

Clallam County Solid Waste Advisory Committee
5/25/22 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)

In attendance:

Members/Alts (Highlight represents quorum)

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| 1. Arleen Jenson, Ag Rep | 4. Jen Garcelon, ClaCo EH |
| 2. Steve Johnson, Business Rep | 5. Eli Owens, ClaCo EH |
| 3. David Hanna, ClaCo. Alternate | 6. Chris Cowgill, CoPA |
| 4. Brian Tate, Olympic Disposal/WC Alternate | 7. Joe Donisi, ClaCo Public Works |
| 5. Rachel Anderson, CoS Rep | 8. Meggan Uecker, ClaCo/WSU Ext consultant |
| 6. Ann Soule, CoS Alternate | 9. Jennifer Hagen, Quileute Tribe |
| 7. Charlie McCaughn, CoPA Rep | 10. Steve Pendleton, Makah Tribe |
| | 11. Deacon Johnston, Makah Tribe |
| | 12. Elizabeth Stanley, Clallam County |
| | 13. Al Cairns, Jefferson Co Public Works |
| | 14. David Pater, Ecology |

Staff and Others

1. Chad Young, Olympic Disposal/WC
2. Eric Booth, WC
3. Mark Gingrich, WC

Call to order 3:01 pm

Additions to agenda: It was requested to include Co-Composting Facility & Moderate Risk Waste Facility updates under item VII, Regional Transfer Station (RTS) update. Al Cairns, Jefferson Co. Solid Waste Manager will share a brief update from Jefferson Co. Agenda approved as amended.

Previous Minutes: Motion to approve 4/26 minutes 1 Ann, 2 Steve, Motion carries.

Public comment: None

Topics/Presentations:

Jefferson County Solid Waste

- In process of scoping facility replacement assessment contract with Vikek. Facility capacity 50T, last year moved 77T. Looking at 5 public sites and 1 private. Interested in connecting with Clallam given shared commonality like export routes and pending legislation like HB 1799 (organics management) that will impact the Peninsula.

Q: Will Quilcene Drop Box be considered for change and included in analysis?

A: Depends on preferred site proximity to Quilcene, resident access considerations, etc.

Blue Mountain Transfer Station Status/Schedule (Chris Cowgill)

- Communications contractor still waiting on fiber for security/finance system installation
- Site cleaned and prepped for opening

Regional Transfer Station Status/Schedule (Chris Cowgill)

- Trash collection: New compactor likely by end of July
- Co-Composting: Biosolids being diverted to Roosevelt Landfill

Q: Is yard waste being composted? If not, is stasis or fire a concern?

A: CoPA: direct questions to Thomas Hunter

Q: Biosolids are going into the trash?

A: Eli Owens noted CoPA has until end of July per Ecology to remove current biosolids pile at RTS to Roosevelt.

Q: How will decreased recycling (glass, biosolids) and increased trash (same materials, now disposed in trash) affect rates?

A: direct question to Thomas Hunter

Q: Can compost be made without biosolids under permit?

A: direct question to Thomas Hunter

Q: To Sequim-what is occurring with Sequim biosolids?

A: Ann Soule answered—land applied at local farm but would ask Cos whether location should be shared

- Moderate Risk Waste Facility: open

Recycling. Status/Future Plans.

- Glass due diligence being done; findings will be presented to CoPA city council in July.

Q: Who is performing due diligence?

A: Direct question to Thomas Hunter.

Q: Ann asked Chad if glass tonnage in Sequim was up since (2) Sequim bins open to all county residents.

A: Chad said not noteworthy.

Proposed Transload/Baling Facility Status: (WC/Chad Young)

- Chad noted plans for a transload/baling facility on current WC property on Carlsborg Rd as build out of '17 Conditional Use Permit submitted.

Q: Is new transfer station/baling facility permit still scheduled for hearing?

A: yes, July

Membership update

- Three applications received from previous members.

Q: What positions are open or are hard to fill?

A: Meggan answered that most positions are appointed or designated for an organization and if group isn't active, that vote is missing in getting a quorum. e.g. West Waste rarely participates due to work conflicts. Otherwise, non-org appointed members can vary (business, ag, citizen)

Q: Jennifer Hagen asked why there was only one Tribal position?

A: Steve Pendleton noted that he would only speak for the Makah Tribe. Jennifer with Quileute supported that position relative to other Tribes. There was some discussion regarding providing better Tribal representation on the SWAC.

Q: How do we change membership?

A: Meggan noted that suggested roles listed in SWAC RCW (link on ClaCo SWAC page), designated in bylaws (also linked on page). Bylaw amendments can be requested at a SWAC meeting, drafted by subcommittee.

Q: Steve Johnson asked what SWAC's mission was. As new member this is still unclear; seems like data on solid waste, bylaws should be discussed with new members.

A: Dave Hanna noted website being updated and was asked to send links and contacts for relevant solid waste representatives. Meggan noted that membership, current CSHWMP, bylaws and RCW links on ClaCo SWAC page currently. David Pater can send info to Dave for distribution as well.

Last Comments:

- Dave noted agenda posted by noon of Friday before meetings so please send agenda items prior.
- Al Cairns asked if there was interest in joint Jeff/Clallam SWAC (there is in JeffCo). JeffCo SWAC tomorrow. Yes-he will follow up for early '23.

- Chad wanted to clarify a social media comment spread locally regarding WC having contracts to dispose, recycle. Generally they ‘shop around” for best market price.
- Meggan noted that previous meeting Thomas Hunter had requested specific questions in advance to assist with response. Jenson asked if subcommittee should do this. Elizabeth noted subcommittees must be smaller than quorum to not violate Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA). Meggan will compile questions from Apr/May minutes/notes for possible discussion at the June SWAC meeting.

Next meeting 6/22 at 3:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 4:09 PW

Minutes prepared from notes by Meggan Uecker