCPH increased their inspection frequency.

V. Clean Cart Campaign final study – Allan Jeska

- The draft study for the final sort of materials showed contamination at 19.6%. This final study was performed six months after the campaign to measure the lasting effect. In similar studies, the contamination was 26.4% before the campaign and 20.5% immediately after.

VI. OR DEQ Rebuttal to NYT Recycling Article – Discussion (All)

- The Association of Oregon Recyclers will be having their Fall Forum on December 10th, from 10:00am-3:30pm. If SWAC members are interested in going, please contact Pete DuBois.
 - Pete will send out a flyer/email to members with information about the forum.

VII. Other Business

- Allan presented an article about college campus pizza box recycling and composting.
- Allan requested that we add the future of block foam recycling to our discussions.

VIII. Comments from the Public on Non-Agenda items – None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm