



**MASON COUNTY**  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT  
100 W. Public Works Drive  
Shelton, Washington 98584

Mason County SWAC Meeting Minutes  
September 24, 2015

1. **Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order by Erika Schwender at 10:10 a.m. Attendees –Rachel Galloway (substitute for Rik Fredrickson), Jess Mosley, Dani Madrone, Eric Nelson, Delroy Cox, Conley Watson, Cheryl Williams, Steve Gilmore , Erika Schwender, and Brian Mathews. A quorum was present so a regular meeting could be held.
2. **Public Comment:** There were no guests nor members of the general public in attendance so there were no opening comments.
3. **Meeting Minutes:** Brian passed out copies of the agenda and previous meeting minutes (9/3/2015). The meeting minutes were approved.
4. **Agenda Approval:** The meeting agenda was approved as prepared – no new topics were added.
5. **Business Agenda:**
  - 5.1. **Gray's Harbor CSWMP:** Brian began by stating that he has rewritten the draft Mason County CSWMP Chapter 3 to be consistent with that of Grays Harbor and, as such, he feels we are at a point to begin discussion of privatization. To prepare for the discussions he has contacted Thurston County for a copy of their privatization Request for Proposal (RFP) and will also contact Grays Harbor for theirs. Since the scope of privatization can have a range of options, as it relates to the facilities and current staff, public input is desirable, and necessary, before the SWAC can present a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners. Therefore further discussion of privatization will be deferred until it can be a SWAC meeting agenda item with the public invited for discussion/comment.  
On a related topic (CSWMP) Brian noted that the City of Shelton has not been participating in our meetings so he does not know what their intentions are, i.e. contribute to the County plan or develop their own.  
The next item for discussion was household hazardous waste (HHW) and flow control at the transfer stations. Several points were made:
    - Mason County has a \$50k annual contract with Kitsap County for HHW disposal. Last year we were charged an additional \$10k for disposal (\$60k total) due to an increase in the number of material deposits by Mason County residents (each deposit costs Mason County \$50.00).
    - Flow control is essential for a financially stable privatization contract. To achieve good flow control there must be full cooperation between adjacent county waste disposal organizations, but this would also require adequate notification of the affected public before flow control is implemented – this may require County Commissioner action.
    - HHW is not currently being properly managed because of a lack of a sufficient number of trained personnel and adequate facilities/equipment. Belfair's HHW operation is not totally adequate, but right now the first priority is to upgrade the Shelton (Eells Hill) transfer station HHW capability.
    - Prior to presenting a completed draft CSWMP to the Board of County Commissioners, it may be advantageous to “pull out” individual items of concern for County Commissioner consideration/approval so they can be implemented sooner.

The Health Department representative (Jess) gave a brief synopsis of North Mason Fiber's plans to expand their facility for soil and construction debris disposal. He also gave a similar summary of the Kennedy Creek Quarry land reclamation plan using inert material (inert waste is discussed in WAC 173-350-410). These are timely topics for the CSWMP since, as currently written, the CSWMP does not require review or approval of these plans by the Utilities and Waste Management Department. This may be a matter to bring before the County Commissioners as noted above.

Overall it was noted that there is still some information that needs to be collected to complete Chapter 3, but to avoid holding up progress we should continue with the other chapters until the information can be provided.

**5.2 Goodwill E-cycle Program:** Erika and Cheryl met with a Goodwill Industries representative to discuss their programs and future plans for e-cycling. They do have an active program for e-cycling however their performance varies according to location and available staff. Northwest Industries currently maintains an e-cycling drop-off building at the Eells Hill Transfer Station, but it is unknown if there is any contractual agreement for it. It was noted that the Solid Waste website should be improved to include information concerning all recycling opportunities. Jess noted that there is some additional recycling information on the Mason County Health Department web page (<http://www.co.mason.wa.us/health/environmental/>). NOTE: The Mason County Utilities and Waste home page provides this link under "Recycling Information".

6. **Other Items:** Jess indicated that he is retiring at the end of October and that Debbie Riley will be the interim contact for the SWAC.
7. **Next Meeting Agenda:** continue discussion of Chapter 3
8. **Next Meeting Date and Time:** The next meeting will be October 15, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. A subsequent meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 5 when privatization will be discussed which may carry over to the next meeting tentatively scheduled for December 17, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.
9. **Action Items**
  - 9.1. Continue review of Brian's draft Chapter 3 – all SWAC members
  - 9.2. Add page numbers to the draft document (CSWMP) - Brian
  - 9.3. Determine the contractual arrangement (if any) with Northwest Industries – Erika
  - 9.4. Meet with the Human Resources Department to assess impacts of privatization on union employees – Brian
  - 9.5. Develop updated recycling information for the Solid Waste and/or Utilities web page(s) – Cheryl/Erika