

**Clallam County Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)
September 28, 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:

Chad Young, WC
Brian Tate, WC alt
Steve Johnson, Business rep (Lazy J)
Steve Gray, ClaCo rep
Christy Cox, Citizen At-Large
Sarah VanAusdle, COS

Staff/Interested Parties:

Eli Owens, ClaCo EH
Jen Garcelon, ClaCo EH
Elizabeth Stanley, Prosecuting Attorney Office
David Pater, ECY
Mary Harrington, ECY
Steve Gilmore, Municipal Relationship Manager
with Republic Services under CoPA contract
Eric Booth, WC
Dayhawk Kim, A-M Systems
Arthur Green, A-M Systems

B. REQUEST OF MODIFICATIONS/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: None. Agenda approved.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Steve Johnson motioned to approve the August 24, 2022, minutes. Seconded by Steve Gray. Approved.

E. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS: None

1. *Joint Solid Waste Advisory Board (JSWAB) Update.*

Steve Gray provided highlights of the August 25 JSWAB meeting that included:

- Meeting attendees from Clallam County were Joe Donisi, Interim County Engineer, and Steve Gray, Transportation Program Manager; from Sequim were Sarah VanAusdle, Public Works Director, and Meggan Uecker, Resource Analyst; and from Port Angeles Thomas Hunter, Public Works Director, and Jonathon Boehme, City Engineer.
- The City of Sequim serve as JSWAB Chair for the remainder of 2022 and for 2023.
- Plan is for JSWAB meetings to occur every other month on alternative months of SWAC meetings with goal of a least four JSWAB meetings per year.
- City of Sequim reported nearly doubling of glass tonnage collected since Port Angeles stopped glass recycling.
- City of Port Angeles continues to accept yard waste, while addressing equipment and operation issues to re-open composting.
- City of Port Angeles will not increase fees for customers or tip rate in 2023.

Chad Young asked if there was any discussion about gate opening at the Transfer Station for Olympic Disposal. For last 30-years were able to access transfer station at

6:00 a.m., but since March 1 of this year cannot access until 8:00 a.m. This latter access time effects County waste collection efforts. Eli Owens indicated that in October this will go back to 6:00 a.m. per County permit requirements.

2. *Update on Clallam Co. Public Works 2021-2023 Local Solid Waste Financial Assistant Grant.*

Steve Gray reported that County Public Works is working with Ecology to amend the current grant to a) expand Task 1 work tasks and budget for the organics study and waste plan by WSU Extension for the County; and b) replace Task 2 with work to address HB 1799 for drafting a County Compost Procurement Ordinance. David Pater, Ecology, discussed status of grant amendment process.

F. CONTINUING MATTERS: None

G. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. *Discussion on changes to Hazardous Waste Small Quantity Generator (SQG) acceptance and collection in Jefferson County.*

Steve Gray referenced the meeting packet materials that contained a press release from Jefferson County Public Works that stated that the last day of operation of their Moderate Risk Waste Facility (MRWF) operations will be September 30 and after that date the County will continue to offer this service with collection events outside of the MRWF facility. The collection events will be held throughout the county and the year. He further noted that Al Cairns, Jefferson County Solid Waste Manager, reported to him that:

- Jefferson County is rolling out their new service model with the first collection event for residential customers on October 15th in Port Hadlock and a Small Quantity Generator (SQG) only event in Port Townsend on January 20th, 2023.
- SQG's will have to preregister with Clean Harbors and pay them directly and may be surprised at how expensive it is since Jefferson County had not adjusted their fee schedule since 2014.
- Jefferson County will no longer accept Clallam County SQG customers for two reasons:
 - We can't distribute the substantial mobilization fee among the Clallam SQG's which could be seen as a gift of public funds by our local volunteer government watchdogs; and
 - Clallam County has a MRWF.
- Jefferson County Solid Waste Facility Task Force is enthused about exploring collaboration with Clallam County on solid waste/recycling/material diversion facilities.

Christy Cox asked where SQG is currently disposing waste. Is there a third party? Eli Owens indicated there are companies outside of the County that can do pick-ups such as Clean Harbors. There are options, but not local and will be costly.

Any update on our local ability to accept SQG's commercial waste? Eli Owens noted there is no current local facility to accept SQG's, and commented that perhaps the future new City of Port Angeles Public Works Director will revisit acceptance of SQG's at the Regional Transfer Station MRWF.

2. *Use Food Well Washington (UFWW) Plan and 2022 Organics Management Law (E2SHB 1799).*

Mary Harrington, Organics Management Lead, and David Pater, Solid Waste Planner/Grant Specialist, from the Department of Ecology presented both the UFWW Plan and 2022 Organics Management Law and answered SWAC questions related to these two programs. The presentation was included in the meeting packet materials.

H. NEXT-MEETING/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Discussion was had on moving to every other month meeting schedule, which was supported.

Identified topics of discussion for the October 26 meeting included: an overview of how 2022 Organics Management Law might affect the work of the SWAC in the future; and 2) a briefing on the City of Sequim Solid Waste and Recycling Study.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dayhawk Kim commended effort to address organics management. He inquired whether the County is still pursuing SWMP updates under the Ecology solid waste grant. Steve Gray indicated that the County is not working on SWMP amendments and is pursuing a grant amendment with Ecology to use grant funding instead to address preparation of a draft compost procurement ordinance.

J. ADJOURNMENT: Approximately 4:25 p.m.