

Clallam County Solid Waste Advisory Committee
4/26/22 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), Blue Mountain Transfer Station (BM), Regional Transfer Station (RTS)

In attendance:

Members/Alts (Highlight represents quorum)

1. Christy Cox, At Large Rep
2. Arleen Jenson, Ag Rep
3. Steve Johnson, Business Rep
4. Dave Hanna, ClaCo. Alternate
5. Brian Tate, Olympic Disposal/WC Alternate
6. Rachel Anderson, CoS Rep
7. Ann Soule, CoS Alternate
8. Charlie McCaughn, CoPA Rep

Staff:

1. Chad Young, Olympic Disposal/WC
2. Eric Booth, WC
3. Jen Garcelon, ClaCo EH
4. Eli Owens, ClaCo EH
5. Thomas Hunter, CoPA
6. Joe Donisi, ClaCo Public Works
7. Meggan Uecker, ClaCo/WSU Ext consultant

Call to order 3:01 pm

Additions to agenda: Christy Cox requested a roundtable status update from municipalities & waste industry as a regular agenda item; especially CoPA regarding Blue Mountain (BM) & Regional Transfer Station (RTS) operations.

Previous Minutes: Motion to approve 3/23 minutes 1. Rachel 2. Brian Motion carries.

Public comment: None

Topics/Presentations:

1. *Roundtable Reports:*

a. CoPA (Thomas Hunter):

i. BM:

1. equipment on backorder; communications onsite being updated.

Update from CoPA IT tomorrow Thomas will “shoot to group”.

2. CoPA interested in a discussion on BM future on an upcoming agenda

ii. RTS:

1. After a general report that CoPA was working hard to keep up with the “drinking from a fire hose” of taking over operations, SWAC members asked the following specific questions:

Q: Ann asked if all service components were “functioning”.

A: Additional details can be provided at a future meeting

Q: Jenson asked about timeline and opportunity for public input on glass.

A: options will be presented to City Council “soon” which provides opportunity for public input

Q: Christy asked if there’s an increase in trash due to lack of glass recycling.

A: Data not at hand.

Chad noted that glass can be accepted at two Sequim locations for recycling. He shared that out of the approximately 75T of glass per year collected in Clallam, 50T came from BM/RTS and CoPA locations.

Q: Meggan asked if compactor was in operation for tip floor.

A: Hopping compactor will arrive within a few months

Q: Meggan asked where curbside and drop box recycling was being tipped for loading for transport (e.g. separate baling facility or clearing the a tip floor bay?)

A: unknown

Q: Christy asked if the situation around hauler access had changed. (At last meeting it was shared that haulers (WC) could enter RTS at 6a per the RTS Operations Plan, now only allowed at 8a.

A: Change due to lack of staffing. Revising Operations Plan.

Jen Garcelon stated that EH was aware and permit update due by June ‘22. WC stated that timing for customers is a priority but adjustments are being made to accommodate this change.

Q: Christy asked about other impacts to customers?

A: WC expressed concern about access impacting customers, especially with afternoon or increased traffic en route to RTS. Meggan noted that corrugated cardboard (business) recycling containers were not uniformly distributed yet. Thomas noted supply chain issues affecting recycling container availability.

Q: Chad asked for more detail as WC had not experienced recycling container delays. Thomas questioned if municipal ordering was a factor. Christy asked for more details at next meeting.

b. CoS(Ann Soule)

- i. Ann shared that a consultant (HDR) has been hired to perform a solid waste study looking at all options for CoS for solid waste, ILA, etc. Kick off meeting soon with draft due in July, completion by fall ‘22.

c. WC(Chad Young)

- i. Chad shared that WC has submitted plans for a transload/baling facility on WC property on Carlsborg Rd as addition to '17 Conditional Use Permit.

Q: Christy asked who would be served and when?

A: Utilities Transportation Commission certified collections (County area collections) and recycling tipped/baled there. WC's recycling baling facility lease from Port of PA expires 7/23. Construction aim spring '23.

Q: Joe D. asked how this differed from Transfer Station.

A: Chad replied not open to public.

Q: Ann asked if there was an increase in glass at Sequim bins.

A: data not at hand.

- d. ClaCo(Dave Hanna, Eli Owens, Jen Garcelon)

e.

- i. Public Works–SWMP may need revision if major changes like a new facility comes about.

ii.

Q: Christy asked if a list of needed changes could be prepared.

A: Meggan suggested contacting David Pader for input prior to making list.

iii. EH-

1. 58 tons of tires were removed from BM via Ecology's Abandoned Tire program.
2. 13 vehicles removed from former Humane Society site on 101 and full cleanup expected by May 6.

Q: Ann asked about status of former E-Cycle in Blyn?

A: Eli stated that half a million of EPA funds cleaned up hazardous waste and ClaCo Dept of Community Development paid for removal of 80T of plastic. Private owner still working on remaining materials at this time.

2. LSWFA 21-23 update

- a. WSU: Organics Plan & Contract

Contract process still underway through WSU. Meggan Uecker, plan consultant, shared that initial meetings with school and farm groups on composting have commenced. Infrastructure funding bill offering upcoming opportunities for organics management infrastructure funding. Contact Meggan with immediate questions.

- b. ClaCo Environmental Health

Homeless encampment cleanup grant fairly unique in state, still in legal discussion. Will likely partner with Parks Dept's at cities, etc.

Q: Christy asked how compassion is being ensured for cleanups.

A: Jen noted that Homelessness Task Force and REdisCOVERY very involved in protocol.

- c. CoPA -Recycling education & operations; MRWF operation

Q: Meggan asked if recycling education/operations grant work in process

A: Unknown

3. Membership update

- a. No new applications. ClaCo advertises for empty positions a few times a year in PDN & website. Some expiration of membership can be reapplied for.

Meeting adjourned at 3:44p.

Next meeting 5/25 at 3p.

Notes By Meggan Uecker