

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

Thursday September 5, 2013

Clark County Auto License Office
1408 Franklin Street
Vancouver, WA

SWAC Members Present: Lisa Schmidt, Richard Baker, Rem Wilson, Jeanne Stewart, and Brandon Vick

SWAC Members Excused: Jack McClary, Allan Jeska, Don Ebbeson, Stephen Smythe

Staff Present: Anita Largent, Sabra Hall-Nelson

Others Present: Gary Bickett; Clark County Public Health, Rich McConaghy; City of Vancouver

I. Roll Call, Approval of Minutes

Richard Baker made a motion to approve the August 1, 2013 SWAC minutes with noted corrections. Brandon Vick seconded the motion. Motion passed.

II. Updates

County Public Health – Gary Bickett

No new information to report this month.

County Environmental Services – Anita Largent

A few highlights for the month of September:

- Green Neighbor Monthly Newsletter: Environmental Services is having a planting and cleanup event at Pacific Park on Saturday September 14th from 9:00am to 12:00 pm - looking for volunteers.
- News Release: The first week in October is designated as Household Hazardous Waste Awareness Week to boost public awareness about the safe storage, use and disposal of hazardous products. Several free HHW collection events are scheduled for the following dates:
 - **Block foam, electronic waste and household hazardous waste collection** – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, Fishers Landing Transit Center (south parking lot), 3510 S.E. 164th Ave., Vancouver.
 - **Mercury thermometer, unused prescription, hearing aid, cell phone and eyeglass collection** – 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Oct. 1, Legacy Salmon Creek Medical Center, 2211 N.E. 139th St. Use the 23rd Avenue entrance.
 - **Mercury thermometer, unused prescription, hearing aid, cell phone and eyeglass collection** – 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2, Southwest Washington Medical Center, 400 N.E. Mother Joseph Place. Collection site is at the entrance to the Education Center, just south of the Northeast 92nd Avenue entrance.

- **Block foam, electronic waste and household hazardous waste collection**
9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, Clark County Public Works Operations Center, 4700 N.E. 78th St.
- Ribbon Cutting Event for the CNG (compressed natural gas) trucks at 9411 NE 94th Ave. from 3:30-5:30 on Thursday, Sept. 12th.

City of Vancouver – Rich McConaghy

Joint City & County Fall Leaf Disposal Coupon Program:

Rich McConaghy provided handouts with graphs showing the results from joint City/County Fall Leaf program over the last 13 years. The four graphs showed the following:

- Fall leaves: Total Coupons Redeemed
- Fall Leaves: Total Disposal Costs
- Fall Leaves: Cubic Yards Collected
- Cost per coupon and cost per cubic yard

The fall leaf program starts October 1st and last about three months. Public Works funds the program to encourage keeping the leaves off the street and out of the stormwater drains. It also saves the county in terms of street and storm drain maintenance. Each year we are seeing an increase in leaves. The City has a street tree planting program to improve the tree canopy, creating more leaves which is one reason for an increase. Jeanne Stewart is interested in the cost savings with the leaf coupon. She acknowledged that this is not garbage; it is a product that can be reused and avoided disposal cost and the recovery of a product that is sold should be factored into the value.

WMMFA –Washington Materials Management & Financing Authority - Covered Electronic Products (CEP)- pounds collected by type and by county-E-Cycle Washington:

The next handout highlights a recent report Year to Date- for E-cycle Washington Program listing each county and the accepted products; televisions, monitors and computers – including laptops. The chart shows Clark County's percent of total pounds of recovered electronic products YTD August 2013 was 8.0%.

E-Cycle Washington Results – for nearly 5 years

The third handout shows what the trends have been over the last five years. The graph shows Clark County has increased the pounds recovered each year starting in 2009 recovering 4.2% to this Aug. 2013 YTD recovery 8.0%. Pie chart identifies some of the major market share of manufacturers based on the amount of CEP.

Question: "What can this commission do with this information? Answer: Just be aware that waste electronics are still out there, it continues to grow. We now have another product added to the list – portable DVD players. We continue to have collection events. The down side of e-cycle is that it recycles rather than reuse. Empower Up reconditions and provides computers to families.

Department of Ecology – Julie Robertson

No report.

III. Update of Closure/Decommission of Rufener Landfill (also known as Boise Cascade Landfill) – Gary Bickett & Anita Largent

SWAC members were sent an e- mail on August 14, 2013 regarding the Rufener Landfill Consent Decree that was executed. The company has obtained a performance bond; the City of Vancouver has reviewed that and accepted it as the financial assurance. A couple of photos of the work being done at the site were included in the packet. The Deferral Permit has been issued by Public Health. Solid waste fees from 2005 were paid. The consent

decree deals mostly with the decommissioning of the landfill, where the shoreline permit deals with both the lagoon and the landfill.

IV. Solid Waste Management Plan Update – Anita Largent

Review of Chapter 15 – Waste Monitoring & Performance

Waste Stream Analysis and Data Report are the backup reports for this Chapter and data. Chapter 15 was reviewed and suggestions from the SWAC members were noted. Lisa Schmidt requested having economic development addressed somehow in this chapter. The diversion rate is not always understood. The definition is located on page 15-3. It was recommended to make reference to the diversion rate definition on the first page of the chapter.

Question: Is the 70% diversion rate attainable? Answer: Within five years, it is an attainable goal. However it depends on the economy and construction as well as other factors.

Question: How will we do this? What chapter should be reviewed in order to seek an answer? Answer: It is all of our programs; Sustainability Chapter, Recycling Chapter, Waste Prevention Chapter, Organics Chapter. One could also look at the Waste Stream Analysis that is referenced in this chapter. These measure not only our programs but also the commercial recycling and other recovery programs.

Additional Handouts for the Solid Waste Management Plan update

- **Appendix J - Solid Waste data Report**
- **Appendix I - 2012 Waste Stream Analysis**
- **Appendix G – Milestones** (this will be discussed at the October meeting)

V. Other Business

Jeanne Stewart shared photos of staff and partners working at this years Recycled Arts Festival.

VI. Comments from the Public on Non-Agenda items

No public comments

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21