

**Clallam County Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)
June 22, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

Acronyms: Clallam County (ClaCo), City of Port Angeles (CoPA), City of Sequim (CoS), City of Forks (CoF), Waste Connections/Olympic Disposal (WC), Environmental Health (EH), Public Works (PW), Washington State University (WSU), Dept. of Ecology (ECY), Board of County Commissioners (BOCC), Clallam County Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP)

Call to Order

1. Attendance: quorum highlighted
Members: Jenson, Ag Rep Eli Owens, ClaCo EH
Brian Tate, WC alt Charlie McCaughan, CoPA David Pater, ECY
David Hanna, ClaCo alt
Steve Johnson, Business Staff: Public:
Christy Cox, Citizen At-large Chad Young, WC Sefla (phone in)
Ann Soule, CoS alt Meggan Uecker, ClaCo/WSU
Rachel Anderson, CoS Joe Donisi, ClaCo PW
2. No modification/additions to Agenda
3. No Public Comment
4. ***It was moved/seconded to approve 5/25/22 minutes. Motion carried.***

Reports & Presentations

1. Three new/returning member applications to BOCC in July. Joe Donisi noted PW recommended all three apps to BOCC.
2. Consultant hired to update ClaCo website so some links may be down.

Continuing Matters

1. CoPA updates and response to prepared SWAC questions compiled in June agenda moved to end of meeting; no CoPA staff present to respond to questions at this time.

Business Items

1. Vacancies/Recruitment/Positions
 - a. Per last meeting discussion, concerns that “tribal council” position isn’t adequate representation of four tribal nations in Clallam. Bylaw review and changes needed to change this. Quorum impact should be considered. ***It was moved/seconded that a subcommittee be convened to review bylaws and determine a plan of action.***
 - i. Christy Cox suggested “Associate Member” designation similar to Clallam Co. Conservation District.
 - ii. It was noted RCW ([70A.205.110](#)) mandates minimum members numbers (9), but only instructs a “balance of interests including, but not limited to, citizens, public interest groups, business, the waste management industry, agriculture, and local elected public officials” providing flexibility to change local SWAC bylaws list of members.
 - iii. Volunteers included Joe Donisi, Dave Hanna and Jenson.
 - iv. ***Motion carried.***
2. Joint Meeting with Jefferson Co. SWAC
 - a. ***It was moved/seconded to schedule a joint meeting with Jeff Co. SWAC in early '23.***

- b. Steve Johnson asked about purpose. Dave Hanna said to learn what other SWACs are doing. David Pater noted that Jefferson Co. is reviewing new sites for transfer station(s) and there are opportunities for collaboration.
- c. **Motion carried.**

Next Meeting Date

- 1. ***It was moved/seconded for meetings to continue monthly on 4th Wed at 3 pm.***
 - a. Noted that 11/16 correct date to hold November meeting to avoid holiday conflicts.
 - b. **Motion carried.**

Other Items for Discussion

- 1. Ann Soule shared about WA Stormwater Center's Dumpster Outreach Group as a resource for outreach materials.
- 2. Ann also shared that she is entering semi-retirement, working for CoS as consultant but won't be at next SWAC. Members noted her input to SWMP and other discussions has been priceless!
- 3. Steven Johnson shared he received email from ClaCo re: Open Public Meetings Act training on 6/28/22 and wondered if this was required. Meggan noted that training was annually provided to SWAC, perhaps this is new method with online training. Dave Hanna will find out more information.
- 4. Meggan share ECY has produced a climate analysis materials recycled v. landfilled for Recycling Development Center. She would like to share this at future meeting to compare to SWMP's Table of Recommendations and begin review of recommendation progress/status.
 - a. Steve Johnson interested in learning more about plastic recycling development or ways to keep recycling local. Meggan shared opportunity for circular economy development support in new program NextCycle Washington or more local program CoastWorks.

Continuing Matters, continued.

- 1. Thomas Hunter or qualified CoPA staff not present to answer prepared questions.
- 2. Eli Owens answered the following from the list:
 - a. Status of permits: CoPA has submitted revised permits to ClaCoEH; 45 day review period as begun.
 - i. Chad Young asked about gate time. Eli noted gate time opening of 6 am contained in permit under review.
 - b. Yard waste not being composted but CoPA has said it is being actively managed. 2000 cubic yards of biosolids approved by ECY for disposal in Roosevelt Landfill.
 - i. Steve Johnson asked if yard waste is being ground; this is unknown. In his experience as Lazy J Farms proprietor, space can be an issue.
 - c. David Pater asked Chad about WC's MSW export. No process at this time all MSW going to Regional.
- 3. Christy Cox expressed frustration over lack of information for SWAC members and public on status of Regional Transfer System transfer stations and operations. Asked what actions could be taken and offered to attend CoPA City Council on behalf of SWAC.
 - a. Joe Donisi said if SWAC comments were to deviate from prepared agenda questions these could be sent ahead of meeting to elicit better answers.
 - b. Meggan noted that CoPA has approved '23 Capital Improvement Program which is referenced as SWMP's solid waste system capital improvement program. Large solid

waste expenditures include fleet section and solid waste section. Rate, enterprise fund impacts relevant to SWMP and whole system and need attention.

- c. Meggan suggested that SWAC's role is to recommend to BOCC. Also action at council-BOCC level may be occurring.
- d. It was proposed that SWAC members work with BOCC or SWAC member Mark Ozias to determine best way to address concerns and/or develop a statement. Christy would like to participate; Joe Donisi and Dave Hanna will lead from PW.

Meeting adjourned at 4:02p