

THURSTON COUNTY
SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes of June 5, 2019
9605 Tilley Rd. S., Suite C, Olympia, WA

ROLL CALL:		Alternate (A)
		Excused (E)
		Not Present (NP)
		Present (P)
Members	Interest/Organization	
Jim Cooper (<i>Gary Franks</i>)	City of Olympia	P
Gary Edwards	Thurston County Commissioners' Office	P
E.J. Zita (<i>Joe Downing</i>)	Port of Olympia	P
Joan Cathey	City of Tumwater	P
Michael Steadman (<i>Lenny Greenstein</i>)	City of Lacey	P
Dave Watterson	City of Tenino	E
E.J. Curry	City of Yelm	P
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	E
Delroy Cox (<i>John Cox</i>)	Industry Representative – Refuse	P
Chad Sutter	Industry Representative – Recycling	P
Daniel Venable	Business Representative	NP

Staff Present: Jennifer Walker, Gerald Tousley, Amanda Romero, and Angela Celestine – Public Works; Chris Hawkins– Public Health and Social Services.

Guests Present: Peter Guttchen and Peter Lyon – Department of Ecology; John Cox and Jeff Harwood – LeMay/Waste Connections; Joe Casalini and Janet Pritchard – Republic Services.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The June 5, 2019 Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) meeting was called to order by the Chair Michael Steadman at 10:02 am.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

Michael Steadman moved to amend the Agenda, moving the discussion regarding the July meeting date to the first order of business under New Business. Greg Schoenbachler seconded the motion; the committee voted and unanimously approved.

E.J Zita moved to approve the minutes from the May 1, 2019 SWAC meeting and the Agenda, as amended, for the June 5, 2019 SWAC meeting; E.J Curry seconded the motion. The committee voted and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

3. NEW BUSINESS

Discuss July meeting date (requested by staff)

The SWAC discussed rescheduling the July 3, 2019 meeting to another day to avoid low attendance considering the holiday. After discussing several options, the SWAC voted to keep the July 3, 2019 meeting date with Chad Sutter serving as Chair in Michael's absence.

Solid Waste Management Plan Process Presentation and Status Update, Gerald Tousley, Thurston County and Wendy Mifflin, HDR Engineering, Inc. (requested by SWAC)

Gerald Tousley began the presentation about the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) Process and Status Update reviewing the following: the planning requirements outlined in RCW 70.95, interlocal agreements in place, responsibilities of the SWAC, the development process, and the involvement of the SWAC in developing the SWMP.

Jim Cooper brought up the policy language of the expiration of the interlocal agreements. His interpretation assumed the interlocal agreements had expired. This was followed by some discussion and clarification around the expiration of the agreements.

Wendy Mifflin, representing HDR Engineering, Inc. (HDR), gave an overview of her background in Solid Waste and provided information regarding the updates to the SWMP referring to Appendix H: Agency comments and County responses. Wendy addressed questions and comments, explaining that Appendix G: Thurston County Solid Waste Capital Facility Plan (CFP) 2019-2024 was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) on December 14, 2018. It has been incorporated into the SWMP, addressing transfer station and rural drop box facilities infrastructure.

Jim Cooper asked for clarification on the meaning of the language 'jointly prepare' regarding the SWMP interlocal agreements. He questioned how the City of Olympia fits in the process of approving a final draft of the SWMP. Wendy explained that each city has a representative that participates on the SWAC. After SWAC approval, the SWMP goes back to the cities for adoption. She suggested cities and Thurston County hold a joint study session. Jim inquired about where the BoCC fits in the process. Gerald stated that after all the jurisdictions adopt the plan, it goes back to the BoCC for final adoption. Jim asked if there were changes made to the plan resulting from the study session if the plan would have to be resubmitted to Department of Ecology (DOE). Wendy commented that it depends if the changes were regulatory. If the changes were regulatory it would be appropriate to involve the DOE.

Delroy Cox voiced concerns over some of the data and projections outlined in the CFP.

Jim Cooper inquired if the SWAC could receive a briefing on the CFP. Gerald stated that Chris Helmer, the Public Works Capital Project Manager, will be overseeing the projects for the Solid Waste portion of the CFP, has been scheduled for introduction to the SWAC at the July meeting. Jennifer Walker clarified that while the CFP looks out 20 years, the projects are staged in smaller increments.

Chad Sutter inquired about HDR's involvement with the SWMP and the proposed timeline for moving forward. Wendy communicated that HDR had an initial contract with the County in 2017 to conduct the Capital Facility Assessment. In late 2018 HDR became involved with the SWMP and other county-wide task orders. Wendy proposed that the SWAC consider approving the SWMP at the July meeting.

Discuss letter from City of Olympia to Thurston County Commissioners (requested by SWAC)

Gerald referred to a letter that was sent to the BoCC from the City of Olympia to which Jennifer commented that a response letter was being drafted. Jim Cooper stated, from the City of Olympia's perspective, there had already been a shift from some of the concerns outlined in the letter. The SWAC discussed the cities working jointly with the BoCC while developing their own plans for waste handling to achieve regional alignment.

Update of SWAC 2019 Work Plan; assign meeting topics for August, October, and December of 2019 (requested by staff)

Gerald reviewed topics for upcoming meetings. In July, he proposed presenting the facility assessment report and CFP. He also suggested moving the business waste fee structure at HazoHouse, as listed in the 2019 SWAC Work Plan, to a later month. Jennifer added the draft timeline of the SWMP to July's agenda. For future planning purposes, Jim Cooper communicated topics the City of Olympia would be interested in addressing

4. OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

5. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

In respect for time, there was no roundtable discussion. The June 5, 2019 SWAC meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

The next SWAC meeting is scheduled for July 3, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. located at 9605 Tilley Rd. S., Building C, Rainier Room, Olympia, WA 98512.

Audio files of these meeting minutes are available upon request.