

Minutes
Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)
September 22, 2021; 3 pm

Zoom meeting ID: 499 691 5422 and passcode: 315730.

Abbreviations: Clallam County (County); City of Port Angeles (CoPA), City of Sequim (Sequim), City of Forks (Forks), Waste Connections Inc. (WCI), Department of Ecology (Ecology), Local Solid Waste Financial Assistance (LSWFA), Solid & Hazardous Waste Management Plan (SHWMP)

Roll call: Members: Christy Cox, Citizen at Large, Cynthia Bork, Citizen at Large alternate, Charlie McCaughan, CoPA rep, LaTrisha Suggs, CoPA alternate, Chad Young, Waste Business (WCI) Rep, Ann Soule, Sequim Rep, Jenson, Ag Rep

Staff: Jennifer Garcelon, Eli Owens, Kevin LoPiccolo, Dave Hanna, County; Meggan Uecker, Thomas Hunter, CoPA; David Pater, Ecology; Clea Rome, WSU

Motion to approve May 26 and July 28 minutes seconded, passed.

Public Comment-none

Clallam County-WSU Extension LSWFA Project: Organics Reduction Plan

- Clea Rome (WSU) shared the LSWFA funded task to develop an Organics Reduction Plan based around the SHWMP recommendation (O1) to reduce organics in the waste stream by 10% by 2025. Noting the ambitious goal, WSU will hire a researcher to compile a report including: specific courses of action built from relevant SHWMP recommendations; what other communities are doing; funding opportunities; identify gaps in knowledge or BMPs. Stakeholder group forming to advise on subject matter experts, research directions. Contact clea.rome@wsu.edu to join.
- LaTrisha asked about other recommendations. Meggan replied many recs being addressed via other LSWFA tasks or grants to Clallam entities. Review of implementation schedule would be a good annual task for SWAC.

CoPA Cost of Service Analysis (COSA)

- COSA is a utility rate review; typically a few utilities per year. This year included solid waste rates for CoPA curbside collections and transfer stations rates.
- Recommendation of COSA to CoPA Council is no rate changes for solid waste rates for next two years and adopt same service rates as contractor for services that become provided by CoPA

Update on the Final Draft of the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP)

- Final SHWMP approved by Ecology; Dave Hanna shared letter w/ SWAC.
- Cynthia asked if County, etc. was considering a press release on the approval. Meggan and Dave can follow up.

Other items for discussion

- Jen Garcelon asked for an update regarding the recent press releases from WCI and CoPA regarding service contract termination and WCI's removal of yard waste cans from CoPA residents that had begun this week. Thomas Hunter shared that CoPA/WCI were still in process of contract termination negotiation therefore WCI must continue contractually obligated services to the City, including operations of municipal transfer stations and curbside services for yard waste and recycle. CoPA was pursuing legal options to address this unexpected action. Jen noted that the County was fielding public inquiry and Thomas encouraged the County to reach

out with any questions. LaTrisha thanked folks for their patience in mitigating any service disruption and anticipated a positive outcome in the long run regarding solid waste rates. Christy expressed surprise at SWAC's low level of involvement in the termination conversation and felt that SWAC was very informed of the situation.

- Meeting SWAC requirements. David Pater had shared RCW with Christy. Bylaw review should be upcoming agenda item. New Utility Program Manager for Public Works, Dave Hanna, is looking into best option to fill County alternate position (himself or ?)

Future Agenda Items Discussion

- Next SWAC meeting scheduled 11/17/21 if BOCC room available.
- Bylaw review
- Implementation Schedule (SHWMP Table 11.1) review

Adjournment 4:07 pm