

AGENDA
CLALLAM COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Clallam County Courthouse, Room 160
223 East 4th St Port Angeles, WA
July 22, 2026: 3:00 p.m. - 4:30pm

****ATTENTION****

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Meeting ID: 893 8147 1352 and Passcode: 12345
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Public comment and questions can be directed to County Public Works at 360-417-2441,
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A. WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

C. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: January, April & May 2026

D. PUBLIC COMMENT – Please limit comments to 3 minutes each

E. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- City of Sequim
- City of Port Angeles
- Clallam County
- Other Members or Stakeholders

F. OLD/CONTINUING BUSINESS –

Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan Update Discussion

DOCUMENT LINKS:

CLALLAM COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE WEBPAGE:

[HTTPS://WWW.CLALLAMCOUNTYWA.GOV/679/SOLID-WASTE-MANAGEMENT-PLAN](https://www.clallamcountywa.gov/679/SOLID-WASTE-MANAGEMENT-PLAN)

G. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS – START NLT 3:45

- INDUSTRIAL SYMBIOSIS PRESENTATIONS & DISCUSSION
WA STATE SENATOR MIKE CHAPMAN
COLLEEN MACALEER

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

I. ADJOURNMENT



Clallam County Public Works Department

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Below is a review of updates made, items to be discussed, and updates still needed for chapters 2-5 of the Solid Waste Management Plan. Most recent chapter drafts can be found on the County website at [Solid Waste Management Plan | Clallam County, WA](https://www.clallamcountywa.gov/2018/01/24/solid-waste-management-plan/).

Throughout the chapters, there are portions of text that are highlighted. These are highlighted because they still need to be updated.

Chapter 2

Updates/Items for discussion:

- P. 2-6 : I added text discussing new data trends. General consensus on this analysis? And should the next paragraph (“Other variables include the potential for self-haulers...”) be removed? Is it still relevant in this report with new data?
- P. 2-15 and 2-16 : Added text on solid waste composition, want to make sure it’s okay with everyone.
- P 2-18 : “Furthermore, it is hoped that implementation of this Plan will affect waste composition in Clallam County by changing purchasing, consumption, and disposal practices.”
 - This was in the last report. Is this still relevant to this report? Did composition change in the ways that were hoped for in the last report?

Items still needing to be updated:

- Need annual tonnage data for Table 2-3 to be completed. Also, received recommendation in March SWAC mtg to have both 2018 and 2024 for comparison sake.
- Per last report, Quileute Tribe self-haul waste tonnage (P 2-6) came from West Waste.
- P 2-6 Makah Annual Tonnage needs updated (and when updating need to clarify if it’s still combination of Tribal collections and self-haul deliveries)
- P 2-9 “weight of packaging may decrease”
 - Add some kind of citation to Recycling Reform Act (Chapter 70A.208 RCW)
- P 2-11 to 2-15 “Current Recycling Levels” will be updated pending Organics updates

Chapter 3

Updates

- P. 3-4 Since the March SWAC meeting I have confirmed that “Port Angeles” and “Sequim” municipal code references are up to date. Additionally, added phrase “and compost procurement” to end of Sequim section based on March mtg discussion.
- P. 3-4 Goals for Waste Collection

