

Mason County SWAC Meeting Minutes
May 24, 2023
10:00 AM at Mason County Public Works and via Zoom

ROLL CALL:

SWAC Members Yes/No/Excused

Tom Duffield	Yes
Monica Nerny	Yes
Lynda Links	Yes
Sharon Trask	Yes
Tessa Halloran	
Delroy Cox	Yes
Chad White	Yes

Guests

Representing

Evan Brady	Brady Trucking, Inc.
Laura Busby	Department of Ecology
Greg Ryan	Pioneer Recycling Services

County Staff

Title/Department

Wendy Matthews	Senior Environmental Health Specialist/ Mason County Environmental Health
Wendy Thompson	Office Specialist/ Public Works/Utilities & Waste Management
Kevin Guijosa	Solid Waste Manager/ Public Works/Utilities & Waste Management
Richard Dickinson	Deputy Director/ Public Works/Utilities & Waste Management
Loretta Swanson	Director/ Public Works/Utilities & Waste Management

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

MEETING MINUTES:

The following minutes were reviewed and approved by the Committee:
April 26, 2023

AGENDA APPROVAL:

The agenda was reviewed and approved.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

5.1

A. Department of Ecology presentation - overview of CROP

Laura Busby with Washington State Department of Ecology (DOE) spoke about the Contamination Reduction and Outreach Program (CROP) sharing the following highlights:

- Our CROP is included as Appendix J in the current Mason County Solid Waste Management Plan.
- Steps one through four of the CROP need to be worked through by our agency by year end. The CROP implementation schedule provides a timeline for additional step completion for each of the next three years.
- Mason County is currently in the process of updating the Solid Waste Management Plan and therefore, much of the CROP information may be included in that update and does not need to be a separately created document(s).
- The DOE link provided in our CROP document is a helpful resource for additional information.

B. Pioneer Recycling Services -

Greg Ryan with Pioneer Recycling Services gave an overview of their recycling facility. He shared that the facility processes a variety of materials for recycling. They currently see an approximately 11.5 % contamination rate (the rate includes all of Washington, Oregon and Idaho and is not specific to Mason County). The primary contamination problem they currently see in their facility is from the heavy-duty plastic grocery bags and Amazon plastic coated mailing envelopes that are not meant to be co-mingled with other recyclables.

C. Brady Trucking -

Evan Brady with Brady Trucking gave an overview of the commercial composting facility that Brady Trucking recently opened on Johns Prairie Road. The facility accepts organics and some food waste. They have been accepting and processing material from Thurston County for roughly two weeks now and have not yet determined a contamination rate. However, they are working towards a less than 1% total contamination rate.

5.2 DRAFT Work Plan 2023 -

It was reviewed and suggested that Step one of the CROP be reviewed and discussed more in depth at the next meeting, including examples of outreach from other agencies.

The announcement of next meeting June 28, 2023, at 10:00am @ Mason County Public Works and via Zoom

Adjourn at 10:42 am

Submitted by: Wendy Thompson, 6/14/23