

**THURSTON COUNTY  
SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Meeting Minutes of October 2, 2019  
9605 Tilley Rd. S., Suite C, Olympia, WA**

<b>ROLL CALL:</b>		<b>Alternate (A)</b>
		<b>Excused (E)</b>
		<b>Not Present (NP)</b>
		<b>Present (P)</b>
<b>Members/(Alternates)</b>	<b>Interest/Organization</b>	
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> ) (Chair)	City of Lacey	P
Dave Watterson	City of Tenino	P
E.J. Curry	City of Yelm	P
Greg Schoenbachler	District #1, Citizen Representative and Agricultural Representative	E
Burton Guttman	District #2, Citizen Representative	E
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:** Jennifer Walker, Gerald Tousley, Amanda Romero, Chris Helmer, Colleen Minion and Angela Celestine – Public Works; Art Starry, Chris Hawkins, Patrick Soderberg– Public Health and Social Services.

**Guests Present:** Peter Guttchen, Peter Lyon and Stacey Calloway – Department of Ecology; Jeff Harwood – LeMay/Waste Connections; Steve Gilmore – Republic Services; Wendy Mifflin – HDR Engineering, Inc. (HDR)

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The October 2, 2019 Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) meeting was called to order at 10:05 am by the Chair Michael Steadman.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES**

Dave Watterson moved to approve the Agenda for October 2, 2019 and the Minutes from September 4, 2019. Zita seconded the motion. The committee voted and unanimously approved the Agenda and Minutes.

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

### 4. NEW BUSINESS

#### SWMP Chapters 4- 10 Review.

Wendy Mifflin reviewed Chapters 4-10 of the redline comparison of the 2018 Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) draft and the SWMP 2019 draft. Wendy went over modifications to Chapter 4 that included updates to data and deletion of outdated information and figures. Section 4.3.5 modifications incorporated the current apple maggot quarantine language. Zita questioned why the figures 4-2 and 4-3 were deleted. Wendy communicated that the data came from an unknown source. She further explained the City of Olympia and the County are going to do a waste characterization study, and based on those results, the figures may be added back into the plan as an amendment. Wendy said she would add a note in the chapter about anticipating an update, which would act as a placeholder to update as data became available. Michael made a motion to approve Chapter 4 with the placeholder. Dave seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Wendy shared that Chapter 5 revisions included an update to data in Table 5-6. Dave Watterson moved to approve Chapter 5; Zita seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Referring to Chapter 6, Section 6.4 Wendy stated the modifications added language about capital facility planning. Revisions to Section 6.5 deleted language about the upcoming Facility Assessment since it was completed. Other modifications included minor edits, updates to data, and a modified recommendation for the County Capital Facility Plan (CFP) implementation. Delroy Cox pointed to Section 6.8 that referred to 40 cubic yard rail containers at the rural facilities, stating the language should be changed to drop boxes; Wendy agreed. Dave made a motion to approve Chapter 6; Delroy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Wendy indicated that Chapter 7 had minimal modifications. Michael moved to approve Chapter 7; Dave seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Wendy mentioned that at the suggestion of the Department of Ecology (DOE), the addition of language on bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) and avian flu was added to Chapter 8. Delroy made a motion to approve Chapter 8; Zita seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Wendy said that Chapter 9 modifications included, at the suggestion of DOE, Table 9-1 as a placeholder that will be updated to reflect actual financial figures and include 2019 approved budget figures. Dave made a motion to approve Chapter 9; Zita seconded the motion. Michael asked about transfers from other funds and when the actual budget would be available. Wendy answered that the information is available on the County's website. Delroy asked if the updated budget information was more detailed. Wendy confirmed it was. Renee Sinclair mentioned it would be helpful having a historic comparison with budget numbers as well as the actual budget. Michael referred to the motion on the floor and moved to vote on approving Chapter 9 with the

understanding the actuals would be added. The motion passed with eight votes in favor and one opposing vote.

Wendy commented that Chapter 10, Section 10.11 revisions included incorporating language referencing the adoption of the CFP and funding sources. Zita asked about the budget number listed for improvement projects. Wendy stated the language was also in Chapter 6, Section 6.4 and Appendix G. Zita suggested adding a reference to Appendix G in the paragraph. Delroy inquired if the projections were for 20 years. Wendy confirmed they were. Dave made a motion to approve chapter 10 acknowledging the SWMP as a living document that can be amended. Zita seconded the motion. The committee voted, and the majority voted nay. The committee discussed concerns over the infrastructure assessment and the CFP. Wendy clarified that the recommendation by HDR in the assessment was to monitor population growth projections to ensure estimates stay on track, and it should be reviewed annually. Michael made a motion to delay approval and move forward with the scheduled presentations as they may answer concerns that were raised. Zita seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

After presentations by staff, Dave made a motion to approve Chapter 10. Gary Edwards seconded the motion. The motion passed with seven votes in favor and two opposing.

#### Solid Waste Facilities Operations Presentation.

Gerald gave a high-level overview of the solid waste facilities operations at the Waste and Recovery Center (WARC), Rainer Drop-Box Facility, and Rochester Drop-Box Facility. Gerald shared data for each site covering the last four years and spoke about groundwater monitoring and the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition systems at the WARC.

Chad Sutter mentioned the SWAC had requested the contracted facility operators speak about the challenges at the WARC. Gerald commented that the contracted facility operators declined presenting. In response, Steve Gilmore shared the challenge that the compactor at the WARC is unable to keep up with the garbage volumes mid-day, resulting in less efficient open-top containers being used for hauling the garbage to the intermodal station. Jeff Harwood voiced concerns with traffic in the area of the WARC. Gerald noted that Waste Connections steps in to help alleviate traffic issues during busy times. Jennifer Walker brought up the planned improvements at the drop-box facilities and how the improvements may decrease traffic at the WARC.

Zita proposed looking at a cost-effective system to reduce the amount of waste onsite that produces energy such as pyrolysis.

#### Rainier and Rochester Drop-Box Facilities Presentation.

Chris Helmer reviewed current infrastructure, security, and safety improvement projects at the Rainier and Rochester Drop-Box Facilities and shared the preliminary schedule for the design and construction phases. Chris spoke about adding scales, replacing or upgrading the employee booths, and upgrade the security systems.

#### Capital Facilities Plan (CFP) Projects Update.

Chris Helmer went over current CFP projects, budget, and timeline as well as future planned projects. Michael voiced some concerns about the drop-box facilities' renovation cost. Chris clarified the cost is a rough estimate based on the assessment by HDR and includes the design process and construction.

Education and Outreach Update on Master Recycler and Composter Training.

Tabled for November meeting.

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

Update to the SWAC 2019 Work Plan; assign meeting topics for November and December of 2019.

Michael made a motion to table the education and outreach update and add it to the November meeting. Zita seconded the motion. The committee voted and unanimously agreed.

**6. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**

The October 2, 2019 SWAC meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.

The next SWAC meeting is scheduled for November 6, 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.*