

Clallam County Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)
May 28, 2025 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:

Meggan Uecker, CoS alt
Joey Deese, Waste Connections
Steve Johnson, Business Community
Steve Gray, ClaCo PW Deputy Director
Jenson, Agriculture Community
Mark Ozias, ClaCo Commissioner

Staff/Interested Parties:

Eli Owens, ClaCo EH
Ron G., ClaCo Utility Program Manager
Rhiana Barkie, ClalCo PW
Lacy Kooiman, ECY
Blake Nelson, ECY
Ann Johnson, Public
Benji Astrachan, Public

B. REQUEST FOR MODIFICATIONS TO AGENDA:

NONE

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

January Minutes approved with addition of comment to C&D grinding with metal contamination by Steve Johnson.

Motion: Steve Johnson, 2nd: Steve Gray. Motion passed unanimously.

D. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

- Chair and Vice Chair Election
 - Meggan Uecker (Chair) – Unanimously approved (None opposed)
 - Steve Johnson (Vice Chair) - Unanimously approved (None opposed)

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS: Meeting and presentation audio can be accessed here:

<https://clallamcowa.portal.civicclerk.com/event/754/media>

- Clallam County:
 - Vacancies for two positions, Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan update to begin second half of 2025, Attendance and participation of SWAC members critical to planning process. Business Community Alternate, At-Large Alternate vacant.
 - Solid Waste ILA between CoPA, CoS and ClaCo updates being discussed in Joint Solid Waste Advisory Board (JSWAB) meetings
- City of Sequim: ILA between CoPA, CoS and ClaCo updates
- Waste Connections:
 - On early stages of recycling contamination outreach program. Mailers have gone out. End of June target for first recycling contamination audit.
- Sisterland Farms:
 - Presentation on their work including organic waste reduction, composting and their “Wagon Wheel Fund” program. Recording of presentation available on county website: <https://clallamcowa.portal.civicclerk.com/event/758/media>
- Legislative Update:
 - Blake Nelson (ECY) shared a presentation from the State SWAC meeting regarding the 2025 Legislative Update. The presentation included information on 1154 Solid Waste Handling, 1293 Littering/Bag Ban Changes, 1497 Improving Organics Outcomes, 5033 Testing Biosolids for PFAS, 5175 Solar panel Takeback and Stewardship Program

and 5284 Recycling Reform Act. Recording of presentation available on county website:
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Discussion regarding the new legislation and how it will affect the CSWMP update.

E. CONTINUING MATTERS

1. Clallam County Solid Waste Management Plan
 - Scope of work for plan update to begin in July. Steve Gray asked for some guidance from Ecology regarding portions of the current plan that are in need of improvement or expansion as well as some bullet points for new items the updated plan needs to contain given the changes in solid waste regulations and technological improvements (ie: AI in recycling contamination).

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G. NEXT MEETING/ FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSION - Confirm next meeting date and targeted discussion items.

- July 23, 2025 @ 3pm

H. PUBLIC COMMENT –

Ann Johnson: Shared that her sister lives in a rural community where everyone pays for recycling. But, if individual takes their recycling to a recycling center, they can get a receipt for the recycling drop off. The individual can then have the recycling fee waived from their utility bill.

I. ADJOURNMENT: 4:29 pm