

**Clallam County Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)
May 22, 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
Brian Tate, Waste Connections

Staff/Interested Parties:

Eli Owens, ClaCo EH
Ron G., ClaCo Utility Program Manager
Benji Astrachan, WSU Extension
Lacy Kooiman, ECY
Ken Reandeau
Gavin Wuttken, Around Again
Mandi Johnson, Jeffco Repair
Terra Heilman
Kami Bruner, Repair/reuse Washington

B. REQUEST FOR MODIFICATIONS TO AGENDA:

NONE

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion Steve Gray, Seconded by Meggan Uecker – Motion Passes, none opposed

D. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

1. Repair Economy – Kami Bruner Repair Economy Presentation: [Repair Economy overview - Clallam.pptx - Google Drive](#) Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=edxCnwMoNxA>
2. City of Port Angeles: none
3. City of Sequim: Junk Art event during Irrigation Festival, E-Cycle project coming up, Amendment sought to City of Sequim’s solid waste contract for bulky items
4. City of Forks: none
5. Clallam County: Lake Creek Landfill sampling update, WSU extension continuing Food Waste Reduction work
6. Tribal Authorities: none
7. Waste Connections: none
8. WSU Extension: Last month had Food Waste Prevention Week
9. Solid Waste Partners: Sisterland Farms – Certification program for businesses that compost should launch in June, starting to process food waste coming from CITC, trial run using wood vinegar starting and could take a year before it could be safely offered for garden application, Gear and Clothing Swap hosted by B&B Lavender & Sisterland Farms

F. CONTINUING MATTERS

G. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Clallam County Solid Waste Management Plan
 - A) Discuss Chapter 6 (Waste Reduction) Recommendations
WR1) Promote Waste Reduction
 - Lead Agency could be changed or eliminated for most items

- Education Outreach done via online information, phone calls, home shows, in school programs

WR2) Encourage safer substitutes for toxic products

- Education and outreach

WR3) Public education on food waste

- Ongoing

WR4) Promo materials for clothing and household goods reuse

- GIS application being developed to show locations for reuse etc, promo materials using LSWFA funds in past could be restarted

WR5) Reuse construction materials

- Recommended to continue supporting

WR6) More promotion of onsite composting

- WSU Extension in school education, Sisterland Farms workshops, recommendation to continue support of onsite composting

WR7) Pursue Grants

- Always

WR8) Support of events organized by others

- Environmental Health Facebook page and SWAC announcements

WR9) Support State Legislation on product bans etc

- Emphasize support for waste reduction where appropriate as deemed by the SWAC
- SWAC members

WR10) Investigate broader ban on plastic packaging

B) Discuss Chapter 7 (Recycling) Recommendations

R1) SWAC Recommends 75% recovery goal by 2025

- It is in the current plan

R2) Continue public education efforts

- Support continuation of education efforts

R3) Monitor & consider proposals for processing recyclables

- Still relevant, however, no proposals so far

R4) Encourage companies and agencies who recycle to file reports with Ecology

- Some food recovery partners are filing reports with help from WSU Extension

R5) Explore expanding curbside collection in the county

- Cost prohibitive

R6) SWAC subcommittee to identify barriers for commercial recycling

- Subcommittee may not be necessary, however, SWAC discussion and presentations on the subject could further improve commercial recycling

R7) Support Product stewardship and market development proposals

- BioChar and other market development proposals could be supported as they arise

H. NEXT-MEETING/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSION:

July 24, 2024 @ 3pm

I. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

J. ADJOURNMENT: 4:36 p.m.