



SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

Thursday February 1, 2024, 6:00-8:00 PM

In Person: Clark County Public Health
1601 E. Fourth Plain Blvd. Vancouver, WA 98661

Online: Zoom

SWAC Members Present: Jason Presser, Joe Zimmerman, Kyle Potter, Tim Kraft, Simone Auger, Kim Harless, Mike Mulligan, Reuben Greer

SWAC Members Excused: Gabe Fauvelle, Derek Ranta

SWAC Members Unexcused:

Staff Present: Kimberly Walker-Norton, Melissa Sutton, Joelle Loescher, Sarah Keirns, Jess Fischberg, Tina Kendall, Amber McKnight, Tatum Flowers, Sara Schroeder, Jeff Harbison, Bethanie Davis, Camille Shelton, Angelina Kotecheva

Others Present: Julie Gilbertson (CoV), Steve Worley (CoV), Christina Kullberg (ECY), Blake Nelson (ECY), Sean Henderson (Maul Foster Alongi)

Meeting began at 6:04 pm

I. Roll Call, Approval of Minutes – November 2, 2023 (*00:00:06)

- Motion to approve by Joe
 - Seconded by Mike
 - Approved

II. Updates (*00:00:28)

- [Clark County Public Health – Solid Waste Operations](#)
 - Records Coordinator position filled by Amber McKnight
 - Environmental Operations position filled by Tatum Flowers
 - Program Assistant position to be posted soon
 - Sarah Keirns will be taking over SWAC facilitation
 - Siting study RFP was cancelled, due to editing oversight
 - Will edit & re-release at a later date
 - All but one ILA signed with local cities/town
 - Meeting with Regional System Steering Committee to discuss regional ownership of transfer stations, and timelines
 - Waste characterization study kick-off meeting today
- Clark County Public Health – [Solid Waste Education & Outreach](#)
 - Green Business has new Instagram account
 - Held morning Blend at wastewater treatment plant yesterday
 - Evergreen School District hosted green cleaning class in Spanish
 - Green Neighbors website is undergoing significant overhaul
 - Upcoming Food Waste Prevention week in April
- Clark County Public Health – [Solid Waste Enforcement](#)
 - Provided 2023 fourth quarter inspection updates
 - Burlington Environmental (Clean Earth) received \$25,000 fine from Ecology, for violation of 10-day transfer, and inadequate employee training
 - ECY's opinion is that license should not be suspended/revoked/fined at this time
- [City of Vancouver](#)
 - Cost of service change took effect January 1, 2024
 - Closed out 2023 leaf coupon program
 - Signed ILA with Clark County Public Works to continue leaf coupon in the future
 - COV working with Burlington Environmental and regulators to move toward compliance
 - High participations in Recycle Right app, reducing complaints of inclement weather



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- Projects development reviews have been increasing in numbers
- Next RecycleU class is this Saturday at the Fourth Plain Commons building
- Introduces new Public Works director, Steve Worley
- [Waste Connections](#)
 - No representative available

III. Vape Disposal – J. Kimberly Walker-Norton & Jess Fischberg (*00:30:03)

- Schools confiscating vape products in such high amounts that they are labeled as “Small Quantity Generators” (SQG); but do not have funding for proper disposal
- Schools are considered businesses, and are not eligible for HHW events
- Developing outreach materials for residential vape disposal, for distribution with vape vendors
- Jess has looked into the feasibility of having the transfer stations include SQG collection, in addition to the HHW collection, but currently there is no timeline
 - Some counties have this rolled into the cost of overall waste management

IV. Solid Waste Management Plan Updates – Sean Henderson (Maul Foster Alongi) (*00:58:33)

- Maul Foster Alongi continuing to update design of SWMP
- Have mocked up design layout
- Now focusing on hand-off process, for future updates
- Determined navigation and hierarchy of Table of Contents
- Ran troubleshooting for visual accessibility, including line length, font type and size, text color
- Layout is going quickly
 - Expecting more content in March
- Will likely need to do another round of internal edits prior to completion
 - Hope to be able to present new draft during May SWAC meeting
 - Basing content on Ecology requirements

V. Other Business (*01:06:53)

- Blake Nelson and Christina Kullberg, both from Ecology introduced themselves
- Any SWAC members with upcoming term expirations will still need to apply if interested in another term.

VI. Public Comment (*01:12:30)

- None

This meeting was adjourned at 7:17 pm

Next Regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 2, 2024

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