

**Clark County
Solid Waste Advisory Commission
Regular Meeting**
Thursday October 2, 2014

Clark County Auto License Office
1408 Franklin Street
Vancouver, WA

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

SWAC Members Excused: Rem Wilson, Brandon Vick, and Stephen Smythe

Staff Present: Peter DuBois, Mike Davis, and Cynthia Kiehl

Others Present: Rich McConaghy, City of Vancouver; and Melissa Thiefenthaler, Waste Connections; Kevin Miracle, Columbia Resource Company; Joe Laxson, County Public Health

I. Roll Call, Approval of Minutes

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

Don Ebbeson made a motion to approve the September 4, 2014 minutes as written, Jack seconded the motion. Richard Baker abstained. Motion passed.

II. Updates

County Public Health – Joe Laxson

Joe reported that the new operations plan for the Washougal Transfer Station has been reviewed and that the quarterly reports as well as a timeline for the revision of Solid Waste Code will be presented to SWAC at a future meeting. Don Ebbeson requested that the current code be shared with SWAC members. Joe reported that solid waste on private property and enforcement complaints are escalating to the Board of County Commissioners and this has prompted the code revision.

City of Vancouver – Rich McConaghy

Rich reported on the multi-family recycling survey. The pilot (33 complexes – 2500 units) is almost complete. The survey found high contamination levels among the complexes. Intervention (new signage, recycling totes, and education) is almost complete. The city is awaiting results of second study to see how effective the intervention was. Rich will report on this as soon as all results have been analyzed. Rich also reported on the free leaf disposal program.

Lisa Schmidt asked for a report and clarification on Recollect, the widget and notification system that the City, County, and Waste Connections are working on. Rich reported on this system and the pilot process. The original pilot was brought to SWAC at the May 2013 regular meeting.

Lisa Schmidt and Don Ebbeson advised that SWAC is a recommending body and asked that going forward, items brought to SWAC meetings be those that require SWAC

recommendation and have not yet gone in front of the Board of County Commissioners or city councils.

County Environmental Services – Peter DuBois

Pete reported on a graphics RFP and Comcast advertising for Green Neighbors Recycling Day Events (formerly the Mobile Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events). Don asked what the most effective form of advertising has been. Pete responded that he would provide a presentation at the next SWAC meeting to report on effectiveness of all events as a whole. Pete also reported on the Clean Cart Campaign and the medication take-back events.

III. Review of PBS report “Transfer Station Siting Analysis and Feasibility Assessment” – Mike Davis, Clark County

Mike reported that the study found land-use and transportation route issues to be the largest problems in the sites that were reviewed. At this time there is not a feasible site for a fourth transfer station in North Clark County. Mike discussed the options to build and expand Central Transfer and Recycling Center (CTR) and/or develop a public self-haul area at CTR. A drop lane to reduce the traffic on Hwy 503 is estimated to cost \$880,000. The plan now is to see if it is feasible to build and expand CTR. Jack McClary expressed concern with the idea to expand CTR due to the current traffic pattern and expansion that is expected of North Clark County over the next 20 years. Jack suggested Chelatchie Prairie be studied as a possible site for a fourth transfer station. Staff noted that preliminary discussions are underway to look at the possibility of an organics processing facility at Chelatchie Prairie. Richard Baker and Lisa Schmidt discussed the possibility of providing recycling drop-off centers as they are effective in other areas of the country.

IV. Review 2015-16 Solid Waste and Environmental Education Program Budget – Peter DuBois, Clark County

Pete presented a PowerPoint presentation of the 2015-16 Solid Waste and Environmental Education Program budget. Don Ebbeson questioned whether outreach should be shifted to Waste Connections educators and away from the County. Allan Jeska stated that in working with both programs, they appear complimentary and not redundant. Bill Turlay asked if SWAC will be involved in the budget approval process. Pete stated that the baseline revenue and expenditures are set as part of the County budget process. SWAC recommendations on program expenditures, especially how they relate to the Solid Waste Management Plan and Coordinated Prevention Grant, are welcome.

V. Approval of Preliminary Draft of Solid Waste Management Plan – Peter DuBois, Clark County

Pete presented Chapter 19 – Implementation from the SWMP with new recommendations as well as a new format. Copies of the entire SWMP will be shared with SWAC members and presented at the next regular meeting for approval and to begin the 30 day public input process.

VI. Report on Landfill Tour – Allan Jeska

Allan will report on the tour at the next regular SWAC meeting.

VII. Comments from the Public on Non-Agenda Items

No comments

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM