



Solid Waste Advisory Commission

Regular Meeting, August 1, 2024, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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

Virtual: Zoom

Call to Order	
Called to order by Jason Presser at 6:15 p.m.	
Attendance	
SWAC Members Present:	Jason Presser, Joe Zimmerman, Bart Hansen (Kim Harless), Mike Mulligan, Reuben Greer.
SWAC Members Absent:	Kyle Potter, Derek Ranta, Gabe Fauvelle, and Tim Kraft
Clark County Staff:	Kimberly Walker-Norton, Melissa Sutton, Joelle Loescher, Sarah Keirns, Jess Fischberg, Tina Kendall, Amber McKnight, Camille Shelton, Pete DuBois, Amanda Zodrow, Bethanie Davis, Tatum Flowers, Sami Springs, Sara Schroeder, Gerry Preston.
Other Present:	Christina Kullberg (ECY), Blake Nelson (ECY) Steve Worley (COV), Travis Dutton (WSAC)
Approval of Minutes	
	May 2, 2024 Meeting Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to approve – Mike Mulligan • Seconded – Joe Zimmerman • Approved
Program Updates	
Solid Waste Enforcement - Kimberly Walker-Norton	From the SWE Progress Report - Melissa Sutton <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizen complaints; 30 received and 27 resolved Updates: Kimberly Walker-Norton <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waiting for the updated interlocal agreement for Leichner. • Working with the City of Vancouver and schools to coordinate the disposal of their hazardous material and vapes.
Solid Waste Operations - Joelle Loescher	Developing the CSWMP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The preliminary draft is available online and paper copies are available by request.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public comments are August 1st through August 30th. Flyers have been posted inviting residents to add their comments. <p>Next steps for the CSWMP plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive feedback from Ecology on the plan or if there are revisions. Work on getting resolutions of adoption in place next year. <p>Other updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working on three RFPs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RFP 889 – Closing 9/25/2024 RFP 898 – Closing 8/14/2024 RFP 894 – Closed 7/31/2024
<p>Solid Waste Education and Outreach - Sarah Keirns</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Composter Recycler Workshop distributed 40 worm bins and 58 backyard composters. There are now nine sites participating in the We Compost program SYL – pre-campaign data collection, launch a campaign, and post-campaign data collection at West Van and Central transfer station <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Four giveaway days: 521 customers pledge to secure their load, plus 38 in Spanish (we hired interpreters).
<p>City of Vancouver - Julie Gilbertson</p>	<p>Solid Waste AmeriCorps Litter Steward’s data to share with you.</p> <p>Our AmeriCorps – Kristin Naber wraps up her term with us in July. Results from their Sept 2023 – July 2024 term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 96 new community members were trained and participated in the Litter Stewards program giving 251 hours in volunteer service. Conducted 14 City organized clean-up events. Litter Stewards, on their own and with group events, picked up an estimated 4 tons of litter/garbage from City parks, trails and City public spaces/property. Since the pilot program began in 2021, there are over 200 trained and equipped Litter Stewards volunteers. <p>Annual Spring Coupon Program that runs for 3 months: April through June.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coupons were redesigned with the new logo and brand. Available to Vancouver residents with active service. Set of coupons includes: two coupons for yard debris disposal and one for tire disposal Total cost \$71,408 (down from \$79,588 in 2023). Total cubic yards of yard debris: 5,507. Total tires 1,228 (up from 1,066 in 2023).

	<p>Started planning for Fall Coupon Season.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The regional leaves coupon will be redesigned this year for a new look & feel • Coupons are available for free disposal of leaves for all residents of Vancouver and Clark County. And included in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CRWWD newsletter, ○ Waste Connections' Fall Mailer, ○ City Neighborhood fliers, ○ Printed copies will be at City and other public agency counters, mailed upon request. • The City is also putting out boxes for fall leaves, we're using GIS and Tree canopy mapping tools to evaluate "leafy" areas and neighborhoods.
<p>Waste Connections - Derek Ranta</p>	<p>Derek Ranta was absent, and no Waste Connections representative was sent.</p>
<p>New Business</p>	
<p>Ecology legislative changes for organics – Travis Dutton</p>	<p>Legislative Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mercury Lights (HB 1185), Organics (HB 2301), Illegal Dumping (HB 2207), Cannabis Waste (SB 5376) • Did Not Pass: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ReWRAP Act (HB 2049), Bottle Deposit (HB 2144), Improving Recycling (HB 1900), Dilapidated RVs (SB 5844), Appliance Gas Capture (HB 2401), Litter Tax (SB 5878)
<p>Additional organics and yard debris RFP – Tatum Flowers</p>	<p>WA State focuses on food waste and organic material due to being the largest wright material in the landfill.</p> <p>Where we are at now (2023/2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2023 County passed CPO. • In 2024 the county departments worked to implement policies, procedures, and reporting to use for compost projects. • We received an exclusion letter from BOMA requirements for Jan-Dec 2025. • GRAM – providing feedback and support on writing the guidelines for organics management law compliance. • YD RFP was released and included language for future planning for organics. <p>Future</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussing with stakeholders to expand organics capacity.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engagement with cities to support organics education and implementation and possible workgroup. Provide transparent data to cities and Ecology on our progress. Continue to leverage grants and funding to support the diversion of organics.
HHW events -Jess Fischberg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three HHW Events: Ridgefield, Yacolt, and La Center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notified residents within a five-mile radius of the events using postcards. The HHW location cities posted the event on their website. Ridgefield: 212 Participants, 13,425 HHW pounds, and 6.7 HHW tons. Yacolt: 119 Participants, 39,802 HHW pounds, and 19.9 HHW tons. La Center: 196 Participants, 31,338 HHW pounds, and 15.7 HHW tons.
Other Business	
Review the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan (CSWMP)	<p>CSWMP approval process discussion.</p> <p>Voted: SWAC Board Members have until September 13, 2024, to add their comments for the 2025-2030 Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion to approve – Mike Mulligan Seconded – Rueben Greer Approved
2024 SWAC Board Vacancies	<p>Three terms expiring and one vacant position.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Positions: Clark County Business, Southeast Clark County, County At-Large, and Small Cities & Towns. The recruitment period ended July 31st at 5 p.m. There are four candidates.
Public Comment	
Public Hearing for the (CSWMP) 2025-2030 Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan	No questions.
Next Meeting	
November 7, 2024	
Adjournment	
Adjourned by Jason Presser at 7:36 p.m.	