

Clark County
Solid Waste Advisory Commission
Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 1, 2022
6:00 - 8:00pm

Hybrid Meeting on Zoom, and at
Clark County Center for Community Health

SWAC Members Present: Tim Kraft, Simone Auger, Derek Ranta, Joe Zimmerman, Mike Mulligan, Reuben Greer, Kyle Potter

SWAC Members Excused: Jason Presser, Allan Jeska

SWAC Members Unexcused: Kim Harless

Staff Present: George Sidles, Pete DuBois, Mollie Mangerich, Kimberly Walker-Norton, Melissa Sutton, Amber McKnight,

Others Present: Julie Gilbertson (CoV), Laura Busby (DoE), Rich McConaghy, Rick Bannan, Chad Schwatka,

Meeting began at 6:02 pm

I. Roll Call, Approval of Minutes – August 4, 2022 (*00:00:33)

- Motion to approve by Michael
 - Seconded by Reuben
 -  Minutes approved as written

II. Stormwater Decant Facility, City of Battle Ground – Melissa Sutton (*00:02:41)

- City of Battle Ground owns and operates a wastewater treatment plant at 1308 SW Grace Ave.
 - Proposed stormwater decant facility will operate within the same property boundaries
- CoBG is seeking permitting approval to process, treat, and dispose of stormwater material
 - Would be required to meet [Model Toxics Control Act](#)
- Permit application is a request to *continue* current stormwater decanting activities, and expand the footprint
- This is a concurrent review, covering both operational and modification permit requests
 - CoBG is currently working on modification construction, knowingly at their own risk
 - Hoping to have completed by end of 2022
- Operational hours are Mon – Fri, 7 am – 4 pm
- Only CoBG personnel will be authorized to use facility at this time
- Proposed modification includes
 - Additional square footage to both sides of the facility
 - Paved area to ensure no track-out
 - Two mounted ceiling fans to increase air flow
- Facility reporting will include
 - Weekly inspection
 - Inbound/Outbound facility volume
 - Annual report due by April 1, each year
- Multi-Agency review received the following (paraphrased) comments/information
 - SWCAA: Operations shall comply with general odor requirements
 - CoBG Community Development: Proposed expansion of the facility shall require Type I Preliminary site plan approval to determine compliance with development requirements. Facility must obtain necessary land use approvals from CoBG prior to expansion of the use.
 - CoBG Planning Supervisor confirmed receiving application for approvals
 - Clark Regional Wastewater District (CRWWD) noted CCPH had yet to receive additional clarification
 - Ecology suggested minor language changes, which CoBG has incorporated

- CCPH suggested minor language and format changes
 - Recommends continued work with Ecology on waste discharge permit
 - Provide copy to CCPH once available
 - Recommends leachate testing prior to discharge
 - Do other facilities test leachate?
 - ▶ Whatley Pit does not. Grandfathered in prior to stricter guidelines
 - ▶ City of Washougal decant facility has agreement with City of Washougal that materials meet city standards
 - If CRWWD support not testing, CCPH will remove this recommendation
- Ecology is comfortable with plan of operation, management, and expansion of facility
- CCPH supports recommendation to issue permit
- ⓘ Public Health is requesting a formal recommendation to permit or deny the permit
- Currently CoBG is only planning on having one vector truck per day
 - Planning for the future, as the area is growing fast
 - Clear benefit to street sweeping programs to clear contaminants
- Ecology stormwater engineer has reviewed the plans, and approved plans for the design
- What kind of outreach or education can be done to prevent facilities from operating without Public Health's knowledge in the future?
 - No uniform measurement at this point; and no bandwidth to take on that project
 - This problem is bigger than just Clark County, but is statewide
 - 💡 Suggestion for Dept of Ecology to look into adding this to future grant programs
- Still waiting to hear confirmation from CRWWD that they are willing to receive the material
- Is there an alternate plan if testing leachate returns unacceptable contaminant levels?
 - Shut off valves can be added to the system
 - Environmental consulting firms can be hired
 - Materials can be pumped out & treated as dangerous waste
- Permits are typically good for the lifetime of the facility
 - Permits paid annually, issued on a 5-year cycle
 - Terms and conditions reviewed on a 5-year cycle
 - Changes and modifications must go through review process for compliance
- The proposed facility expansion has the potential to process triple the amount of decant materials as it currently processes
- Is it possible to tell where hazardous waste at a decant facility originates from?
 - The drivers are trained to notice differences in the materials they collect, and can act accordingly, prior to disposal at a decant facility
- Three anonymous public comments were received, expressing support of the project
- Joe motions SWAC approve the CCPH staff moving forward with issuance of CoBG stormwater decant facility application
 - Mike seconds
 - Group votes
 - 🗳 Motion passes

III. Review of Solid Waste System and the County – George Sidles (*01:36:03)

- In an effort to keep SWAC members up to date on both the Regional Systems Study and the Solid Waste Management Plan update, monthly SWAC meetings have been scheduled
 - Schedule is not set in stone, and may change
 - Will likely seek meeting with Dept of Ecology to review plans, as this project is grant funded
- Working on initiatives related to Regional Systems Study (RSS), some of which SWAC has already reviewed
 - Trying to determine what SWAC has/not seen, what needs approval, what can wait for a later time
- The RSS also includes working with Waste Connections to extend the contract out for 10 years with the possibility of another 5-year extension

- This will take advantage of the investment the residents have put in the system
- Survey work has been done, providing understanding of the assets' current conditions
 - Reviewing possible alternatives to pursue through a capital improvement plan
- Intend to wrap up Operations & Maintenance deal with Waste Connection at the end of this year, allowing revenue diversion from Operations to support capital improvements
- Facilities are paid for, no additional funding is needed
 - Good likelihood of adding facility and completing necessary improvements

IV. Overview of Upcoming Meetings – Pete DuBois (*01:40:59)

- Intent to get preliminary plan to Ecology by the end of June 2023
- Looking at additional, monthly SWAC meetings
 - Draft calendar includes
 - 9/22/22: Food Waste; Construction & Demolition
 - 10/06/22: Regional Solid Waste System Ownership Options
 - 11/03/22: Education & Outreach; Contamination Reduction Outreach Plan
 - 12/01/22: Operations – Needs & Opportunities
 - 01/05/23: Administration; Enforcement
 - 02/02/23: Operations – Evaluation of Alternatives
 - 03/02/23: TBD – review of chapter changes
 - 04/06/23: RSS – Phase 2 Final Report
 - 05/04/23: Funding & Finance – Findings & Recommendations
- Key legal requirement to ensure facilities are in good shape to handle waste for next 20 years
- Intend to ask for SWACs approval of agreement with Waste Connections
- Tim requests information on how each piece fits into the various chapters of the SWMP
- Intend to distribute materials prior to meetings, along with agenda
- Can possibly do work sessions if group desires
 - Quorum would not be necessary
- Phase 1 of the regional system study is to review the current system and determine future needs
 - Will likely have a refresher of this
- Is there any input from Waste Connections on this project, such as their promises for the future?
 - Currently working on capital improvements
 - Difficult to gage what might be possible in the future, until capital improvements are complete
 - Looking at siting a new Materials Recovery Facility
 - May have a better idea of future projections at that point
 - May be good to have presentations on corporate goals and intentions from both Waste Connections and Tidewater Barge

V. Public Comment (*01:58:25)

- Retirement is very highly underrated

This meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm

Next *Special Meeting* is scheduled for Thursday, September 22, 2022

Next *Regular Meeting* is scheduled for Thursday, November 3, 2022

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