

**Clallam County Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)
October 26, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

Abbreviations:

City of Port Angeles (CoPA); City of Sequim (CoS), Clallam County: ClaCo; Environmental Health (EH) City of Forks (CoF); Waste Connections (WC) , Ecology (ECY), Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe (JSKT) Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP)

A. ROLL CALL:

Members:

Brian Tate, WC alt
Steve Johnson, Alt Bus. rep (Lazy J)
Meggan Uecker, CoS alt
Steve Gray, ClaCo rep
Chad Young, Waste Ind. (WC) member
Mark Ozias, ClaCo alt
Christy Cox, Rep Citizen at Large

Staff/Interested Parties:

Mike Healey, CoPA Interim Public Works
Director
Eli Owens, ClaCo EH
Eric Booth, WC

B. REQUEST OF MODIFICATIONS/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Member Johnson requested time to share information. His request was added under Reports and the agenda was approved.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Draft September 28 meeting minutes not available and were tabled.

E. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

- Steve Johnson shared his perspectives on SWAC’s focus. Highlights included: feels SWAC has been vague in purpose as a new member and isn’t fulfilling its mission to be an advisory committee; he is a committed and knowledgeable recycler/reuser of everything possible and participant in event/neighborhood cleanups; concerned about waste and recycling improvements; recommends that the community considers pyrolysis or combustion for energy, and looks at emissions comparison that consider transportation, etc; and interested in learning about pyrolysis such as Burlington, WA facility.
- Meggan Uecker will follow-up on information on Waste-to Energy (WTE) to SWAC.
- Christy Cox indicated she would like to see a comprehensive list of recycling/reducing options like what Steve Johnson shared as his personal practices. Eli Owens noted the County website has a lot of information.
- Mark Ozias noted Spokane has a WTE facility. He also noted the energy source nexus and suggested follow up with Diane Harvey, Clallam County Emergency Management, and local, upcoming Energy Conference attendees.
- Christy Cox stressed waste prevention is a vital factor in managing waste.
- Mike Healey, City of Port Angeles Interim Public Works Director, introduced himself.
- Meggan Uecker noted the North Olympic Development Council (NODC) is hosting an energy forum targeting local and Tribal governments, utility agencies and others to look at opportunities and challenges on the Peninsula to support and increase our energy resiliency. Waste to energy is part of the discussion.

F. CONTINUING MATTERS

Discussion on 2022 Organics Management Law with focus on local government provisions and requirements.

Steve Gray noted this discussion item is a follow-up to the Ecology staff presentation at the September SWAC meeting on the 2022 Organics Management Law and Use Food Well Washington Plan with a focus on specific local government requirements of the new law. He referred to the two-page summary on the 2022 Organics Management Law provided in the meeting packet materials and highlighted the following two provisions related to county comprehensive plan and solid waste management plan updates:

- After July 1, 2024 new and updated local comprehensive solid waste management plans must address new requirement to provide organic materials collection and management to residential and nonresidential customers.
- After January 1, 2025, county comprehensive plans must allow siting of organics management facilities to provide necessary capacity for organics collection.

The 2022 Law also requires the County to adopt a compost procurement ordinance to address using compost in public works projects. Beginning December 31, 2024, local jurisdictions must also start reporting the amount of organic matter they divert from the landfill, including compost purchased from specific sources.

Discussion followed. It was noted that the County Public Works Department will be addressing drafting a compost procurement ordinance in 2023 to be funded through an amendment to their Ecology solid waste grant. The County Public Works Department will seek SWAC input on the draft compost procurement ordinance. It was also noted that cities will also be required to prepare a compost procurement ordinance.

G. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

1. *2022 Organics Management Law provisions related to requirements for local governments for compost procurement ordinance adoption and reporting.*

Steve Gray referred to the two-page summary on the compost procurement ordinances and reporting requirement under the 2022 Organics Management Law provided in the meeting packet materials and highlighted key provisions. The packet materials also included a Model Compost Procurement Ordinance from Thurston County.

Considerable discussion followed on organics management as highlighted below:

- Local food banks are a great partner for data and food rescue.
- Construction and demolition debris (e.g., lumber) is a large organic component of waste stream and look at ways to divert out of the waste stream—recommended to talk to Bill Hermann on reuse of such materials. A question followed whether lumber is considered an organic material under the organics management law.
- The proposed amendments to the County Public Works Grant will move funding to organics planning including for WSU extension to hire a part-time coordinator for food reduction at schools and will include draft compost ordinance which could be drafted with cities.

- January 1, 2023 deadline for compost procurement ordinance in the 2022 Organics Management Law is not anticipated to be enforced as rollout by Ecology has been slow.
- Will compost be required to be nationally certified, as noted in Thurston ordinance? Is compost in our Port Angeles facility certified? Eli Owens noted that when the City was making compost it was certified nationally.
- Support for requirements to require use of locally produced compost could stimulate local markets.
- Will the cities and county work together on a compost procurement ordinance? Steve Gray indicated that a cross jurisdiction regulations have not been discussed at this point of the process.
- Is burned yard waste an area that should be a focus of SWAC such as policies and regulations (e.g., carbon tax, limit burning of yard waste)? Meggan Uecker noted the SWMP has a recommendation (O3) to address yard waste collection such as expand curb side yard waste in the unincorporated parts of the County. Chad Young suggested expanded yard waste collection is a possibility and cited Hermann Brothers as a resource for further discussion. Steve Johnson shared idea of a cooperative tub grinder for farmer's idea. Christy Cox will take this idea to the Conservation District (she is board member).

2. *City of Sequim Solid Waste and Recycling Study*

Meggan Uecker presented summary of Sequim's solid waste study completed by HDR Engineering, Inc. A Final Materials Management Technical Memorandum and presentation by HDR was included in the meeting packet materials and can also be viewed on the City's website: https://www.sequimwa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/20962/73-Agenda-Cover_22_PW_Solid-Waste-Study-10-24

The intent of the study was to begin to consider Sequim's and east side waste management options given a growing population and current structure of management under the Interlocal Agreement and hauling contracts that expire within 3-9 years.

Next steps are for city staff to continue to monitor opportunities for programmatic/capital improvements noted in study for planning and continue discussions with council as opportunities arise.

H. NEXT-MEETING/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSION:

The November 23 and December 28, 2022, meetings are cancelled due to proximity to the holidays and input from SWAC representatives that indicated unlikely to have a quorum on those two dates. For 2023, the SWAC will go to a every other month meeting schedule, with the first meeting being held on January 25, 2023. If SWAC business needs arise, the SWAC can discuss adding additional meetings. The January meeting will include review of draft bylaws and consider whether need for a February 2023 meeting. Steve Gray will send out an email regarding the upcoming meeting cancellations and change to every other month meeting schedule in 2023.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

J. ADJOURNMENT: Approximately 4:40 p.m.