



**MASON COUNTY**  
**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**  
Shelton, Washington 98584

**MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting: Solid Waste Advisory Committee

Date: April 16, 2015, 3pm to 4:35pm.

Location: Mason County Public Works Department

Attendees: Julie Robertson (DOE), Janet O'Connor, Delroy Cox (Guest), Rik Fredrickson, Eric Nelson, Steve Gilmore (Guest), David Minor, Curt Bennett, Staff: Erika Scwender and Brian Matthews.

**Agenda Items / Topics**

1. Why is Mason County in the business of solid waste? Question was asked and a discussion ensued to explain the County's legal requirements and a brief history of the solid waste program. This led to further discussion about what the vision was for the solid waste program in Mason County.
2. Current direction for solid waste in Mason County. A discussion on the BOCC's current interest in exploring the privatization of the solid waste program. The need to look at three different operating models. Models include total private operations, operation by private business with County Solid Waste Attendant staff, or County operated. This issue will be a topic of future SWAC meetings
3. Discussion of possible approaches for Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan. Discussion on various options to get the document updated. This includes using only County staff, DOE staff to assist or using a consultant. Committee members felt DOE would be a good option to expedite the plan update. Brian and Erika will discuss further with the BOCC and get back to the SWAC next meeting.
4. After discussion on how to approach the update to the Comprehensive Solid Waste Plan the following items were identified: David will compare the DOE's 2010 recommended plan requirements to the County's current plan and determine what items are missing. Brian offered to prepare a preliminary milestone schedule for the project completion and submittal to the BOCC for consideration. Erika volunteered to send the link to the SWAC members to the DOE comprehensive plan guidelines.
5. The committee agreed that the membership of the SWAC can include business representatives and interested parties who don't reside in the County to help ensure that the SWAC has the minimum 9 members. It was recommended that we try to recruit Mason County citizens and business representatives if possible and add them until we reach the 15 member maximum limit. Erika will get applications to other interested parties for membership consideration by the BOCC.
6. Julie Robertson offered information to the County from DOE's clearing house of information regarding other County's Solid Waste Management Plans.
7. The next SWAC meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2015 at the Mason County Public Works Building. Start time is 3pm.

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