

Metropolitan Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee

February 13, 2015 - 11:15 a.m. to 1:40 p.m.

King Street Center 8th Floor Conference Room

Meeting Minutes

Members	
Diana Quinn	<i>Algona</i>
Joan Nelson	<i>Auburn</i>
Bill Peloza	<i>Auburn</i>
Alison Bennett	<i>Bellevue</i>
Susan Fife-Ferris	<i>Bellevue</i>
Sabrina Combs	<i>Bothell</i>
Brian Roberts	<i>Burien</i>
Barre Seibert	<i>Clyde Hill</i>
Joseph Cimaomo, Jr.	<i>Covington</i>
Laura Techico	<i>Des Moines</i>
Chris Searcy	<i>Enumclaw</i>
Rob Van Orsow	<i>Federal Way</i>
Jenna Higgins	<i>Kirkland</i>
John MacGillivray	<i>Kirkland</i>
Penny Sweet	<i>Kirkland</i>
Mary Jane Goss	<i>Lake Forest Park</i>
Diana Pistoll	<i>Maple Valley</i>
Carol Simpson	<i>Newcastle</i>
Stacia Jenkins	<i>Normandy Park</i>
Jerallyn Roetemeyer	<i>Redmond</i>
Linda Knight	<i>Renton</i>
Beth Goldberg	<i>Sammamish</i>
Chris Eggen	<i>Shoreline</i>
Rika Cecil	<i>Shoreline</i>
Scott MacColl	<i>Shoreline</i>
Frank Iriarte	<i>Tukwila</i>
Paula Waters	<i>Woodinville</i>

King County Staff
Jamey Barker, SWD Staff
Laura Belt, SWD Staff
Alejandra Calderon, SWD Staff
Anna Fleming, SWD Staff
Jeff Gaisford, SWD Recycling & Environmental Services Manager
Beth Humphreys, SWD Staff
Laila McClinton, SWD Staff
Pat D. McLaughlin, SWD Director
Bill Reed, SWD Staff
Mike Reed, Council Staff
Thea Severn, SWD Planning & Communications Manager
Diane Yates, SWD Staff

Guests
Doreen Booth, SCA
David Della, Waste Management
Laura Moser, Waste Management

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

19 cities were present for the election. Peloza was elected as Chair and Eggen was elected as Vice Chair.

Minutes & Agenda Review

The January minutes were approved as written.

Updates

SWD

A SWD customer experienced the division's commitment to customer service first-hand last week after he accidentally threw away a pair of diamond earrings. The customer explained the earrings had mistakenly been put into a bag that was dropped at a transfer station and on

its way to the Cedar Hills Regional Landfill. The Special Waste crew acted fast, had the hauler empty his load at the landfill, and recovered the earrings.

SWD-funded cleanup crews did extensive trash removal at King County's Tolt-MacDonald Park in January. Crews removed more than 20 tires, nearly 20 gallons of oil and hydraulic fluid, and a garbage can brimming with rotten meat, vegetables, and fruit. All of this was within 50 yards of the Tolt River, within reach of minor floodwaters.

SWD's Instagram account received positive media coverage when it posted a picture of a SWD employee rescuing a fawn from a leachate pond at the Cedar Hills Regional Landfill. Though the photo was more than a year old, news outlets and the public were thrilled to see how much SWD employees care about the environment and their four-legged neighbors at the landfill. KING 5 Seattle "regrammed" the post, which received 618 likes and 20 positive comments, and KIRO 7 featured [the story](#) on the air and on its website.

About 55 people attended the Feb. 12 Transfer Plan Workshop. The agenda, presentation and handouts are posted on the [division website](#). Division staff is available to answer questions and to discuss concepts, strategies, and data in more depth. Comments are welcome. The draft report must be submitted to Council by March 31.

An education campaign to increase recycling and reuse of damaged clothes, linens, and shoes will be launched March 1st. The goal is to reduce the 40,000 tons of textiles that go to the landfill each year. The EPA estimates that the average person throws away 70 pounds of clothing each year. A [press release](#) is available.

SWAC

SWAC liaison Jenkins provided a brief overview of discussion from the January SWAC meeting, which included:

- Discussion of the division's experience with landfill mining and possible future experimentation in Area 8 of the landfill
- Agreement that impacts on the transfer system caused by cities leaving the ILA must be noted in the Transfer Chapter of the Comp Plan
- Comments on the importance of focusing on materials that already have strong markets and capturing what can be added to existing streams rather than seeking to capture materials that have shaky or non-existing markets.
- Bartlett commented that Cedar Grove has the capacity to process more organics and underlined the need to expand into agricultural markets.

State Legislation

Gaisford provided a brief [update on state legislation](#), with a focus on paint stewardship legislation and the Governor's Toxics Reduction Act Bill.

Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan Presentation/Discussion/Feedback

Division director Pat D. McLaughlin engaged members in a short quiz:

Q: Name a region with higher recycling rates. A: Northern California

Q: What is our lowest cost disposal option currently? A: Landfilling

Q: When is Cedar Hills forecasted to reach capacity? A: 2030

Q: How many tons did SWD handle in its system last year? A: About 850,000 tons

Q: When we go from 52 to 72 percent recycling, how many tons will we be diverting? A: 9 million tons

McLaughlin introduced five core principles to consider as the Roadmap to 70 percent is drafted:

- Consistent policies must be adopted across the region.
- Separation and collection need to be mandatory across the region.
- Private partners must have the capacity and incentives to participate in programs.
- A robust enforcement program is necessary to minimize contamination.
- The division needs to have the capability and capacity to recover resources that end up in division facilities.

Gaisford presented [updates anticipated for Chapter 4](#): Collection and Processing. Comments included:

- Include Bothell in the list of cities that send recycling to Recology Cleanscapes' new Material Recovery Facility (MRF).
- Consider removing the lists of cities that contribute recycling to MRFs because they will become out-of-date quickly and are not necessary.
- At the request of several members, a "decision matrix" will be distributed in advance of the next meeting. The matrix will include a list of topics with policy implications that need to be discussed.
- Broader support from cities is needed to turn recommendations in the Comp Plan into policies.
- A strategy for gaining political support for policy changes such as mandates or bans is needed.
- In May, solid waste related policy language will likely be presented before the Sound Cities Association (SCA) Public Issues Committee (PIC). The SCA can help to drive policy, and member cities are invited to help draft the policy language and presentation strategy.
- All of the paths that lead to achieving a 70 percent recycling rate involve politically challenging steps.
- Members are encouraged to read the Waste Prevention and Recycling chapter in conjunction with the Collection and Processing Chapter.

Product Families: Update

Product Family Champion Laura Belt introduced the scope of work of the division's three Product Family Champions. Alejandra Calderon will lead Waste Prevention, Laura Belt will lead Resource Recovery, and Jamey Barker will lead Waste Disposal. Over the course of the

next year, they will research, collect, and analyze data, opportunities and risks associated with the division's three product families and produce a 10-year business plan.

Comments included:

- The definitions presented for each product family do not match industry definitions, which may be a source of confusion.
- Consider including landfill mining in the "waste disposal" product family.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.