

WASHINGTON STATE SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

** MEETING SUMMARY **

July 21, 2009, 9:30 a.m.

Ecology Headquarters, ROA-36

Steve Wamback, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. He introduced Susanne McLemore (Laurie Davies' new assistant), Vicki Austin (new alternate member for Brad Lovaas) and Scott Windsor (new member, representative for eastside cities).

There was a motion to adopt the minutes from the May 19, 2009 meeting. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved.

Update on Commingled Recycling – Shannon McClelland

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Shannon gave an update on the three regional workgroups: Southwest, Eastern/Central and Northwest. The workgroup leads are:

- Southwest - Shannon McClelland, Ecology
- Eastern/Central - Jim Wavada, Ecology
- Northwest - George Sidles, City of Seattle

The Southwest Workgroup has met twice. They are focusing on a fact finding mission for each commodity. So far they have looked at newspaper/cardboard and plastics. They will look at metals and mixed waste paper next. They are continuing to get end users at the table. Their next meeting will be held at the end of August.

Eastern/Central formed a steering group and held an all stakeholders meeting. They discussed commingled recycling in the morning and recycling challenges in the afternoon. Problem statements and notes will be sent to attendees and then workgroups formed.

Shannon had no news about the Northwest Workgroup. They have not met yet.

Problem statements identified by the workgroups so far include:

- Scale – Are there enough materials in the region?
- Level playing field.
- Collection efficiencies.

Mercury Lamp Recycling Project – Jay Shepard

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Jay shared a work plan for the Mercury Lamp Recycling Report to the Legislature. Within Section 302 of the Operating Budget, the Legislature directed Ecology to develop recommendations for a mercury-containing light recycling program for residents, small businesses and small school districts throughout the state.

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Ecology is to look at funding options and engage with stakeholders. No additional funds were provided for this work, and a portion of Jay's time will be invested. Ecology will develop a draft report by September 2009 (see meeting handout for more details on next steps).

Jay asked SWAC for volunteers to meet to work on this project. The following members will participate:

- Vicki Austin
- Bob Schille
- Suellen Mele
- Brad Lovaas
- Kevin Kiernan and/or Bill Reed
- Scott Windsor
- Steve McGonigal will try to find someone.

Jay said other states have approached the mercury lamp problem in various ways. Maine just passed a stewardship bill. Massachusetts requires disposal of mercury products and an education plan. Minnesota has a ban in place and requires large utilities to provide a take-back service.

Ecology will make the final recommendations. Jay will use the Hazardous Waste Program, Product Stewardship Institute and other sources for the report. The report will include all recommendations made -- Everyone will be heard.

A consultant will organize meetings, record minutes, etc. Following release of the draft report, an additional meeting may be held depending on budget.

Other workgroups in Washington State have met to look at the mercury lamp issue. Suellen Mele has information she can share about their recommendations, or they are available on the Product Stewardship Institute website at www.productstewardship.us.

Washington Manufactured Service's Lean Manufacturing Program – Tony Cooper

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Tony gave a PowerPoint presentation to the group on Washington Manufactured Service (WMS), which has a lean manufacturing focus. It assists manufacturers to reduce waste and save resources. WMS does not typically work with large businesses. In 2006-07 three companies realized a total of \$1.4 million in savings by switching to lean manufacturing processes.

WMS has project managers split regionally, with less than ten statewide. They function as "salesmen." A couple of consultants are employed to work on implementation.

A new grant was just filed with the EPA. WMS is looking for three more projects this year, \$30,000 per project. Beyond the grant funding, there is a \$10,000 gap to fully fund the projects. Steve Wamback recommended ports and county economic development boards.

Ecology doesn't have a marketing team for outreach to companies. Work is underway to develop an easy-to-find web page. The economy is the biggest challenge to get manufacturers to participate in lean manufacturing. Companies have more concern about selling their products.

Beyond Waste Implementation Plan – Janine Bogar

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Janine gave a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the update to the Beyond Waste Plan Summary and the five-year Beyond Waste Implementation Plan. She asked SWAC for feedback.

Janine will email the implementation plan for review to SWAC by July 24, 2009. SWAC will have until mid-August to submit comments. Next, Janine will email the whole update to the summary of the plan to SWAC by September 1, 2009. Janine will return to SWAC in September for discussion and final blessing.

Planning Guidelines for Hazardous Waste and Solid Waste – Chris Piercy & Al Salvi

Contact: Chris at 509-454-7862 or Chris.Piercy@ecy.wa.gov; Al at 360-407-6287 or Al.Salvi@ecy.wa.gov

Chris reported that the Solid Waste Planning Guidelines were distributed externally for comment. He hasn't received a lot of feedback. The guidelines will be sent to the SWFAP Management Team in the next couple of weeks for review. After any requested revisions are made, the guidelines will be sent externally for comment and to SWAC by sometime in September.

Chris will send the current draft to Sego Jackson and Dennis Durbin now. JR Meyers is the contact in Sego's group.

Jurisdictions are required to update their Solid Waste Plans five years from the last implementation.

Al reported the 1994 Hazardous Waste Planning Guidelines and 1992 Implementation Guidelines are being updated and combined. Beyond Waste is encouraged where feasible and guidance provided on how to get there. Ideally, Ecology would like to move from a collection model to one that focuses more on prevention. Hazardous Waste plans are not required to be updated every five years. However, if Ecology funding is requested for a program, the program must be part of an approved hazardous waste management plan.

The draft Hazardous Waste Planning Guidelines will be sent to the SWFAP Management Team in August for review. Next, the draft will be sent to SWAC, public works, solid waste managers, etc. for comment.

***Landfill Rule (-351) Update: Public Review Draft
Plans for -350 Rule Update – Kathi Scanlan
Contact: 360-407-6559 or Kathi.Scanlan@ecy.wa.gov***

Kathi is managing the -351 rule process. Wayne Krafft is the program landfill technical expert and writing the rule text. Kathi will pass any technical questions SWAC may have to Wayne. A major goal of the update is to get full delegation from EPA. The rule is currently under internal review. The next step is to send the draft rule to EPA Region 10 and HQ in Washington DC.

Kathi maintains the 351 ListServ that provides email updates on rulemaking milestones. SWAC members can subscribe at <http://listserv.wa.gov/cgi-bin/wa?A0=351-CRITERIA-FOR-MSWL-RULEMAKING&X=709D960069BB731F9A&Y=jasonh%40dis.wa.gov>.

Regarding the 350 Rule update, Kathi reported the SWFAP Management Team decided to take a holistic approach and revise the entire chapter as opposed to a surgical approach. The top issues to address are 1) organics and composting issues; 2) dirty soils and 3) clarifying definitions and vague text.

The program is beginning work on RCW 70.95 revisions. One option presented was to do a study first and develop recommendations. It was suggested to structure the first year for building the stakeholder process and target 2011 for a study. SWAC was interested in providing guidance throughout the process.

***Nominating Committee Report – Lorie Hewitt
Contact: 360-407-6071 or Lorie.Hewitt@ecy.wa.gov***

The nominating committee met in July to decide on candidates for SWAC Chair and Vice Chair. Members of the committee were Brad Lovaas, Pete Keller, Pat Campbell, Scott Windsor and Lorie Hewitt. The committee has two nominees: Steve Wamback for Chair and Dean Large for Vice Chair. The election will take place at the SWAC September meeting.

***CPG/Budget Update – Laurie Davies
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Laurie talked about Ecology's budget cuts and layoffs. Water Resources, Spills and Administration took the largest cuts. SWFAP reduced six positions but absorbed FTE reductions through vacancy management and reassignments. SWFAP gained a hydrogeologist in the Southwest Region because of a layoff.

There were significant budget reductions to EYC and the litter program. Despite the reductions, the Litter Hotline will continue. Biosolids and electronic fees will increase since we are no longer able to supplement our biosolids work with Waste Reduction, Recycling and Litter Account funds. Stakeholder work is done and billing notices will be sent soon.

CPG training sessions are underway and guidance was sent out. The new name for SWFAP will be announced at today's all staff teleconference.

Agenda Items for September Meeting

- Tribal Solid Waste Disposal Issues.
- Take-it-Back Network Expansion (CFLs) - Suellen Mele, Information
- Statewide Organics Management Workgroup Update
- 70.95 Update
- -350 Update
- Fluorescent Lighting Project Update – Jay Shepard
- E-cycle Update on First Six Months
- Beyond Waste Plan Update Discussion and Approval - Janine Bogar
- Election of SWAC Chair and Vice Chair
- Natural Resource Agency Reform

Meeting adjourned at 12 p.m.

Submitted by: Susanne McLemore

SWAC Members Present

Laurie Davies
Dennis Durbin
Lorie Hewitt
Sego Jackson
Jim Matsuyama
Steve McGonigal
Suellen Mele
Russ Menke
Wendy Mifflin
Bob Schille
Jerry Smedes
Art Starry
Danny Joe Stensgar
Steve Wamback
Eddie Westmoreland
Scott Windsor

Alternates Present

Vicki Austin
David Baker
Pat Campbell
Penny Ingram
John Sherman

Meeting Participants

Janine Bogar
Shannon McClelland
Chris Piercy
Al Salvi
Kathi Scanlan
Jay Shepard

Interested Parties Present

Peter Lyon
David Michener