- In March SWAC meeting, it was recommended that an emphasis on affordability be included. Text updated in the third bullet point to reflect that.
- P. 3-4 “Existing Solid Waste Collection Activities” deleted DM Disposal
- P. 3-6 Text on bin colors and labels added
- P. 3-8 paragraph before “City of Port Angeles Solid Waste Utility” section, “near Sequim” was replaced with “Blue Mountain”
- P. 3-10 text change in “Other Tribal Nation Collections” section
- P. 3-12 text added at end of “Current and Future Capacity”
- P. 3-15 Recommendations for Solid Waste
 - What do we want to do with these? There has been discussion and/or updates since the recommendations in the last plan.
 - WC1) 26 July 2023 SWAC—interesting ideas for incentivizing recycling, such as a punchcard when people bring recycling to center. Also discussed was that recycling is effectively already paid for, the issue is just getting people to participate. Discussion around whether we remind people they already pay for it? Or more focus on creative incentivizing?
 - WC2) Deemed unfeasible in 26 July 2023 mtg as there are a lot of rural constituents and it would be more expensive to come out to them. This has a lot of overlap with WC1 because of geographic constraints. Related to these two, suggestion to have collection for recycling and compost at larger waste producers such as business and restaurants. Current question: how does quality control compare between individuals bringing recycling to collection facility and bringing to businesses that then have their stuff collected? What if we further hybridize between business serving as collection points and transport to main collection point?
 - WC3) Labels already on waste bins, though they do need to be replaced occasionally. Bins are also color-coded depending on what they are for (ex brown for yard waste, blue for recycling)

Items still needing to be updated:

- P. 3-4 Local Utility Taxes: are these still the same rates?
- P. 3-5 Table 3-1
 - Any reason the land areas would change?
 - Do we want to leave population density as decimals? Or round, and if rounding do we want to go up or down?
 - Need to double-check Makah and Quileute population figures
- Figure 3-1 needs to be updated
- Table 3-2
 - will be requesting input from Bruce @ City of PA and Joey Deese for City of Sequim
 - who for City of Forks?
 - Suggest listing data sources in caption
- P. 3-9 “City of Sequim has added curbside collection of large sized waste...” this needs to be completed.
- P. 3-9 “Waste Connections, Inc.” section needs to be updated

- P 3-12 “There is, however, a significant problem with illegal dumping in the national parks and other areas of Clallam County (illegal dumping is addressed in greater detail in Chapter 10).” Note to ask Eli about this.
- P. 3-12 Education and Outreach: does this need updating?
- P. 3-12 Incentive Rates: Does this need updating?

Chapter 4

Updates

- P. 4-1 : Updated regulation reference from Chapter 41.10 to 41.11
- P. 4-3 : No longer Waste Connections operating the Regional Transfer Station, is now City of PA, and text was updated to reflect that.
- P. 4-5 : Table 4-1 was updated.
- P. 4-7 : Paragraph on November 2013 fire at Blue Mountain deleted.
- P. 4-11 : We deleted blurb box “Waste transfer from East Clallam County”
- P. 4-11 : Deleted modifier “but outside of the planning period for this plan” because it seemed unnecessary.

Items for discussion

- P. 4-3 : Goals for Waste Transfer
 - Are we required to have these?
 - Even if not required, do we still want these same goals in the plan?
- P. 4-3 : “Waste from the Blue Mountain Transfer Station and the Makah Transfer Station is brought to the Regional Transfer Station. Waste from the Regional Transfer Station and the West Waste Transfer Station is exported to the Roosevelt Regional Landfill or landfills in Oregon (see Chapter 5 for more details).”
 - Would it be helpful to make some kind of graphic to illustrate this?
- P. 4-12 : Waste Transfer Recommendations : Do we still want to have recommendations? Do we want to discuss what we have done since publication in 2021?
 - T1 recommends agencies working together. Not sure if we really need to list that as a recommendation when I think it’s legally required anyways? But if we want we can mention the ways in which this recommendation is implemented. Per Sep 2023 SWAC mtg minutes, there were regular meetings between JSWAB and SWAC w/ county, city of Sequim, and City of PA. Still the case?
 - T2 : Typed out status update, but this also ties into larger question of what do we do with recommendations from prior plan
 - T3: Sep 2023 SWAC mtg did not seem to come to a conclusion when discussing this recommendation. Per minutes, “It was noted that unattended bins tend to be abused. It was suggested that this recommendation be changed to allow for one-off placement of disposal bins where needed, but not necessarily a program for placement of multiple disposal bins. If disposal bins are placed in a place other than a transfer facility, it should be monitored. Meggan noted a possible need for the west end. Jensen suggested we change it to say we need to consider solutions to illegal dumping. Steve Johnson stated his concern about supporting illegal dumping

by placing bins in lieu of those people paying for disposal of their solid waste. Eli noted a pilot project where large bins are provided at events where people can bring large items for proper disposal. In this pilot project neighborhoods/areas of need are targeted for events.”

