

**WASHINGTON STATE
SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY – TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2008
9:30 – 12:00 NOON**

Steve Wamback, Chair of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC), called the meeting to order at 9:35 am.

Board members and guests gave self introductions.

The meeting minutes from June 4, had been distributed electronically to the committee. There was a motion to approve the minutes after name and company corrections are sent to the Administrative Assistant by Steve Wamback. The motion was seconded. The minutes were approved with these changes.

There was a review of the agenda items asking for additions or changes. No changes or additions were recommended.

Interim Report for the Nomination Committee

Brad Lovass, Chair of the Nomination Committee, reported that Steve Wamback, the current Chair, has agreed to have his name put forward to the Committee to serve another term. Dean Large, the current Vice-Chair, has also agreed to have his name put forward to the Committee to serve another term.

Brad asked other members to submit their name to him for consideration for these positions. He will be collecting names of candidates up until the meeting in September when there will be an election of the Chair and Vice-Chair positions.

Transporting Recyclables Rule Update – Randy Martin

Randy updated the Committee on the status of the implementation of Bill 5788. Since an electronic packet was sent to the SWAC members, there have been additional changes. Randy reviewed paragraph by paragraph the changes, if any, to the distributed document. (Document attached.)



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Randy reported that he anticipates additional changes to this document as it goes through the review process.

There was a question: Can you describe in detail where the definition for ‘incidental’ was provided?

Answer: The definition came from an edition of the Webster dictionary.

Comments were made that the definition for incidental when researched on-line, was different than the definition found in the Webster dictionary.

The conclusion was that using the definition from the Webster dictionary was a starting point as an explanation of the word and more research will go into making the definition fit what this word means in association to recycling.

There was a question: Why was the word 'incineration' added to the list of works with definitions?

Defining the word 'incineration' would address several aspects of recycling which include: energy recovered and reducing volume.

The conclusion was that there will be a re-evaluation of the definition for the word 'incinerate' as it relates to Solid Waste facilities.

There is hoped that this bill will cover all recyclables – E Waste and transported permits.

There was a question: Do you feel this bill will promote separate registration for each recyclable?

E recycling is on the same registration as the other solid waste permit lists.

E products require more detailed information reported.

Lorie Hewitt commented that in the future, if the legislature would require product by product registration, hopefully this could be added to the current database.

There was the question: When does a material become a waste or recycle product?

That's the confusing part. Some businesses can haul their own demolition product. But if they open their own business – that is totally different.

Maybe the definition of 'container' should be changed and it would clarify part of this problem.

It was proposed to the Committee that if the definition of 'incidental' be looked into and made very clear, it could clear up a lot of potential questions. It was also suggested comparing word we use with their definition in other rules for consistency.

Randy gave a brief review of where the draft bill goes next:

- The draft is in the Ecology Rules unit now, undergoing an economic analysis;
- Next the package will be sent to the Program Manager with the economic analysis information,
- Then the package will be sent to the Director of Ecology before the new rule moves forward.

There was the question: Will there be a comment period before it moves forward?

A draft of this rule has been out there for a while and input from stakeholders and there has been an effort to coordinate with the UTC. Once the official rule is filed, which is anticipated will be the first part of September, there will be an open comment period again at that time.

If the rule changes significantly, the bill will go back through the whole process again.

There was the question: Should this bill be put on hold for three or four more months for further review and comments?

The law was passed three years ago; we finally need a rule to implement it.

At this point, Penny Ingram, alternate for the UTC, reported on their workshop held on July 1st. She stated by the second part of the one day workshop, participants felt comfortable about talking about the issues at hand. There were no comments at this workshop from the stakeholder regarding this rule. Stakeholders have expressed a two week extension before moving forward with this bill.

There has been an opportunity for Ecology and UTC to coordinate during in this rule making process and to keep this rule moving forward.

There was the question: What business size does Ecology term as a small business?

Randy Martin answered: Fifty employees or less.

The statement was made that we keep exempting businesses because they fit the 'small business' category yet they are making billions of dollars.

As the closing statement for this agenda item, Lorie Hewitt asked people to send additional comments to Randy in the next two weeks to update the latest draft.

Climate Change update – Jay Shepard, Jody Snyder, and Segoo Jackson

Jay Shepard gave a brief overview of the Beyond Waste Implementation Working Group meetings. Currently, there are twenty-six members on this advisory team. It has been extremely fast paced working on nine actions from these meetings.

They are:

Collection of recyclable materials

Get the paper out

Get organics out

Sustainable Product Design Center

B & O tax reduction for industries using recyclable feedstock

Product Stewardship Framework legislation

Environmentally preferred purchasing

Construction and demolition waste diversion through local ordinances
Collaboration with the retail industry for waste reduction strategies

Proposals will be reduced to two or three specific recommendations based on readiness to proceed and amount of greenhouse gases that can be reduced. Recommendations must be completed at the end of August in order for them to be considered by the Climate Action Team (CAT) at their September meeting.

Sego Jackson reported that it has been challenging to drill down to determine what it will take to make the ideas and recommendations work. There has been a lot of 'good thinking' at their meetings. Some of the ideas will have to be dropped, but hopefully not forgotten and can be picked up at another time. Hopes are to have many of these good ideas move forward in the future as other goals are set and reached.

