

**MSWMAC Advisory Committee Meeting**  
November 9, 2018 - 11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.  
King Street Center 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room

**Meeting Minutes**

<b><u>MSWMAC Members</u></b>	
Joan Nelson	Auburn
Sarah Ogier	Bellevue
Sabrina Combs	Bothell
Robin Tischmak	Burien
Barre Seibert	Clyde Hill
Chris Searcy	Enumclaw
Rob Van Orsow	Federal Way
Tony Donati	Kent
John MacGillivray	Kirkland
Penny Sweet - Chair	Kirkland
Phillippa Kassover	Lake Forest Park
Diana Pistoll	Maple Valley
Asea Sandine	Mercer Island
Carol Simpson	Newcastle
Gary Schimek	Redmond
Linda Knight	Renton
Maia Knox	Sammamish
Mason Giem	SeaTac
Alex Herzog	Woodinville

<b><u>King County Staff</u></b>
Jamey Barker, SWD staff
Belinda Morrison, SWD staff
Joy Carpine-Cazzanti, LHWMP
Andrea Clinkscales, SWD staff
Jeff Gaisford, SWD staff
Kathy Hashagen, SWD staff
Pat D. McLaughlin, SWD Director
Meg Moorehead, SWD staff
Yolanda Pon, PHSKC
Eben Sutton, SWD staff
Dorian Waller, SWD staff
John Walsh, SWD staff
<b><u>Guests</u></b>
Kim Brighton, Maple Hills
Casey Desmond, Waste Management
Janet Dobrowolski, Maple Hills
Jacquelyn Green, Unincorp. King County
Leslie Morgan, Maple Hills resident
Emily Newcomer, Waste Management
Joe Russell, Republic Services
Philipp Schmidt-Pathmann, NEOMER

**Minutes**

Pistoll requested that the second sentence of the October draft MSWMCAC notes be amended to as follows. “Diane Pistoll requested inclusion that cities are considering amending their contracts to include a recycling surcharge, and that may result in some choosing to remove items from their recycling list.”

The October 2018 MSWMAC minutes were unanimously approved as amended:

**Updates -- Solid Waste Division (SWD)**

SWD Staff Dorian Waller provided the following SWD updates.

**Comp Plan**

The Regional Policy Committee agreed to delay action on the Comp Plan until March 2019. This coordinates their action with the Council decision extend the decision until that time.

**Comp Plan briefings**

SWD staff met with Enumclaw Mayor Jan Molinaro, City Administrator Chris Searcy and Public Works Dir Jeff Lincoln on October 16 regarding the Comp Plan. Tours of the landfill were provided to Mayor Sabey of Hunts Point (October 26) and Mayor Pauley and Councilmember Victoria Hunt of Issaquah (November 8.)

### **Community events**

There was a great turnout and discussion at the Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> Semi Annual Landfill Community meeting at the Library Service Center in Issaquah. That same night, the City of Issaquah Committee of the Whole received a Comp Plan briefing. On October 29<sup>th</sup>, King County Councilmember Dunn proposed that SWAC appoint a Cedar Hills neighbor as a member. The division anticipates that Council will approve that proposal.

### **King County deliberates SWD biennial budget**

In efforts to combat the effects of climate change, the adopted budget includes funding to put solar panels at the Enumclaw and Vashon recycling and transfer stations and a two year pilot project to reduce the energy demands on the transfer network. It's believed an energy savings of 10% may be possible by simply tuning the systems we already own.

Although action on the Comp Plan has been postponed, SWD has proposed funds in the budget to allow continued planning efforts on capital projects related to the Comp Plan including Area 9 Development and the Northeast Recycling and Transfer Station. The budget will be up for adoption Tuesday, November 13.

### **Responsible Recycling Task Force**

The Task Force is meeting on December 14 from 11-1:30. At the Nov and Dec meetings the Task Force will be discussing recommended actions to be included in the report that will go to the advisory committees in January.

### **South County Regional Transfer Station - SCRTS**

*October 20 – Algona Art meeting* – Glynda Steiner, Andrea Clinkscales, and Belinda Morrison met with Mayor Hill and City Administrator Diana Quinn. SWD invited Tamar Benzikry and Selina Hunstiger from 4Culture to show the work they've done at transfer stations and art at other locations around the county. 4Culture also discussed the processes they use to collect input from stakeholders. Mayor Hill and City Admin Quinn said they were excited to be able to influence the art at the Transfer Station.

*November 2 - Algona discussion on MRW (Moderate Risk Waste) facility* – Pat McLaughlin, Dorian Waller, Andrea Clinkscales, Julie Mitchell and Jeff Gaisford met with Mayor Hill, City Administrator Diana Quinn and Public Works Director Jimmy Griess to brief them on the MRW facility. The Public Works Director will be taking a tour of the Factoria Transfer and Recycling station to view the MRW facility on Monday December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Awards**

**King County Executive's Performance Excellence Awards** - SWD nominated two projects for the Performance Excellence awards and are in the finals. These awards are for projects with improvement results in the past year. The categories are, Cost, Service, People, Equity & Social Justice and Environment. The division is a finalist in the categories of Environment - Nitrogen Reduction and Equity and Social Justice Category - ESJ/Employee Engagement. In response to a guest's question, Waller said the Equity and Social Justice Category Award included neighbors and said the materials associated with the nomination are available upon request.

### **Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)**

Gaisford said SWAC discussed the Responsible Recycling Task Force short term recommendations related to curbside recycling. They also received an update on the South County Recycling and Transfer Station project and an update on Area 8.

### **2019 Agenda Items and Meeting Dates**

MSWMAC is scheduled to meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month throughout 2019. Morrison will send a calendar to MSWMAC members. (Note: later in the meeting the first meeting date of 2019 was changed to January 18. This change allows for a joint meeting with SWAC to discuss Responsible Recycling Task Force recommendations.)

Waller requested feedback for MSWMAC agenda items. Currently, the January agenda will cover the C&D ordinance and state legislation. In February, the city of Kirkland will present on their cart tagging program, MSWMAC will elect their officers and there will be further updates on state legislation. Members were invited to provide agenda topics as they occur. Suggested topics included:

- Continued comp plan updates
- Responsible Recycling (PAT) contamination
- local processing capacity for recyclable materials
- Mattress recycling
- Update of LHWMP comp plan

Gaisford noted SWD is contemplating organizing an organics summit in the first quarter of 2019.

SWD staff said they find out what needs to occur before the committee's name can change from MSWMAC to MSWAC.

### **State Legislative Strategies**

The 60-day session of the Washington State Legislature begins January 14. Anticipated bills include:

- *Paint Stewardship* – The legislation is expected to be introduced in the House with Rep. Strom as sponsor. It is supported by the American Coatings Association and it would authorize paint manufacturers to finance a take back and recycling program for unwanted paint. The current bill language is being negotiated, but is expected to be similar to prior legislation.
- *Plastics Packaging Stewardship* – This bill would establish a stewardship organization on behalf of the producers of plastic packaging sold/used in Washington. The stewardship organization would be funded by the producers based on the quantity, type and recyclability of the packaging they produced. This cost structure would incentivize producers to design recyclable packaging and promote cleaner recycling. City of Seattle staff is working on this bill which does not yet have a sponsor.
- *Concerning Washington's economic development potential as a world leader in the responsible management of postconsumer materials (2018 HB 2914)* – Representative Smith is the sponsor of this bill. The bill
  - Directs the Department of Commerce to arrange for an economic analysis of certain aspects of the recycling and solid waste markets.
  - Directs the Department of Ecology to arrange for the facilitation of stakeholder efforts to develop a public outreach strategy to improve recycling practices, reduce contamination rates, promote statewide best practices, and improve consumer education.

Representative Smith encouraged the Responsible Recycling Task Force to provide comments by mid-November. A stakeholder meeting is expected to be set up by early December. In response to a question Gaisford said a list of those invited would be sent to MSWMAC when it was available.

