

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

Thursday, February 5, 2015

Clark County Auto License Office
1408 Franklin Street
Vancouver, WA

SWAC Members Present: Don Ebbeson, Rem Wilson, Richard Baker, Simone Auger, Steven Willis, Stephen Schrag, and Bill Turlay

SWAC Members Excused: Allan Jeska and Brandon Vick

Staff Present: Peter DuBois and Cynthia Kiehl

Others Present: Rich McConaghy, City of Vancouver; Tanya Gray, City of Vancouver; Scott Campbell, Waste Connections; Derek Ranta, Waste Connections

I. Roll Call, Approval of Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Don Ebbeson. Richard Baker made a motion to approve the December 4, 2014 minutes as written, Bill Turlay seconded the motion. Stephen Schrag abstained. Motion passed.

SWAC members introduced themselves and noted which interest group they represent.

Bill Turlay asked if the new County organization will change the way SWAC operates. Pete responded that at this time, it will not.

II. Updates

County Public Health – Pete reported on behalf of Melissa Sutton. Commission members asked that in the future, written updates be distributed to SWAC for review before meetings.

County Environmental Services – Peter DuBois

The Department implemented a Book Club with the next event taking place on February 17, 2015. The Green Business Showcase will be held at the Artillery Barracks on March 19, 2015 and all SWAC members will receive invitations. Washington Green Schools teacher training is scheduled for February 25, 2015. The Leichner Landfill open house will be held on April 23. At the April meeting, Environmental Services will present two development ideas to SWAC regarding the Leichner and Fleischer properties.

City of Vancouver –

Tanya reported that due to wind events in November and December, the City provided residents with debris disposal vouchers. In the spring, the City also provides residents with yard debris vouchers. In the past, these vouchers have gone out in billing inserts but because a large portion of residents are opting out of paper billing, the City is working on a way to effectively distribute the vouchers.

Rich reported on the City's appliance pick-up program in partnership with Waste Connections. City residents can have one appliance per year picked up by Waste Connections at no charge and additional appliances picked up for a nominal fee. Rich also reported on an article that was published about litter and plastic bags in the City of Vancouver. No regulation on the distribution of plastic bags is planned at this time. Currently, keeping plastic out of recycling carts is the City's main focus.

Waste Connections – Derek Ranta

Waste Connections received an L&I inspection in August 2014. The findings took until January to have a closing conference on the inspection. Waste Connections was cited 24 times for improper lock-out/tag-out and atmospheric testing of trucks. Waste Connections has appealed the decision and feels they have followed proper protocol while putting the safety of their employees first.

Don Ebbeson gave his professional opinions on safety and federal standards for waste trucks.

Starting in November, the West Coast port slow down began to affect the ability of Waste Connections to ship out recycling bales. Waste Connections normally ships out 300-350 bales per day. Currently, there are about 7,000 bales in inventory at West Van.

III. 2015 Recycling Day Events – Peter DuBois

Pete presented the most recent Recycling Done Right video. This video is being distributed to the public via the Green Neighbors website, social media sites, and schools. There will be incentives for watching the video and that will be publicized when all of the details are finalized.

Stephen asked if the County will follow the City's lead if they decide to enforce a plastic bag ban. Pete responded that at this time, The County's stance is to educate the public and try to keep plastic bags out of recycle carts.

Don asked for clarification about the mulching lawn mower rebate and where funding for that program was coming from. Pete reported that 75% of the funding would come from the Department of Ecology through the Coordinated Prevention Grant and 25% from the Solid Waste fund.

Steven Willis recommended that the City of Vancouver include a link to the Recycling Done Right video in the electronic bills. Tanya clarified that Waste Connections generates the electronic recycling bills and that she would make a note of the suggestion.

Pete discussed the dates of, and what materials will be accepted at the 2015 Recycling Day Events. One significant change is there will be no promotion of accepting yard debris at any of the events. The Washougal event will be held at the Washougal transfer station. Advertising this year will be geared towards disposing of waste at the fixed facilities throughout the year or not creating it at all.

Don asked that SWAC be reminded of the time and date of the events events at the meeting prior.

IV. 2015-17 Coordinated Prevention Grant – Peter DuBois

Pete presented several spreadsheets depicting the history and future of the Coordinated Prevention Grant (CPG) budgets and expenditures.

Environmental Services is required to submit CPG application to the Department of Ecology by March 31, 2015 for the 2015-17 CPG. This grant constitutes \$1.7 million of the Solid Waste budget over the biennium. The draft application will be shared with SWAC via email prior to the March meeting.

V. Latex Paint Discussion – Peter DuBois

The fixed facilities currently collect about 7,000 boxes/gaylords of latex paint per year.. Environmental Services proposes collecting and processing paint locally through the jail work center.

Don agrees with providing initial funding to get the program started but does not want it to be the County's responsibility to keep the program running as the cost is significant.

VI. Solid Waste Management Plan adoption update – Peter DuBois

The Department of Ecology has received the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) and as soon as Environmental Services receives Ecology's comments, SWAC will be informed.

VII. Other Business

None

VIII. Comments from the Public on Non-Agenda Items

None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM.