

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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A. WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

C. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: 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 Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)
Draft - May 27, 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
Jenson, Agriculture Rep.

Staff/Interested Parties:

Eli Owens, ClaCo EH
Ron G., ClaCo Utility Program Manager
Bruce Dorsy, CoPA
Blake Nelson, ECY
Lacy Kooiman, ECY
Ann Johnson, Public
Benji Astrachan, Public
Ken Reandeau, Public

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

January & April 2026 meeting minutes approved with update to January 2026 minutes in the section discussing Solid Waste rates and CoPA cost of service analysis. Motion by Steve Johnson to approve both meeting minutes, Seconded by Joey Deese. Approval of both meeting minutes passed unanimously.

D. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

- City of Sequim
Meggan U.: Rally in the Alley event was held.
- City of Port Angeles
Bruce Dorcy: Recycling compactor/bailer update: plan to retrofit compost facility to house recycling compactor/bailer. It has not been ordered yet, but funding for purchase and installation approved by CoPA council.
Recycling compactor/bailer is expected to cut recycling shipments by 2/3. Currently all recycling is mixed and trucked to the Seattle area loose. The recycling compactor/bailer is expected to allow for both household mixed recycling and cardboard only bales. The bales containing only cardboard are planned to be shipped/sold to Port Townsend Paper further reducing trucking of recyclables. CoPA plans to utilize the northern 4 bays of the current compost facility to house the recycling compactor/bailer. The CoPA plans to house the equipment here for 5 years. A wall is planned for the north bay to reduce weather from impacting the recycling process. Additional retrofits to the facility will be needed to support installation of the recycling compactor/bailer.
CoPA plans to repair the metal recycling area damaged by fire this year.
Ron G asked if a site has been identified for housing the recycling compactor/bailer after the planned 5-year period. Bruce D. stated there is a parcel adjacent to the Transfer Station he thinks would be a potential location. Steve G. noted this is an item we should address in the current Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan (CSWMP) update.
Joey D. stated that Waste Connections is currently using the recycling facility located in Jefferson County for all the recycling they collect from their customers. Waste Connections is no longer using the recycling facility located in Port Angeles.
- Clallam County

New webpage housing information for the CSWMP update.

County staff asked the group to send in new solid waste pictures for use in the updated CSWMP.

Environmental Health is still working on obtaining a contractor to have a Household Hazardous Waste Event on the west side of the county.

- **Other Stakeholders**

Steve Johnson stated that Lazy J Farm is currently operating their composting facility and stated collection of compostable materials has slowed a little recently.

Jensen noted that the annual Food Waste Recovery Week has been moved to Autumn.

ECY- Blake N. noted that Ecology is restarting the mercury lamp recycling program. There is an agreement with a contractor in process and a 1-month public comment period is expected to begin soon.

Lacy K. informed the group that Ecology has completed the CSWMP update guidance document.

H. PUBLIC COMMENT –

Ken Reandeau: Shared his experiences working with loose recyclables. He noted that is can be a messy business to move loose recyclables and becomes more difficult the more it needs to be handled.

H. OLD/CONTINUING BUSINESS –

- Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan Discussion
City of Port Angeles Capital Facilities Plan update, Bruce D.

The CoPA Capital Facilities Plan is available here: [2027-2032 Preliminary Capital Facilities Plan](#)

Funded projects:

Recycling Compactor/Bailer purchase and installation (2026).

Repair to metal recycling area damaged by fire (2026).

West Stormwater Pond Repair– may be contributing to road settling too. ('27-'28)

Repair wear on tipping floor. (2027)

Road Repair. ('28-'29)

Automatic gate at entrance ('28-'29)

Pump Station repair. (2029)

Landfill cover system repairs. (2030)

Road repair, phase 2. ('30-'31)

Tipping area roof. (2032)

Ron G. and Meggan U. raised questions regarding the how solid waste rates were impacted by the recycling compactor/bailer. Specifically referring to potential costs for improvements that don't benefit all.

Unfunded Projects:

Restore Compost Operations

Landfill Fencing

MRWF facility conversion to office space.

Ron G. asked what the funding source was for the MRWF with regards to change of use for that facility.

Tarping Station for long-haul trucks

Lower Scale Replacement

Decommissioning Decant Facility

Meggan asked about how this could and if the construction of the new Decant Facility did affect SW rates considering this facility is only used for CoPA decanting.

E. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

- Chair and Vice Chair Elections
Steve Gray nominated **Meggan Uecker as Chair**
Meggan nominated **Steve Gray as Vice Chair**.
The motions passed unanimously.

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

- July 22, 2026
- Possible IS presentation
- Continue CSWMP update

I. ADJOURNMENT: 4:46 pm



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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?