- *Reusable Bag Bill* – The bill prohibits the use of single-use plastic carryout bags statewide. It also requires a pass-through charge of 10 cents on all paper bags and requires the use of recycled content bags that are tinted green or brown to reduce confusion by consumers. The bill includes some exemptions including bags used for produce, newspapers, dry cleaning, unwrapped prepared foods or baker goods and items where

dampness or sanitation might be a problem. Recipients of food assistance programs would be exempt from the fee.

- *Concerning Sustainable Recycling (Recycling Development Center & Contamination Reduction Outreach Plans)* – The bill was drafted by the Department of Ecology as a Governor’s request bill. The bill authorized the creation of a Recycling Development Center that will be operated within the state Department of Ecology and will contract with the Department of Commerce. The center will conduct research to develop new markets for recycled commodities. It would also amend chapter 70.95 RCW to require state and local governments to develop and implement Contamination Reduction and Outreach Plans for recyclable materials. It may result in restricting local governments to a list of what could be included in recycling carts.

The division will send members information about the Washington State Recycling Association’s Fall Policy Forum on December 5.

In response to questions Gaisford noted that there has been no discussion about a bottle bill or battery recycling during this session.

### **Update on the South County Recycling and Transfer Station – SCRTS**

Clinkscales provided an overview about how SWD plans to include the community in design work for SCRTS. The division is assembling a design advisory group comprised of diverse interests. The group will meet five times between November 2018 – December 2019.

On December 12, at the Algona City Hall/Community Center the division will host an open house in collaboration with the City of Algona, the project team and consultant team. The event will share the purpose, history, and timeline of the project. It will invite public comment about facility design layout alternatives, design features and other amenities.

How we’re gearing up to go out to the community

Design advisory group Nov 29 – assemble a diverse group of orgs and interests (see notes)

Comments included:

- Consider adding a display board to show the siting process including a timeline.
- In response to a question Clinkscales said the general makeup of the design advisory group includes representatives from the cities of Algona, Pacific, Auburn and Federal Way. Members were also solicited from the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, Waste Management, Republic Services, and Recology, community based non-profits, and the transfer station supervisor. SWD continues to look for customers and residents that represent diverse backgrounds and perspectives.

### **Responsible Recycling Task Force Short-term Recommendations – Curbside Recycling Bin**

MSWMAC was asked to consider writing an advisory letter in support of the task force’s recommendations early in 2019. To inform that choice, MSWMAC agreed to receive the task force’s report jointly with SWAC. The group changed their January meeting from January 11 to the regularly scheduled SWAC meeting the morning of January 18.

MSWMAC continued their previous discussions of materials to remove from the curbside recycling bins. MSWMAC discussed removing plastic bags and film from residential curbside recycling bins noting that those materials are problematic in materials recovery facilities. They had further discussion about shredded paper. Comments included:

- City shred events are one alternative – people shred for security and don’t think about recycling. Shred events make it separate and it doesn’t get contaminated.
- There is a market for shredded paper. It’s a separate paper grade.

- Loose shredded paper creates litter issues.
- Determining where shredded paper would go could be addressed in implementation planning.
- Consider discussing shredded paper as part of the proposed workshop/meeting about organics.

### **Member and Public Comment**

Member comments:

Pistoll said Maple Valley is considering showing an environmental film. She asked for MSWMAC member advice about which films to consider. Knight suggested that she contact [j.kim@rentonwa.com](mailto:j.kim@rentonwa.com) who has done similar work for the City of Renton.

Giem reminded members to contact Green Sheen (Peter Thermos) about no-cost latex paint recycling.

[Jacqueline Green](#)

[Leslie Morgan](#)

[Kim Brighton](#) – Read a portion of Leslie Morgan’s written comments.

[Janet Dobrowolski](#)

Community members Jacqueline Green, Leslie Morgan, and Kim Brighton jointly provided the first of the attached public comments. Janet Dobrowolski provided excerpts from the second of the attached public comments.

Motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by: Kathy Hashagen