

THURSTON COUNTY
SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes of February 6, 2019
9605 Tilley Rd. S., Suite B, Olympia, WA

ROLL CALL:		Alternate (A)
		Excused (E)
		Not Present (NP)
		Present (P)
Members	Interest/Organization	
Jim Cooper	City of Olympia	P
Gary Edwards	County Commissioners Office	P
Joe Downing	Port of Olympia	E
Joan Cathey	City of Tumwater	P
Michael Steadman (<i>Lenny Greenstein</i>)	City of Lacey	P
Dave Watterson	City of Tenino	P
EJ Curry	City of Yelm	E
Greg Schoenbachler	District #1, Citizen Representative and Agricultural Representative	P
Burton Guttman	District #2, Citizen Representative	P
Renee Radcliff Sinclair (Vice Chair)	District #3, Citizen Representative	P
Delroy Cox (<i>John Cox</i>)	Industry Representative – Refuse	P
Chad Sutter	Industry Representative – Recycling	P
Daniel Venable	Business Representative	NP

Staff Present: Amanda Romero and Angela Celestine – Public Works; Jennifer Johnson Public Health and Social Services.

Guests Present: Steve Gilmore, Jim Hutchinson - Republic Services; Brad Lovaas – Washington Refuse and Recycling Association; Peter Guttchen – Department of Ecology; Gary Franks – City of Olympia

1. CALL TO ORDER

The February 6, 2019 Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) meeting was called to order by Chair Michael Steadman at 11:01 am.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

Michael made a motion to amend the February 6, 2019 agenda to include a presentation by Brad Lovaas representing the Washington Refuse and Recycling Association (WRRRA). Delroy seconded the motion, the committee voted and unanimously approved the February 6, 2019 Agenda as amended. Michael made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the January 2, 2019

SWAC meeting; Delroy Cox seconded the motion. The committee voted and unanimously approved the minutes from January 2, 2019.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Presentation: China's National Sword Policy and Resetting Recycling in Washington State by Brad Lovaas (requested by SWAC)

Brad presented information to the SWAC regarding China's National Sword Policy and current recycling markets. (*See Attachment A*)

Brad commented that although the collection rates of recycling haven't decreased, the demand has decreased leading to a worldwide glut of materials. Brad mentioned he has been speaking to other SWACs about the issue. The message WRRRA promoted is to limit materials collected curbside for recycling, keep as much contamination out of the recycling stream as possible, and move toward standardized recycling statewide. Brad's suggestion regarding public education was to keep messaging simple—materials should be empty, clean, and dry.

SWAC members' terms—status update (requested by staff)

Amanda Romero informed the committee that Gary Edwards, Joan Cathey, EJ Curry, Dave Watterson, and Renee Sinclair were reappointed to the SWAC by the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC). She also stated that the memberships of Jim Cooper representing the City of Olympia and EJ Zita representing the Port of Olympia were pending approval of the BoCC.

Public Education (requested by SWAC, committee-led discussion)

Delroy reminded the committee that the SWAC's role is to provide input, direction, and recommendations to staff regarding public education opportunities. Joan inquired about staffing within the solid waste education team. Amanda clarified that there is an education team, and the education supervisor position is open. Jim Cooper asked if copies of the educational staff's workplan could be shared with the SWAC and if they could attend a future meeting. The committee agreed that information regarding current educational efforts would be helpful as they discuss recommendations. Amanda said she would consult with Monica Gorman, the Solid Waste Manager about the requests.

The committee discussed touring local Material Recovery Facilities (MRF) to learn more about sorting processes and inviting neighboring county SWACs to attend a meeting to get other perspectives on educational efforts.

5. OLD BUSINESS

Talking Trash (requested by SWAC; committee-led discussion)

Tabled to a future meeting.

6. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

The committee discussed moving meeting times earlier in the day and moving to a monthly schedule. Renee made a motion to meet every first Wednesday of the month from 10:00 am to 11:30 am; Burt seconded the motion. The committee voted and unanimously approved.

The February 6, 2019 SWAC meeting adjourned at 12:38 p.m.

The next SWAC meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. located at 9605 Tilley Rd. S., Building B, Chehalis Room, Olympia, WA 98512.

Audio files of these meeting minutes are available upon request.