

**Clark County**  
**Solid Waste Advisory Commission**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
Thursday, February 2, 2022  
6:00 - 8:00pm  
Hybrid Meeting on Zoom, and at  
Clark County Center for Community Health

**SWAC Members Present:** Kyle Potter, Jason Presser, Derek Ranta, Joe Zimmerman, Kim Harless, Mike Mulligan, Reuben Greer, Simone Auger

**SWAC Members Excused:** Tim Kraft,


**SWAC Members Unexcused:**

**Staff Present:** Mike Davis, Mollie Mangerich, Kimberly Walker-Norton, Melissa Sutton, Amber McKnight, Jessica Fischberg, Sarah Keirns,



**Others Present:** Julie Gilbertson (CoV), Laura Busby (DoE), Doug Drennen, Rich McConaghy, Will Elder

Meeting began at 6:03 pm

**I. Roll Call, Approval of Minutes – December 1, 2022** (\*00:00:06)

- Joe motions to approve minutes as written
  - Mike Seconds
  -  Approved

**II. Chair & Co-Chair Positions** (\*00:01:11)


- Jason nominated as Chair
  - Members vote
  -  Jason is approved as new Chair
- Joe nominated as Vice Chair
  - Members vote
  -  Joe is approved as new Vice Chair

**III. Updates** (\*00:03:35)

- [Clark County Public Health – Solid Waste Program](#)
  - Sent out in advance
- Clark County Public Health – [Solid Waste Enforcement](#)
  - Sent out in advance
  - Have requested \$36,214 in additional grant funds
    - Request is in progress
  - 2022 Overview
    - 45 permitted facility inspections
    - 18 exempt facility inspections
    - 2 new facilities
      - Permitted: City of Battle Ground Stormwater Decant Facility
      - Exempt: Paper People (relocation)
    - 153 complaints received
    - 151 complaints resolved
  - Proposed new facilities
    - WSDOT Salmon Creek Stockpile Pit
      - Facility will only handle materials generated by WSDOT activities
      - Draft Ops plan submitted
        - Currently under review

- Awaiting review & feedback prior to responding
  - May require Special SWAC Meeting, June 1, 2023
  - Have a lot of questions and concerns about this proposed site
    - Will address once an application is received
- [City of Vancouver](#)
  - Council approved resolution to adopt Climate Action Framework (CAF) in December
    - More details here: [Climate Action | City of Vancouver, Washington, USA](#)
    - Full CAF here: [vancouvercaf\\_final\\_112222.pdf \(cityofvancouver.us\)](#)
  - Council adopted [Compost Procurement Ordinance](#) (HB 1799)
  - New service rates went into effect January 1
  - In January, Council adopted new zoning/dev code, cleaned up CoV Solid Waste code, added provisions for new denser housing/cottage cluster
  - Wrapped up leaf coupon program
    - 6,284 coupons redeemed
    - 15,446 cubic yards diverted
    - Program cost \$173,584
- [Waste Connections](#)
  - Had one weather event in December
  - Transfer stations are seeing volumes go down about 1-2% year over year
  - Filling open positions which have been vacant for several months
    - Have been ~10% short on driver force for the past 18-24 months
  - Coming up is automation of urban growth area
    - ~45,000 homes
    - Likely start rollout in May
      - 13 new trucks
      - 6-7 week rollout
      - Recommend clients keep for extra materials or other reuse
    - ~1,000 bikes built for annual bike build
    - Held employee appreciation party with ~700 employees and families attending
    - Starting to prep for busy season in summer

#### IV. SWMP Ch 6: Hazardous Waste – Jessica Fischberg (\*00:36:32)

- Have previously reviewed information
- Seeking formal vote of approval
- Recommendations include
  - Implement satellite battery recycling program
  - Assess feasibility of collecting SQG at HHW facilities & implement collections as needed
  - Evaluate accessibility & participation at HHW facilities
  - Expand days & Hours of operation at HHW
- Kyle motions to approve as presented
  - Joe seconds
  -  Approved

#### V. SWMP Ch 1: Ownership Recommendations – JRMA (\*00:40:17)

##### Overview

- Ownership is an element of the Regional Systems Study (RSS), which has been ongoing
  - Phase 1 is complete
    - Evaluation of public/private ownership options
  - Currently wrapping up Phase 2,
    - Options for public ownership
      - What is permissible under state law
      - Most promising options for consideration

## Background

- Transfer station system was built in 1992 for Columbia Resource Company
  - West Van and Central Transfer were both operational by 1995
  - Original agreement included option to purchase existing facilities for \$1 each
- 2006 Contract extension included plans to build Washougal Transfer Station
  - Purchase option extended to Washougal transfer station
    - City of Washougal has first option to purchase
- Contract extended to 2026
  - Includes RSS to assess condition of transfer stations and evaluate options
    - Improvements will need to be made
      - Estimate of ~\$15 million invested over ten years, for improvements

## Phase 1 Study

- Reviewed options, including public vs private ownership, as well as partial ownership
- Evaluated advantages and disadvantages of the following
  - Funding capital improvement
    - Evaluate ability to make and control implementation of capital improvement at facilities
  - Span of control
    - Ability to control decisions and implementation related to the level of services necessary to meet local government goals and requirements
  - Management experience
    - Ability to manage and administer the services provided
  - Ownership risk
    - What are the risks associated with ownership and operation of the transfer station system and what is acceptable
  - Contracting of services
    - What control can be delegated and is that acceptable if the system is publicly owned
  - Regulatory options
    - How could public ownership be structured for management of solid waste utility
- Phase 1 Report
  - Includes evaluation of various ownership/operational options
  - Lists advantages and disadvantages of each
  - Presents analysis that contrast the option to meeting challenges associated with managing solid waste system
- Establishing a regional agency, involving all involved incorporated areas, including the County, would be a good model
  - Independent entity with separate powers and authority
  - Appointed representation from elected official from participating jurisdictions
    - Would have authority to set rates and issue revenue bonds
  - Staff would be independent from county & participating cities
    - Independent operating agency
- Revised Code of Washington allows for multi-jurisdictional organizations to provide a variety of services
  - Interlocal Cooperation Act (ICA) – [RCW 39.34](#)
  - Joint municipal utilities service (JMUS) – [RCW 39.106](#)
  - Metropolitan Municipal Corporation (MMC) – [RCW 35.58](#)
  - Disposal District – [RCW 36.58](#)
- County needs SWAC input to move forward with SWMP as it is developed
  - Preliminary discussions indicate JMUS may be the best option
    - Board members are elected officials appointed by jurisdictions
    - Operates as independent public utility/enterprise fund with revenues generated by rates

- Facilities are publicly owned and organization can contract operations or hire staff to operate
- Agency can issue revenue bonds backed by revenues of system
- Phase 2 may include developing business plan
  - Then draft up memorandum of understanding (MOU)
- Still need to shop this out to Regional Solid Waste System Steering Committee (RSWSSC)

**VI. SWMP Presentation Schedule – Brian Schlottmann** (\*01:18:56)

- Brian not present tonight. Will address this item at a later date

**VII. Other Business** (\*01:19:06)

- Oral B has a mail in program to recycle electric toothbrushes
  - Julie will add that to the Recycling A-Z Directory
- WSU has developed a Capstone program, and is working with Waste Connection to address lithium batteries, and batteries as a whole

This meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm

Next Special meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 2, 2023

Next Regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 4, 2023

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