Information can be found on the Ecology web page about the implementation work group. Here is the link: http://www.ecy.wa.gov/climatechange/2008CAT_iwg_bw.htm
There was a question: Looking at climate change, overall transportation plays a major role. In regards to recycling, how much effort is going into collecting recyclable material but adding to Co2 emissions in the air? Has there been a study on this?

Oregon is doing a great work to analyses the collection process. There is a great slide presentation from Dave Allaway regarding moving recyclables versus Co2 emissions. Link to slide attached here:
<http://www.lcacenter.org/InLCA2007/presentations/64.pdf>

There was the question: What can SWAC do?

SWAC can assist with getting the message to the common person about how to recycle responsibly and making it clear that the item they hold in their hand requires more energy consumption to produce than they realize. We need to emphasis the economic, social and environmental impacts.

Static's show without a lot of effort, if the state of Washington could do a little better job of recycling, we could reduce C02 emission by up to 8%.

Event Recycling

In Shannon McClelland absence, Peter Lyon, the SWRO - SWFAP Section Manager, report on the latest regarding event recycling and distributed an Ecology Publication which has been sent to hundreds of local businesses. The Focus sheet can be found at: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/biblio/0807016.html>

An Event Recycling web page is under development and should be available at through the Ecology website in the near future.

WMMFA – Electronic Recycling

John Friedrich has been making contact with many collecting and transporting businesses around the state to inform and establish a working relationship relating to electronic recycling.

A public hearing will be held the first week in October regarding an Operating Plan for collectors, transporters, and the process.

An Outreach Plan is under development. The standard plan will be posted on the WMMFA website, hopefully by August 1st. Here is a link to the WMMFA website: <http://www.wmmfa.net/>

Dennis Durbin has been working with local governments who applied for funds to advertise the collection of electronic waste and are now waiting to hear if they will be getting money. Dennis can provide a template to this application process.

John stressed that he was hoping that the general public realizes that this is not a one time event beginning January 1, 2009, so that drop off sites aren't overwhelmed with e-waste. E-waste is here forever. Collection sites are the primary focus right now to get ready for January 1st.

There was some discussion regarding premium service and curbside collection and how you determine who to set a rate. This is a topic that will be determined and discussed at a later time. The focus is on collection sites right now.

The official E-cycle Washington logo was distributed with the website address and an 800 number. See attachment.

It was recommended that an update on E-cycling be put on the September SWAC meeting agenda.

Discuss new members

Lorie Hewitt, SWFAP – Statewide Resource Section Supervisor, and ex-officio member was filing in while Laurie Davies attended an Anaerobic Digester Conference in Tacoma.

The current roster of members was reviewed and contacts have been made since the last meeting to identify gaps in representation and filling those slots.

Several people have been contacted to serve as alternates and are at the meeting today so they can begin to understand the role of SWAC. It is hoped that as members cycle off, alternates will be in a good position to actively participate in the meetings. It was expressed to the Committee that replacements will not necessarily be for the same company as the serving member but will meet the requirements to fill the representation of that slot. Ultimately, it is the Director of Ecology's role to select these members.

Steve Wamback invited all the alternates to attend the SWAC meetings. Also, if you have recommendations of members/alternates to serve on the SWAC, please send those names to Laurie Davies.

Wrap Up and Roundtable

Peter Keller announced that Seattle will be proposing implementing 20 cents per plastic shopping bag at grocery and other stores, as a means to prompt people to bring their own re-usable shopping bags.

Dennis Dubin reported more details about the landfill alternate daily cover demonstration event held on July 1st.

Brad Lovass extended congratulation regarding getting the rule moving forward for 5788.

Karen Campbell reminded everyone that the next SWAC meeting date has been changed to September 9th and will be held at the Lacey Community Center. She also requested each member and guest to sign in at the front lobby reception desk by printing their name and email address so they can receive email information about the meetings.

Janine Bogar asked for the names of members who would be attending the Finance Subcommittee meeting beginning at 12:30 – 3:00 pm in room S-23.

September meeting agenda items:

- Beyond Waste – indicators
- Commingled Recycling—update from meeting
- Electronic outreach workgroup—Dennis and Margo report in
- Membership update
- Elections
- Beyond Waste Plan update process
- Financing the SW system committee report
- 351 Rule update
- Climate change update

The meeting adjourned at 11:49 am.

SWAC ATTENDANCE

SWAC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tiffany Hatch
Brad Lovaas
Dean Large
Dennis Durbin
Penny Ingram
Linda Dennis
Pete Keller
Bill Reed
Bob Schille
Sego Jackson
Steve Wamback

SWAC MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ken Colling
Tim Croll
Laurie Davies
Gene Eckhardt
Preston Horne-Brine
Craig Lorch
James Matsuyama
Ed Dzedzy
Suellen Mele
Cal Palmer
Jerry Smedes
Art Starry
Bill Dean
Anita Largent
Jim Sells
Eddie Westmoreland
Kevin Kiernan

MEETING PARTICIPANTS:

Randy Martin
Jay Shepard
Jody Snyder
John Friedrich
Margo Thompson
Miles Kuntz
Lorie Hewitt

INTERESTED PARTIES PRESENT:

David Baker
Damon Taam
Domenic Calabro
Alice Drury
Cartier Saletti
John Sherman
Greg Schoenbachler
John Yeasting
Peter Thermos
Troy Lautenbach