

**Clark County
Solid Waste Advisory Commission
Regular Meeting**
Thursday, May 5th, 2016

Clark County Elections Building
1408 Franklin Street
Vancouver, WA

SWAC Members Present: Rem Wilson, Allan Jeska, Don Ebbeson, Stephen Schrag, Ty Stober, Alixandra Coker, Simone Auger, Brandon Vick, and Steven Willis

SWAC Members Excused: Ali Coker,

Staff Present: Pete DuBois, Kim Harless

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

I. Roll Call, Approval of Minutes

The minutes for April 7th were approved as written. Unanimously approved; Brandon abstained.

II. Updates

County Public Health – Chuck Harman

- Melissa on maternity leave soon, temp will start on 16th
- Funding will be restored on July 1st for hazardous site assessment, and home visits and assessments for elevated blood level testing (EBLL) for lead

City of Vancouver – Rich McConaghy

- Trex challenge started mid-November on America Recycles Day until Earth Day
 - 21 schools participated in Clark County
 - 12,766 lbs. – almost 6 tons of plastic film/wrap was collected
 - All schools getting planters and one school from each district will get a bench

Waste Connections – Scott Campbell

- Filled assistant district manager position, Greg Hale

County Environmental Services – Pete DuBois & Kim Harless

- New Green Businesses: Parr Lumber and Pacific Continental Bank
- Morning blend at Boomerang non-profit coffee shop – May 19th at 8am
- Med event this last Saturday; 4 sites; over 2,000 lbs. of pills and over 1,000 participants
 - Partnership with Prevent! and Sheriff's Office
- Recycled Arts Festival, 25th and 26th of June
 - Sponsorships this year of \$20,000
- MCR successfully transitioned to the county from Columbia Springs
 - New demo site set up at Heritage Farm
 - First event at the new demo site is May 14th – backyard composting. Class is full
- Regional Solid Waste System Steering Committee will be on May 19th
 - Will communicate with SWAC

- Personnel changes:
 - Zea Luce, the MCR coordinator, will be moving to Vermont
 - Bernadette Donald, the Green Schools lead, has taken a job with Public Works
 - Both jobs have been posted
- Leichner Landfill Master Planning Public Meeting on April 26th went well
- Clean Cart Campaign starting May 23rd through June 21st
 - Tagging over 22,000 carts with 10 temporary workers
 - Peeking into the carts and leaving a tag with notes about any recycling mistakes, how to learn more, and how to enter to win an iPad
 - Also checking multi-family enclosures for correct labeling, distributing bags, and surveying managers that did not fill out the online survey; over 650 complexes
- Residue Study, first of four sorts will be on May 21st
 - Waste Connections performs an Allocation Study annually, with contamination all under a single “residual” category
 - The Residue Study will further categorize the materials that are contaminating the carts
 - Three sorts are scheduled for June 17th and 18th, and on June 29th or 30th

III. Draft criteria for evaluating termination of the post-closure permit for Circle C landfill – Chuck Harman

- Goal
 - High degree of confidence that there are and will be no impacts to groundwater
 - Protect public health
- Background
 - Located in La Center; closed for 23-24 years; old C/D landfill, not much MSW
 - The two property owners are the Carlsons’, whose father ran the landfill
 - Owners working with SCS engineers on current testing and monitoring
 - Currently On a post-closure permit that has a fee and requires monitoring of the groundwater, landfill gas, leachate, and settlement; family has asked to terminate the post-closure permit. Permit fees approximately \$4,500 per year
 - Criteria Drafted by Public Health, and Ecology has reviewed and commented
 - Need comments from SWAC and a vote to move forward,
 - Then bring to property owners
- Public process
 - 30-45 days for public comments, then finalize criteria with input
 - If criteria met, no longer have to have a post-closure permit
 - Landfill closed, wells decommissioned
- Draft criteria
 - Settlement and cover integrity
 - Gas production - 25% in middle; 100% at edge
 - Leachate production
 - Groundwater monitoring - up-gradient and downgradient wells. Need to know flow gradient and if well is adequate
 - Covenant
 - Institutional controls - Once the land does not pose a threat and poses no liability the land can be repurposed with controls in place
- SWAC recommendations.
 - SWAC agrees with mission to protect groundwater and the regional sole source aquifer lies beneath the landfill.
 - SWAC agrees that this is leading edge work and Public Health is doing it the right way.
 - Follow up with testing labs to determine cost estimates to conduct tests required by draft criteria to get a data point.

- Look at existing test results and determine range of compliance. Focus on testing for above average test results.
 - Look at economic costs of what Carlsons' currently pay compared to what costs would be to meet draft criteria for post-closure costs.
 - Determine if there are grandfather arrangements e.g. only 1 downgradient well, should be minimum of three. If additional wells are needed who would pay? Review data from first well to see if issues or potential issues exist.
 - How many cubic yards is site? What would it take to scrape it out and put in a lined landfill or use as cover?
 - Clarify language on settlement sampling. Steven Willis suggested "subsequent years until the criteria is met."
 - Stephen Schragg asked for quantity of leachate and rate over time.
- SWAC Motion to encourage Public Health to continue the draft criteria process and bring back information – Don Ebbeson
 - Allan seconded
 - Simone voiced her respect for the work public health is doing to protect the environment and keep the community safe.
 - Motion passed unanimously

IV. Green Neighbors Recycling Day Events Recap – Kim Harless

- 4 events to date
- Participation rate for 2016 comparable to 2015. Notes: 2016 first year no HHW; trash collection events included in 2016 numbers
- Number of tire participants less in 2016 compared to 2015 but tire count same
- 49 HHW participants for opening Friday at CTR expanded hours
- Allan shared the WCW bill insert "Take it to the transfer"
- Simone was concerned about the No HHW. Expressed "good job" on messaging
- Reflector article – La Center council discussion. No staff. "La Center may scrap Recycling Day"
- Some confusion from La Center city council over recycled day event and past city clean up event days
- SWAC expressed kudos to Bernadette for the powerpoint

V. Other Business

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm