

**WASHINGTON STATE SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**\*\* MEETING SUMMARY \*\***

**January 19, 2010, 9:30 a.m.**

**Ecology Headquarters, Rooms 1S 16 & 17**

*Presentations and Handouts are Available at*

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Steve Wamback, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

Introductions were made and Steve asked for a motion to approve the December 7 meeting notes. There was a motion to adopt them. The motion was seconded and the notes were approved.

***Ecology Legislative & Budget Update – Laurie Davies***

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**Budget:** The Governor's proposed budget was released. Ecology will not fare well. The Toxics Account was swept again, so the \$4 million ask for CPG will likely not happen (\$4 million was requested to buy back what was previously cut). It will be very tight for CPG on \$10 million until the next appropriation.

An additional \$2 million was taken from the Litter Account, which will eliminate the summer pickup program. \$1 million was left for litter pickup with preference for correctional crews. Ecology will likely use median crews, which can work on medians and shoulders. The Governor expects litter pickup on all interstate highways in Washington.

The Litter Fund transfer will cause Ecology to cut back on the CLCP Program. Ecology is working hard with local governments to get CPG grants signed and under contract. The next budget forecast is expected on February 18.

**Legislation:** Ten bills are moving in the Legislature (eleven with the Boards & Commissions bill). SWAC is a statutorily mandated board that was included in the second tier of boards proposed to be eliminated. The bill will likely pass. If it does, SWAC will become an advisory group and members will not be reimbursed for travel expenses. At our March meeting we will discuss how SWAC should organize. Future meetings may be held by net meeting or teleconference.

***Recycling & Diversion Rates for WA – Gretchen Newman***

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Gretchen gave a PowerPoint presentation and provided a handout on recycling and diversion rates. She explained the recycling survey has been conducted since 1986 and Ecology has handled it internally since 1988. The 2009 survey marks the 22<sup>nd</sup> year Ecology staff has done this. Ecology has seen the biggest drop to date in municipal solid waste disposal. The municipal solid waste recycling rate rose to 45% in 2008.

***Take-it-Back Network Expansion (CFLs) – Lauren Cole & Suellen Mele***

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Lauren Cole gave a PowerPoint presentation on King County Solid Waste's program to promote producer responsibility for fluorescent bulbs and tubes. She explained the Take-it-Back Program is short-term. The long-term goal is a producer responsibility model (part of the draft comprehensive plan).

Costs are recouped through fees. Some businesses offer the service free of charge. It is challenging to get people onboard. There are currently 84 sites participating, and recruitment is ongoing. Some retailers will not participate because they do not want to charge a fee.

Public education continues, because many people do not realize fluorescent bulbs and tubes contain mercury. The recycling rate in King County is currently 4 percent, so they have a long way to go.

Suellen said partnership with businesses is important because governments provide an educational component. There have been efforts to start a network in Thurston County. Four out of fourteen businesses expressed interest, but have not signed up. Reasons to not participate include timing with the poor economy and transportation and recycling costs; reluctance to ask customers for an end of life fee; need for a viable funding source for the program; and the challenge of end of life fees. Safety was not a concern expressed.

***Environmental Indicators – Sally Safioles***

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Sally explained how the indicators are a yearly snapshot in time based on environmental impacts and compliance issues. Ecology has collected data for five years and is now looking at data trends.

What does this all mean? Ecology was tasked to develop performance measures for the Governor's Office and OFM. Ellen Caywood will develop measures from this exercise. We will continue to work with health departments and facilities.

The Waste 2 Resources Program (W2R) has an agreement with the Toxics Cleanup Program for W2R to be the lead on corrective actions. We may be more visible to sites that are in the corrective action phase. Ecology will work to gain compliance from facilities.

Sego Jackson asked if there is a list of landfills that shows which category they are in. Laurie said to contact the regions about specific landfills.

Jim Matsuyama asked about the purpose of performance measures in this instance. Laurie said OFM wants to track performance of environmental programs. Ecology will use the data to evaluate landfills that may need corrective action. Measures would focus on what Ecology is doing to attain compliance over time.

***Children's Safe Products Act – Carol Kraege***

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Carol gave an overview of the Children's Safe Products Act. Manufacturers will be required to report on the quantity of chemicals in their products.

Ecology has worked on a list of chemicals in preparation for January 28, a report describing how Ecology arrived at that list, a draft rule, press releases, etc. Manufacturers will have the opportunity to provide feedback.

Carol explained Ecology needs to narrow the list of chemicals to about 50. The list released will be a "first" list. It will not include every chemical defined in the law. The list was developed based on what other governments have done.

Manufacturers that want to comply will have a chance to remove chemicals from their products. The first phase will target largest companies and products designed to put in a baby's mouth or rubbed on the skin, or aimed at children under three.

Cadmium was preempted. The AP did a story reporting they found some trinkets containing 80 percent cadmium. The story implied manufacturers substituted cadmium for lead. The federal government can only regulate cadmium if it is used as a surface coating. Carol said she is not sure if Ecology's enforcement standard will need revision.

Carol asked SWAC members who want to be on her distribution list to contact her. When the new rule comes out, Susanne will forward it to SWAC.

***Agenda Items for Future Meetings***

- Update from EPA Region 10 on Solid Waste Issues on Tribal Lands – March 2010
- Footprint project briefing – Angie Fritz, Spring 2010
- Future of SWAC – March 2010

***Meeting adjourned at 12 p.m.***

**Submitted by: Susanne McLemore**

***SWAC Members Present***

Laurie Davies  
Dennis Durbin  
Lorie Hewitt  
Sego Jackson  
Peter Keller  
Kevin Kiernan  
Craig Lorch  
Brad Lovaas  
Jim Matsuyama  
Steve McGonigal  
Suellen Mele  
Wendy Mifflin  
Bob Schille  
Art Starry  
Danny Joe Stensgar  
Steve Wamback  
Scott Windsor

***Alternates Present***

David Baker  
Pat Campbell  
Ed Dzedzy  
Patti Johnson  
Bill Reed  
John Sherman  
Jody Snyder

***Meeting Participants***

Lauren Cole  
Carol Kraege  
Gretchen Newman  
Sally Safioles

***Interested Parties Present***

Andy Comstock  
Cal Palmer  
Rick Hlavka  
George Sidles  
Damon Taam