

STATE SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Summary – January 25, 2005

Vice Chair Bob Schille called the meeting to order. After introductions, the minutes from October's meeting were accepted.

Our first agenda topic was to discuss SWAC officers (chair and vice chair). With our former chair Jeff Kelley-Clarke off to Moldova, we need a new leader. After a good discussion, SWAC decided to have a nominating committee (Bob Schille, Rob Guttridge, Brad Lovaas, and Bill Reed) work with Cullen to do two tasks. The first task is to flesh out our SWAC membership, adding any needed members to represent needed interests. This will start in a conference call in about two weeks. The second task is to nominate officers for an election at our next meeting on March 22. Bob Schille has agreed to act as chair until after the elections.

Discussion of Beyond Waste Background Paper on Current Solid Waste System - Cheryl Smith

SWAC members discussed an approach for collaboratively developing the Beyond Waste background paper describing the existing solid waste system. This paper was not completed with the rest of the Beyond Waste Plan last November and now needs to be developed.

Cheryl Smith and Jim Bill prepared a draft outline, purpose statement, and process/schedule for the paper. The legislative session and other priorities will likely prevent completion of the paper by March, which was the schedule proposed by Ecology staff. However, the decision was made to begin working on the paper as time allows, and complete it as soon as possible.

The group discussed the draft purpose statement for the paper and suggested several revisions and clarifications. Various views were expressed about whether the paper should be a baseline report or more of a descriptive snapshot of solid waste management in Washington today. The group agreed that the level of detail to include and the target audiences for the paper should help to determine how much baseline data and how much descriptive text should be included.

Brad Lovaas, Steve Wamback, Art Starry and Suellen Mele offered to work more closely with staff on revising the purpose statement and developing a more detailed approach gathering data and developing the paper. In the meantime, Cheryl was asked to send SWAC members a list of the data currently collected by Ecology, to use as a reference for developing the paper (attached in transmittal e-mail). Additional data will likely be solicited to augment Ecology's information.

Beyond Waste Update - Cheryl Smith

Cheryl Smith provided an update on Beyond Waste. The final plan, including 10 (of 11 total) background papers, was issued in November. All of the documents, including the main summary document, are available on the Beyond Waste website (<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/beyondwaste/finalplan>). Ecology is having the documents burned onto CDs and SWAC members signed up to receive the CDs.

Implementation of the Beyond Waste Plan is getting underway. **A status report listing projects that have begun was handed out**, and is attached in transmittal e-mail.

At this point, detailed work plans are being developed for most of the Beyond Waste starting point (or first year) projects. However, twelve projects have begun, and more will be starting in the next few months.

SWAC members approved the status report format, and would like this report at each meeting. Additionally, they asked that the status report be posted on the website (which will be done soon).

Legislative Update

We then shared information about the legislative session. Cullen gave quick updates on HB 1192/SB 5217 regarding SWAC membership (these should be pulled soon); SB 5125 on contaminated soils in child areas; HB 1010 Renewable energy; and the budget. The Governor Locke budget includes some transfers of LTCA funds that will likely meet strong resistance, particularly a 10M\$ transfer to the General Fund. Members mentioned hearing about a green building bill, PBDE legislation, and mercury auto switches.

Attendees:

Bill Dean	Lorie Hewitt
Art Starry	Bob Schille
Dean Large	Bill Reed
Pete Keller	Dennis Durbin
Rob Guttridge	Sego Jackson
Brad Lovaas	Suellen Mele
Eddie Westmoreland	Linda Dennis
Norm LeMay	Jerry Smedes
Steve Wamback	Helen Fox
Jody Snyder	Cheryl Smith-guest presenter
Cullen Stephenson	Jim Bill-guest