

WASHINGTON STATE SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
**** MEETING SUMMARY ****
December 7, 2009, 9:15 a.m.
Ecology Headquarters Auditorium

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<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/swfa/swac/sched.html>

Steve Wamback, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m.

Introductions were made and Steve asked for a motion to approve the September 15 meeting notes. There was a motion to adopt them. The motion was seconded and the notes were approved.

Ecology Legislative & Budget Update – Laurie Davies
Contact: 360-407-6103 or Laurie.Davies@ecy.wa.gov

Laurie said the Governor will release her budget soon. Ecology will take additional cuts. We anticipate giving \$3 million toward the General Fund and taking additional reductions to the litter and toxic accounts.

SWAC is on a list of Boards and Commissions to be eliminated. Stay tuned.

The Natural Resources Reform effort does not dramatically affect the work of the W2R Program. Key elements of the effort include realignment of regional offices, so we may see some adjustment there; a “portal” to create one point of contact; and affirmation of a subcabinet for natural resources.

Mercury Report – Laurie Davies for Jay Shepard
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The report was sent to OFM. Ecology is only making recommendations, not drafting legislation.

Hazardous Waste and Solid Waste Planning Guidelines – Chris Piercy & Al Salvi
Contact: Chris at 509-454-7863 or Chris.Piercy@ecy.wa.gov; Al at 360-407-6287 or Al.Salvi@ecy.wa.gov

Al explained we haven’t updated the Hazardous Waste Planning Guidelines since 1994, and the 1999 Solid Waste Planning Guidelines needed updating as well. We worked to align both sets of guidelines as much as possible where the law allows.

The RCW covering the Hazardous Waste Guidelines (RCW 70.105) hasn’t changed. For a program to receive CPG funding, the program must be in an approved hazardous or comprehensive solid waste plan. The guidelines encourage Beyond Waste, and include

processes in the plan to amend or revise the plan when necessary. The Hazardous Waste Guidelines encourage two sections to the plan - Master and Implementation. However, following the two-part format is not required.

Chris talked about how he and Al collaborated on changes to both sets of guidelines. We have actually reduced prescriptiveness since the last update for SWAC in July. The new guidelines also include specific instructions for counties that wish to combine the local hazardous waste and solid waste plans in to a single document.

Al said next steps include the public comment period, which ends on December 31. We have not received comments so far. Ecology will release the final documents in January.

Comments/questions from SWAC included:

- It seems like only minor changes were made and an update of the guidelines was needed.
- It isn't a requirement to update Hazardous Waste plans. However, if CPG related funding is needed for a program, the program needs to be in an approved plan to be eligible for the funding.
- A question was asked if there were timing changes. The answer was no.

Agenda Items for January Meeting

- Update from EPA Region 10 on Solid Waste Issues on Tribal Lands
- Environmental Indicators – Sally Safioles
- Take it Back Network Expansion (CFLs) – Lauren Cole, King County
- Recycling Rate - Gretchen Newman
- Financing the Solid Waste System – Janine Bogar

Meeting adjourned at 10:45

Special Event - Beyond Waste Launch

Submitted by: Susanne McLemore

SWAC Members Present

Laurie Davies
Dennis Durbin
Gene Eckhardt
Lorie Hewitt
Sego Jackson
Peter Keller
Kevin Kiernan
Dean Large
Brad Lovaas
Suellen Mele
Bob Schille
Art Starry
Danny Joe Stensgar
Steve Wamback
Eddie Westmoreland

Alternates Present

David Baker
Pat Campbell
Preston Horne-Brine
Joe Hyer
Bill Reed
John Sherman

Meeting Participants

Chris Piercy
Al Salvi

Interested Parties Present

Diana Leland
George Sidles