

Clallam County Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)
March 27, 2024 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)

A. ROLL CALL:

Members:

Steve Gray, ClaCo Dep PW Director
Jenson, Ag rep
Meggan Uecker, CoS alt
LaTrisha Suggs, CoPA
Christy Cox, At-Large
Jennifer Johnson, At Large Alt
Steve Johnson, Business Rep

Staff/Interested Parties:

Eli Owens, ClaCo EH
Ron G., ClaCo Utility Program Manager
Al Cairns, Jefferson County SW Manager
Benji Astrachan, WSU Extension
Megan Davis, ECY
Kara Steward, ECY
Blake Nelson, ECY
Lacy Kooiman, ECY
Tina Schaefer, ECY
Mya Keyzers, ECY
Kami, ECY

B. CHAIR & VICE CHAIR ELECTION:

S. Gray – Nominated Meggan Uecker Chair, Motion Passes, none opposed
S. Gray – Nominated Steve Johnson Vice Chair, Motion Passes, none opposed

C. REQUEST OF MODIFICATIONS/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: None

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion Steve Johnson, Seconded by Meggan Uecker – Motion Passes, none opposed, LaTrisha Suggs - Obtains

E. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

1. Update on new appointments & Re-appointments to the SWAC
2. Blake Nelson introduced as ECY Southwest Regional Manager
3. Lacy Kooiman introduced as ECY Southwest Regional LSWFA Grant Manager and Planner
4. Blue Mountain Lease in effect – 5 years
5. CoPA COSA discussion – Tabled
6. Steve Johnson discussed the effect of the yard waste price increase on his facility and suggested an idea for a cooperative agreement between farms to handle yard waste where a grinder might be shared.
7. Presentation by ECY Recycling Market Development Center
8. Jenson Ag Rep– partnership with CoPA for certification program for those willing to track the volume of organic waste they are producing. Focused on food waste, includes food waste collection. One year of “soft launch” data analysis and collection with plans to open program up to more in 2025.
9. Benji Astrachan- WSU Extension – Food Waste Prevention Week: April 1-7 – Events, educational opportunities
10. CoSequim – Rally in the Alley event (previous weekend), Kiwanis hosted e-cycle event (previous weekend)
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F. CONTINUING MATTERS

G. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Reviewing Solid Waste Management Plan, discussion about current status and implementation. Chapter 5. Disposal

LF 1. Support remediation of activities at the Neah Bay Landfill.

- No new comments

LF 2. Consider proposals and options to develop limited purpose landfills.

- No proposals have been submitted. This may be outdated. There are other alternatives especially concerning wood waste: composting, hog fuel, chipping for cover. May want to encourage alternatives to a limited purpose landfill.

LF 3. Explore the possibility of the final closure of Lake Creek Landfill.

- Landfill ground water, surface water and gas sampling has been resumed with hopes to work towards post closure final. Leave this recommendation in the plan.

WE 1. New waste export and disposal contract for RTS.

- No longer relevant, to be removed.

WE 2. Encourage West Waste to continue waste export and possibly expand.

- Change to “West End Certificate Holders”. Discussion regarding the use of the word “encourage” occurred.

WE 3. Contracts for waste export services should identify alternative disposal plans and routes.

- This has been addressed in the new operations plan. Add reference to where it can be found in the plan.

WE 4. Any regional solid waste landfill used for Clallam County waste must meet or exceed all Minimum Functional Standards requirements.

- This could be removed. Typically, this is referenced in the introduction of a SWMP.

WD 1) Evaluate future proposals for disposal facilities, anerobic digestion, incinerators, and waste conversion on a case-by-case basis.

- Recommended to keep this in the plan.

H. NEXT-MEETING/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSION:

May 22, 2024 @ 3pm

I. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

J. ADJOURNMENT: 4:43 p.m.