

Clallam County Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) July 24, 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:

Jenson, Ag rep
Meggan Uecker, CoS alt
Joey Deese, Waste Connections
Deacon Johnston, Makah
Steve Johnson, Business Community

Staff/Interested Parties:

Eli Owens, ClaCo EH
Ron G., ClaCo Utility Program Manager
Benji Astrachan, WSU Extension
Lacy Kooiman, ECY
Blake Nelson, ECY
Ken Reandeau, Public
Laura Tucker, Jefferson Co. Public Works
Sandy Murray, Public

B. REQUEST FOR MODIFICATIONS TO AGENDA:

NONE

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion Passes, none opposed

D. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS: (Meeting and all presentations can be viewed here: <https://clallamcowa.portal.civicclerk.com/event/2902/media>)

1. Sisterland Farms Green Wheel Certification
 - Wagon Wheel Fund
 - CRTC Wood Recycling – composting wood waste
 - 100k lbs. organic waste 2023, expect up to 150k lbs in 2024
2. WSU Extension
 - Food Waste Prevention Week (April 1 – 7, 2024)
 - Composting in Schools
 - Gleaner Press Party in October 2023
 - Pumpkin Composting w/ Sisterland Farms
3. Lazy J Farms
 - 200K – 300K Tons of Yardwaste
 - Grinder currently inoperable (2 week estimate for repairs), Still taking organics that do not require grinding
4. City of Sequim
 - Added Bulky Items collection (fee) to waste collection contract, starting in June 2024

F. CONTINUING MATTERS

G. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Clallam County Solid Waste Management Plan
 - Discuss Chapter 8 (Organics) Recommendations
 - O(1) Goal to reduce organics below 10% by end of 2025
 - Need clarification on “10%” target, however, there is support for this recommendation
 - O(2) Continue collecting and processing at the compost facility, increase amount processed as allowed by the facility’s capacity
 - City of PA still collecting yard waste, currently no composting on site

- O(3) Work to eliminate illegal dumping and burning of yard waste
 - Ongoing outreach, No increased reports of illegal dumping, Rural county collection very expensive – rural county residences have more opportunity for composting on site
- O(4) Continue to develop end uses
 - Nothing of note
- O(5) Investigate options for food waste
 - continue work done by private partners and WSU extension
- O(6) Encourage large commercial generators to divert food waste
 - continue work done by private partners and WSU extension
- O(7) Continue public education for yard/food waste
 - Yes, this is ongoing
- O(8) Continue working with WSU Extension for outreach programs
 - Yes, this is ongoing
- O(9) Explore additional recovery of wood waste
 - CRTCC/Sisterland partnership
- O(10) Consider proposals for alternative methods for wood waste
 - May need to involve wood waste partners in future wood waste discussions

H. NEXT-MEETING/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSION:

September 25, 2024 @ 3pm

I. PUBLIC COMMENT –

1. Ken Reandeau – Discussed capabilities and uses of Boiler/Incinerator at McKinley
2. Eli Owens – HHW Collection Event to be held in Forks

J. ADJOURNMENT: 4:32 p.m.