



CLARK COUNTY WASHINGTON
PUBLIC WORKS
SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING

Solid Waste Advisory Commission

Regular Meeting, August 7, 2025, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

In Person: Building Industry Association (BIA)

103 E 29th Street, Vancouver, WA 98663

Virtual: Zoom

Call to Order

Called to order by Jason Presser at 6:08 p.m.

Attendance

SWAC Members Present:	Jason Presser, Josh Brown, Thomas Hansen, Will Elder, Joe Zimmerman, Mike Mulligan, and Corey Troiani
SWAC Members Absent:	Gabe Fauvelle, and Candace Hanks
Clark County Staff:	Sarah Keirns, Tina Kendall, Amanda Zodrow, Sara Schroeder, Bethanie Velasco, Amber McKnight, Sherry Villafane, Tatum Flowers, and Mike Davis
Other Present:	Travis Dutton (WSAC), Christina Kullberg (ECY), Tabitha Hansen

Approval of Minutes

	May 1, 2025, Meeting Minutes • Motion to approve – Mike Mulligan • Seconded – Josh Brown • Approved
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Program Updates

Solid Waste and Recycling Finance – Jeff Harbison	Given by Joelle Loescher: • Update on the CC Solid Waste Fund (4014) • Update on the Regional Solid Waste System Fund (RSWS)
Solid Waste Enforcement	Given by Joelle Loescher: • Chuck Harman is retiring at the end of August, and Sean Hawes will be the interim program manager
Solid Waste Operations - Joelle Loescher	Updates: • Projects: ○ Cost-Benefit Analysis for transfer station ownership (private vs public) presented to RSWSSC-expect a final document in Sept./Oct. ○ NCRTSS-Completed an internal review of siting criteria with the internal County departments (Mike Davis, project manager, presenter) ○ CSWMP-schedule to be adopted via Resolution at the 9/23 CCC meeting/public hearing

	▪ Attending city council meetings for resolutions of adoptions (Sara Schroeder, project manager, presenter) ○ CIP-Developing a Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and process documents ▪ Completed quarterly conditional assessments at each transfer station ○ Waste Characterization study Q3 is now underway • Formed a policy group to stay informed about RRA, EPR, OML, etc. • Creating contract management plans for the collection contracts (Yard Debris and Recycling) • Developing 2026 Workplans and submitting the initial 2026 budget • Collaboration with COV on the Recycling processing procurement • New projects at the Leichner landfill site, including repair to the liner and a record of survey • New project at the English Pit site to decommission 3 wells • Curbside Batteries workshop on 7/23 led by SWO/SWEO county teams in collaboration with WCW, CRC, COV, and County • LSWFA grant closed 2023-2025 and is waiting for signature on the new LSWFA grant agreement for 2025-2027 Mike Davis • North County Recycling and Transfer Station update ○ Siting Review Committee (SRC) ○ NCRTS webpage for public involvement ○ Discussion on adding rail to the siting criteria. ○ SWAC wants to talk more about the public engagement at the November 6th meeting. ▪ Send the siting criteria for SWAC review, 2-week due date.
Solid Waste Education and Outreach - Sarah Keirns	SWEO Updates • Over 40 tons of food scraps were collected through the We Compost community hub pilot program YTD. • In May, staff completed our 2024 Secure Your Load partnership with Ecology by collecting data on incoming secured and unsecured loads at Central and West Van one year following the campaign. • SWEO Staff, along with our Composter Recycler volunteers, engaged over 2,000 people through tabling at community events, through our Composter Recycler Workshops, and presentations at neighborhood association meetings. • Green Awards celebration was held on May 29th. Organizations/businesses awarded for their green business practices – Winners included PeaceHealth Southwest

	Washington Medical Center, Simply Thyme Catering, TSMC Washington, and Evergreen Habitat for Humanity. • Work on the annual Fall Mailer going out to residents is underway; county staff are supporting WCW efforts. • The SWEO team is engaged in a significant overhaul of our web content. The project kicked off this month and will continue through the end of the year.
City of Vancouver - Will Elder	Updates: • RFP for Recyclables Processing under development (WE) • Pending Resolution of Adoption (ROA) of CSWMP by Vancouver City Council –scheduled for Monday, Aug. 11 • Celebrated the completion of City Solid Waste AmeriCorps Member's term of service last week – July 31. We are grateful for Kristen Allard's time helping to support the Litter Stewards volunteer program and RecycleU classes. • Spring Yard Debris & Tire Disposal Coupons – season wrap up • Planning for Fall Leaves Coupons & Leaf Boxes for "Leafy neighborhoods" ○ Leaves Coupons will feature 5 vendor sites – City Bark (new this year), McFarlane's Bark, H&H Wood Recyclers, Triangle Resources, West Van ○ Coupon and info circulated in Aug/Sept newsletters, look for announcements as we get closer to October. ○ Request copies of coupon from City Solid Waste email: solidwaste@cityofvancouver.us • It's Solid Waste Rate Season - prep work for 2026 Solid Waste Rates is underway. Annual review of City of Vancouver solid waste collection rates, and transfer station rates set under the Master Services Agreement (MSA) with Clark County and Columbia Resource Company. • We're hiring! Join the City's Solid Waste team ○ As some of you may know we added a new FTE position to our City Solid Waste team and are excited to share that it's open for recruitment. ○ The Solid Waste Planner is a new position created to grow our solid waste team's capacity. The role includes 50% development review and 50% other tasks related to data analysis, program performance management and reporting, contract management, policy development, and regulatory compliance. Find the posting here: Careers ○ We will review the first round of applications after Wednesday, August 13 ○ Prospective candidates are welcome to contact the hiring manager, Julie Gilbertson, by phone 360-487-

	7162 or email Julie.Gilbertson@cityofvancouver.us with any questions. ○ Please share with your networks and feel welcome to recommend candidates to apply and/or reach out to learn more.
Waste Connections - Josh Brown	• Leadership changes as discussed in Josh's introduction • Wood waste – unable to move the same amount of hog fuel as in the past. Now able to reopen the lower yard and limit the safety concerns. • Third-party tons continue to increase. • Ongoing issue with the compactor (looking into rewriting the code on the circuit board).
New Business	
SWAC Bylaws	Approve Bylaws • Motion: Mike Mulligan • Second: Thomas Hansen • Approved
Household Hazardous Waste Presentation	Tatum Flowers: • HHW Presentation ○ Discussed: the postcard, the outreach efforts, and the event data. ○ Discussed each event and what was disposed of by weight. ○ Most disposed of item: ▪ La Center: 31% latex paint ▪ Ridgefield: 54% latex paint ▪ Yacolt: 29% latex paint
Legislative Changes Presentation	Travis Dutton: • Solid Waste Legislative Overview: ○ WACSWM priorities for 2025-2026 ○ 2025 passed legislation ○ 2026 potential legislation • https://ecology.wa.gov/waste-toxics/reducing-recycling-waste/strategic-policy-and-planning/recycling-reform-act
Other Business	
CSWMP	Sara Schroeder • Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan overview ○ Process for updating the plan ○ Resolution of Adoption Status Update
Next Meeting	
November 6, 2025	
Adjournment	
Adjourned by Jason Presser at 8:09 p.m.	