

Beyond Waste Cost Accounting Project Follow-up Discussion SWAC—November 2007

Purpose: To answer SWAC questions about the cost accounting project and to begin discussing next steps on implementing BW Recommendation SW14, Financing.

Background: The SWAC established a Financing Subcommittee in early 2006 to work on implementing Beyond Waste Plan Recommendation SW14, which outlines a number of actions to help ensure that the transition to a closed-loop recycling system will be financially viable. The Subcommittee met in 2006 and began work on an approach for this long-term “financing” project.

In early 2007, the subcommittee agreed on the first phase of the project: an accounting for the revenues and expenditures that relate to solid waste management in Washington. A sub-group of the SWAC subcommittee was established (Steve Wamback, Jerry Smedes, Dan Cantrell, Wendy Mifflin, representing Solid Waste Policy Forum, Gretchen Newman, Jim Bill, and Cheryl Smith) to oversee this project with Ecology. With some Beyond Waste funding from the legislature, the project team hired Cascadia Consulting Group and Industrial Economics, Inc. to help conduct the study.

We now have the synopsis report (see SWAC website), a technical memorandum (see SWAC web site) and a database, housed at Ecology.

Next Steps: The project team has been reviewing the project deliverables, and will meet with the entire SWAC Financing Subcommittee after the Nov SWAC meeting to talk about next steps in implementing SW14. Recommendations will come back to SWAC in January.

The SWAC Subcommittee members are:

Steve Wamback

Jerry Smedes

Dan Cantrell

Brad Lovaas

Gene Eckhardt

Suellen Mele

Dennis Durbin

Art Starry

Wendy Mifflin will continue with this group as well