- T4: Sep 2023 mtg “Food waste reduction is currently being studied and systems are being implemented.” What has happened since?
- T7 : Keep?

Items still needing to be updated:

- Table 4-2 : Needs to be updated. Should list source of data too in figure caption.
- We are required, per RCW 70A.205.045(1), to list all existing Solid Waste facilities, including closed facilities. I wanted to check and see if the Regional Transfer Station and Neah Bay are the only ones, or if there are others missing from the plan?
- P. 4-6 : “There are four types of recyclable materials currently accepted at RTS...”
 - Is this all still the same?
- Hours of Operation for both Blue Mountain Transfer Station and West Waste Transfer Station—confirm if still the same.
- P. 4-7 Recyclable materials at Blue Mountain
 - Still the same?
 - Refrigerators and freezers?
- P. 4-9 : Still need for same repairs at Blue Mountain?
- P. 4-9 : Waste Export and Transfer Station Contract—what is the status on this?

Chapter 5

Updates

- P. 5-3 text changes
 - Updated end of McKinley Landfill paragraph to reflect mill closure.
 - Updated Lake Creek Landfill blurb with input from Eli.
- P. 5-4 text changes
 - Existing Conditions for Waste Import and Export
 - Waste Import Needs and Opportunities
- P. 5-7 text updated in 3rd paragraph to reflect mill closure.
- P. 5-6 : WE1 and WE2 deleted because there is no longer the same kind of agreement btwn PA and West Waste

Items for discussion

- P. 5-10 “Recommendations for Waste Disposal Options”
 - Recommendation WD1 deleted because it’s recommending something that would already happen should any facility be proposed.
 - Discuss: do we need a recommendation section like this in subsections throughout the chapter?

Items still needing to be updated:

- P. 5-2 : Summary of Neah Bay Landfill—still collaborating w/ Makah to see what needs updating.
- P. 5-5 third paragraph “There is a need for Clallam County to include solid waste planning in emergency contingency plans in the case of natural disasters that could interfere with waste export capabilities.”
 - Check if most recent hazard mitigation plan does this and if so update paragraph appropriately.
- P. 5-5 Port Angeles Contract date end needs updating (highlighted on page)
- P. 5-9 “The production of biochar and other variations of the above technologies were recently studied in-depth by a report for Ecology, Advancing Organics Management in Washington State: The Waste to Fuels Technology Partnership, 2015-2017 Biennium. This study was conducted by the Washington State University (WSU) and it focused on alternative management methods for wood wastes, food processing wastes, and other organics. It concluded that there is some promise for systems that can convert the organics into fuels, raw materials for industrial processes, biochar and other materials.”
 - Has there been an updated study since the last Plan?

Clallam County Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)
Draft - April 22, 2026 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)

Meeting recording available on the county website:

<https://clallamcowa.portal.civicclerk.com/event/4942/files/agenda/5992>

A. ROLL CALL:

Members:

Meggan Uecker, CoS alt
Joey Deese, Waste Connections
Steve Johnson, Business Community
Steve Gray, ClaCo PW Deputy Director
John Hamilton, CoPA

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

Staff/Interested Parties:

B. REQUEST FOR MODIFICATIONS TO AGENDA:

Table approval of minutes until next meeting

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Tabled until next meeting

D. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

- Clallam County
Lake Creek Post-Closure groundwater, surface water and air sampling continuing
Working on Comprehensive Plan Update
Working on contract for HHW event for west end
- City of Port Angeles
Working on getting compactor/bailer equipment and planning to site it in the compost facility – hopes to have it in place before the end of 2026, plan to restart composting by spring of 2027, unknown if biosolids will be part of the compost process again, Scott asked if there are farmers of other potential interested parties looking for compost with biosolids to please let him know
- City of Sequim
Rally in the Alley event scheduled for 4/25-4/26 (this is a free dump day with roll-off bins available), CoS will reassess if this event is the best way to serve the area
- Other Stakeholders
Steve Johnson stated that Lazy J Farm is producing between 200k – 300k of raw grindings (primarily yard waste), currently their screen is broken down and they are waiting for parts before they resume grinding yard waste, Steve Johnson stated they are not interested in incorporating biosolids in their compost

E. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

- Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan Discussion
 - Chapter 2 – Background of the Planning Area
Discussion held regarding updating population, waste streams, and systems given the changes in operations since the current plan was adopted

Staff intends to match the county's new comprehensive plan with regards to population, growth and make-up where possible
Will add referral to DOE waste biocycle characterization study which includes recycling & organics
Need to update to show the Roosevelt Regional Landfill in WA is the current destination of SW in Clallam County
Discussion was had regarding which years to show in the tables and data
Wordsmithing and clean-up of out dated references

- Chapter 3 – Solid Waste Collection
Discussion held regarding updating the solid waste collection system given the changes since the current plan was adopted
Remainder of Ch. 3 discussion tabled until next meeting due to remaining time

F. CONTINUING MATTERS

- SWAC vacancies – At-Large is the most pressing vacancy to fill.

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

- May 27, 2026
- Elections for Chair/Vice Chair

H. PUBLIC COMMENT –

Ann Johnson: Noted the other ways other countries handle solid waste including the cogen facility in Copenhagen.

Ken Reandeau: Shared his experiences working in boiler at the former Nippon plant where they burned solid waste including dewatered biosolids. He also shared the risk of SW materials entering the water while transferring them to barges.

I. ADJOURNMENT: 4:45 pm

Clallam County Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)

Draft – January 28, 2026 Meeting Minutes

A recording of this meeting is available on the county website:

<https://clallamcowa.portal.civicclerk.com/event/3070/files/agenda/4689>

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A. ROLL CALL:

Members:

Meggan Uecker, CoS alt
Joey Deese, Waste Connections
Steve Johnson, Business Community
Steve Gray, ClaCo PW Deputy Director
Clea Rome, Agriculture Alt
Jenson, Agriculture Community
Mark Ozias, ClaCo Commissioner
Latrisha Suggs, CoPA

Staff/Interested Parties:

Eli Owens, ClaCo EH
Ron G., ClaCo Utility Program Manager
Rhiana Barkie, ClaCo PW
Lacy Kooiman, ECY
John Hamilton, CoPA
Benji Astrachan, Public

B. REQUEST FOR MODIFICATIONS TO AGENDA:

NONE

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

October 29, 2025 minutes: Steve Johnson Motion to approve, Joey Deese 2nd: passed unanimously

D. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

- Clallam County
Fluorescent/mercury light bulb recycling is not available currently, Ecology determined that recycling these bulbs are LSWFA eligible until another contractor is in place for recycling
- City of Port Angeles
In process of purchasing compacter/bailer
- City of Sequim
Will discuss during “new business items”
- Stakeholders
Joey Deese: AI recycling project is continuing, this time focusing on participation and contamination.
Steve Johnson: repaired Lazy J Farm screen equipment

E. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

- Solid Waste Fees
SW Fees rising, CoS staff presented the increasing fees to their city counsel
- CSWMP Update
Clallam County has determined that the plan will be updated in-house in lieu of hiring a consultant. This is due to the time/cost of hiring a consultant, the state of the plan being in good standing with a recent large update, and the experience in-house. Clallam County Public Works intends to collaborate with Environmental Health and WSU Extension to update chapters in their areas of expertise.

F. CONTINUING MATTERS -

- Many SWAC positions still vacant

G. NEXT MEETING/ FUTURE ITEMS DISCUSSION – March 25, 2026 (*later cancelled)

H. PUBLIC COMMENT –

None

I. ADJOURNMENT: 3:59 pm