

SWAC Summary

August 12, 2010

Present: Janet O'Connor, Vicki Rice, Wendy Ervin, Mike Drumright, Scott Wilson, Sunny Richwald, Rik Fredrickson, Larry Edralin, David Baker

Minutes from the June meeting were approved.

Announcements: Mr. Edralin (Habitat for Humanity) is interested in exploring a recovery operation at the Transfer Station in Shelton. Possibilities include staffing, use of current structures, future grants, and the inclusion of a program outline in the Solid Waste Management Plan. The Board of Habitat will be meeting later this month, and outline of this idea will be presented. The topic will be on the agenda for next month's meeting.

Department of Ecology: Mr. Drumright informed the committee about an update to RCW 70.95, the primary law governing solid waste and recycling in Washington. This process will take some time, and the initial comments were discussed briefly. Further details will be available next month.

Hazardous Waste Plan: Comments of the draft chapter have been incorporated into a revision, which was reviewed. Additional changes are still needed by Ecology, and those comments will need to be addressed. An updated draft reflecting Ecology's comments will be distributed the week of August 16th. A timeline for adoption will be identified, and will include both the Ecology and public review and comment period (each 120 days), as well as Board of County Commissioners adoption along with the City of Shelton adoption.

Program and Budget Update: On August 9th, staff briefed the Board about the current status of the Solid Waste Program. The Chair was in attendance, as was Mr. Fredrickson from Mason County Garbage, along with the Director of Utilities and Waste Management for Mason County. The presentation included a PowerPoint which was distributed to the Committee after the briefing. Issues of concern in the current program are related to throughput, hours of operation, program cuts, and funding. The Chair received unanimous approval to write a letter to the Board regarding the information presented and recommendations. Mason County Garbage will also be writing a letter to the Board about the current operations.

Agenda for next month will include additional information on RCW 70.95, a final draft of the Hazardous Waste Chapter as well as the Recycling Chapter for the Solid Waste Management Plan, and a discussion of the proposal between the County and Habitat for Humanity.

Next meeting will be in Building 1 on September 9th at 6 PM