

**Clallam County Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)
January 22, 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
Jensen, Agriculture Community

Staff/Interested Parties:

Eli Owens, ClaCo EH
Ron G., ClaCo Utility Program Manager
Scott Curtin, CoPA PW Director
Rhiana Barkie, ClaCo PW
Lacy Kooiman, ECY
Blake Nelson, ECY
Ken Reandeau, Public
Benji Astrachan, Public

B. REQUEST FOR MODIFICATIONS TO AGENDA:

NONE

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

September Minutes approved with correction to Roll Call (adding Steve Gray).
Motion: Steve Gray, 2nd: Meggan Uecker. Motion passed unanimously.

D. 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, LSWFA allocation meeting will occur soon as LSWFA applications will be due earlier this year
- City of Sequim:
Internal e-waste project
- Waste Connections:
On early stages of recycling contamination outreach program
- Sisterland Farms:
Added two businesses to Green Wheel program, CRTC wood waste recycling has nearly outgrown site capacity, Plan to work with textile recyclers for experiment regarding composting fabric

E. CONTINUING MATTERS

1. Clallam County Solid Waste Management Plan

- Discuss Chapter 9 (Miscellaneous Solid Wastes) Recommendations

MW1) SWAC may invite Clallam Conservation District to future meeting for update on their work on agricultural waste

MW2) All interested parties should be encouraging new proposals for processing agricultural wastes, Benji added that the NPS backcountry mule program waste could be diverted from landfills by processing into compost

MW3) Monitor Aquaculture: Not currently relevant

MW4) Communication should be continued/improved with Humane Society etc.

MW5) emergency animal disposal. Protocol to be explored and more established in CSWMP update. DWF has portable incinerator, is it possible for use on peninsula. Anna Harris DOE large animal mortality coordinator.

MW6) Game meat to food banks: minimal discussion on this item. Food bank now has a commercial processing kitchen.

MW7) Monitor disposal of biomedical wastes by small waste generators: no issues noted by Environmental Health, generators hire contractors to haul away biomedical waste, state DOH regulates

MW8 & MW9) Support stewardship legislation for sharps & Promote promotion for syringe exchange program: These items are consistently supported and funded

MW10 & MW 11) Promote existing recycling of construction and demolition: Around Again, Steve Johnson noted C&D recycling can help reduce organics waste. Separating, grinding and composting. Steve Johnson noted that when grinding C&D for composting nails are not really an issue, but larger pieces of metal can be.

MW 12) Continue outreach and education on marine debris: Coast Savers Outreach (National Marine Sanctuary Grants),

MW 13) Continue to apply for Ecology Funding for management of tire waste: SWAC may want to follow up with DCD on possible current tire issues. The large pile of tires at Blue Mountain Transfer Station has been removed/cleaned up.

F. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

SWAC Membership:

Vacancies: 2, Some discussion was had regarding consistent lack of participation by some SWAC members

Legislative Updates: Update on solid waste proposed bills in the current legislative session.

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

Currently Scheduled SWAC regular meetings (subject to change):

3/26/25	3pm – 4:30pm
5/28/25	3pm – 4:30pm
7/23/25	3pm – 4:30pm
9/24/25	3pm – 4:30pm
10/22/25	3pm – 4:30pm (BOCC Conference room not available)

H. PUBLIC COMMENT –

Ken Reandeau: Discussed his experience with waste-to-energy.

I. ADJOURNMENT: 4:28 pm