

Clallam County Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)
July 27, 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)

ROLL CALL:

Members:

Brian Tate, WC alt
Steve Johnson, Business rep (Lazy J)
Christy Cox, Citizen rep
Meggan Uecker, CoS alt
Mark Ozias, ClaCo rep
Steve Gray, ClaCo rep
Charlie McCaughan, CoPA rep

Thomas Hunter, CoPA PW Director
David Pater, ECY
Mark Gingrich, WC
Eric Booth, WC
Andrea Bradford, CoPA ext. attorney
Bill Bloor, CoPA int. attorney
Jay Donovan, CoPA ext. attorney
Arthur Green, A-M Systems
Dayhawk Kim, A-M Systems
Tom Ehrlichman, A-M Systems attorney
Robert Knapp, JSKT

Staff/Interested Parties

Eli Owens, ClaCo EH
Jen Garcelon, ClaCo EH

B. Request of modifications/additions to agenda-none

C. Public Comment – none

D. Motion to approve 6/22/22 minutes made by Steve Johnson, 2nd by Brian Tate. Approved.

E. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. ClaCo Dept. of Public Works staff changes related to Committee administrative support and Department Solid Waste Management work.

- Dave Hanna no longer with the Dept. Steve Gray, Transportation Program Manager and 28 year ClaCo planning staff, is being approved by Board of Commissioners to fill role until reorganization or rehire has been completed.

2. New and upcoming SWAC Appointments

- Steve Gray will be ClaCo rep; Mark Ozias alternate. Meggan Uecker is CoS’s alternate.

3. Continued Hearing on Olympic Disposal Systems Solid Waste Transfer Facility and Recycling Facility Conditional Use Permit (CUP) in Carlsborg

- Applicant requested second continuation of hearing (originally from 2/3/22 to 7/21/22), to address ClaCo staff report/SEPA concerns, which was approved by the Clallam County Hearing Examiner. The Hearing Examiner decision directs the Applicant and County to confirm the status of the CUP application and when the CUP open record hearing will be scheduled. Full documentation of the Hearing Examiner decision and order was in the packet materials and all documents related to the CUP application are available for viewing on the County’s on-line permitting system.

- Tom Ehrlichmann asked who Olympic Disposal was? Mark Gringich confirmed WC was the parent company; Olympic Disposal, Murrey's are local business names for the company.
4. Clallam County Solid Waste Grant Agreement with Ecology and Related Project Tasks
- Steve G. reviewed the two grant tasks under Clallam County Public Works Dept. Local Solid Waste Financial Assistance (LSWFA) Agreement that ends June 30, 2023.
 - The first task is preparation of an Organics Plan. ClaCo and WSU-Extension are nearing agreement on a contract for WSU-Extension to complete this work.
 - The second grant task is to support possible amendments/revisions to the 2021 SWMP in response to potential changes in the management of the solid waste in Clallam County. Meggan U. commented that completion of this task seem impossible given: the years-long changes currently underway; slow state of progress by entities responsible for those; less than one-year timeline. CoS may advocate for that task in another grant cycle and asks that the County use its LSWFA funds for '21 SWMP implementation such as organics actions like addressing HB 1799. Christy C. asked if this should be addressed to ClaCo Board of County Commissioners (BOCC). Mark O. said go through SWAC process.
 - Tom E. asked if the agreement could be made to the CUP, and Steve G. indicated to see agenda packet—agreement included.
 - David P. agreed timeline short for amendment, usefulness of plan implementation; County should decide soon for an amendment. Steve G. will include 2021 SWMP implementation recommendations for SWAC review and provide update on WSU-Extension Task 1 (Organics Plan) status related to grant budget and tasks.
 - Meggan U. asked if Forks had replied to the ClaCo Task 2 work items since they were also a SWMP signatory. Steve G. will follow-up with the City of Forks.
5. Other Member Reports
- Christy C. asked Thomas Hunter to report. Thomas H. noted the City's receipt of new compactor and Blue Mountain Transfer Station now open. Christy C. asked if Thomas H. could address the questions that had been compiled by SWAC for the City of Port Angeles in June. Thomas H. indicated he would check to see if he received them, but would respond. Steve G. provided a copy of the questions to Thomas H. Christy C. asked Thomas H. to confirm by when he would respond and to keep SWAC in the loop via Steve G. Thomas H. confirmed he would provide responses that can be distributed to the SWAC by Friday, July 29. Discussion on the questions followed as summarized below:
 - Thomas H. answered hauling, disposal and recycling continued as usual with glass "scheduled to come forward". Meggan U. asked for clarification on to whom (CoPA CC) and when (August). More details will come to SWAC.
 - Tires and Moderate Risk Waste (MRW) status: Thomas H. didn't know, but will report status in response.
 - Thomas H. noted that co-composting is not being "batch composted". Christy C. asked for clarification as to what this meant; it is that yard waste not being ground/accumulating, not composting, and biosolids being land applied in eastern WA.
 - Meggan U. (CoS) asked if there was a risk that composting would stop, which would also be out of sync with the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between CoS,

- Steve J. asked if CoPA was grinding as lack of capacity sends composters his way (Lazy J) and he is at capacity for increased business beyond current levels as well.
 - Meggan U. asked about status of transfer station, co-composting, MRWF, and landfill permits under review-any major changes? Eli replied still under review by EH and ECY but no surprises expected.
- CoS reported their solid waste study, correlated with the SWMP recommendation to study east side needs & opportunities (based on the fact that the last quarter of the regional solid waste ILA was beginning), is underway and Meggan U. is new contact. Finish by fall.

F. CONTINUING MATTERS

1. SWAC Bylaws Review Sub-Committee

- Steve G. will convene for review of tribal designation and potentially full bylaws. Meggan U. noted CoS would like to be on sub-committee and notes the tribal designation came after Quileute & Makah reps noted they cannot speak for all tribes. Sub-committee should follow up with Tribes; Robert Knapp from JSKT left call by that point. Mark O. noted other boards were taking similar action (e.g. Board of Health) and he appreciated the effort.

G. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS-none

H. NEXT-MEETING/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSION

- 8/24/22 confirmed
- Steve G. noted plan implementation actions for LSWFA grant amendment would be reviewed and available for discussion
- Christy C. noted that Hunter would provide answers to questions from SWAC by COB July 29, 2022 and likely discussion of those would be ongoing.
- Meggan U. asked that agenda include CoPA's 23-28 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) focused on solid waste items as the SWMP has adopted the CoPA CIP as their ongoing Capital Projects & Acquisition Plan, a required component of the SWMP.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT – none

Adjourned by 4:30p