



CLARK COUNTY WASHINGTON  
PUBLIC WORKS  
SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING

# Solid Waste Advisory Commission

Regular Meeting, February 5, 2026  
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

**In Person:** Waste Connections  
9411 NE 94<sup>th</sup> Ave., Building A,  
Vancouver, WA 98662

**Virtual:** Zoom

## Call to Order

Called to order by Jason Presser at 6:00 pm.

## Attendance

SWAC member present:

Jason Presser, Josh Brown, Thomas Hansen, Will Elder, Joe Zimmerman, Mike Mulligan, Candace Hanks, and Corey Troiani

SWAC members absent:

Gabe Fauvelle

Clark County staff:

Attending: Joelle Loescher, Sarah Keirns, Michele Juon, Sean Hawes, Amanda Zodrow, Bethanie Velasco, Camille Salazar, Pete DuBois, Sara Schroeder, Tina Kendall,

Others present:

Christina Kullberg (ECY) and Kara Steward (ECY)

## Approval of Minutes

November 6, 2025, Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve – Thomas Hansen
- Seconded – Will Elder
- Approved

## Presentations

Organics Management Laws and the Recycling Reform Act

Presenter: Ecology

OML Presentation Notes:

- Business Organics Management Areas (BOMA)
- Organics Recycling Collection Areas (ORCA)
- Compost Procurement Ordinances

RRA Presentation Notes:

- Revised Code of Washington
- Extended producer responsibility program

- Packaging and paper products
- Residential and public place recycling

## Program updates

### Solid Waste Enforcement

Presenter: Sean Hawes

Updates:

- Jaimee Searcy is no longer with SWE. She is now with the CCPH Safe Schools Program
- Hannah Pludow is the primary contact in SWE
- Angelina Kotchetova is filling in part-time SWE and brings Pollution Prevention Assistance technical assistance to the table
- Sean Hawes is still Interim Program Manager

### Solid Waste Operations

Presenter: Michele Juon

Updates:

- Recruiting for the Environmental Operations Specialist Sr. to backfill Tatum Flower's position. Hope to have someone on board by mid-Feb.
- English Pit RFP for tree removal and well decommissioning is at Clark County purchasing with a release date of March 4<sup>th</sup>
- The RFP for Solid Waste Consulting and Facilitation opened on January 21, 2026. This RFP is to support the public ownership of the transfer stations and the development of a regional solid waste entity.
- Our team is preparing for the upcoming HHW events in 2026 at Ridgefield, Yacolt, and La Center.
- County will be providing an update on the recycling and yard debris contracts to the Town of Yacolt 2/9 and the City of La Center 2/11 council meetings.

### Solid Waste Education and Outreach

Presenter: Sarah Keirns

Updates:

- Green Business recertified 12 businesses and held 3 educational events for the business community.
- We Compost has 17 collection sites and diverted over 93 tons of food scraps last year.
- Composter Recycler program had over 63 active volunteers that contributed a total of 1,287 volunteer hours tabling, supporting composting programs, and completing other self-directed projects.
- Green Schools completed 26 site visits and launched Compost Academy for high school students.

- Clark County, COV, and WCW partner to deliver multifamily recycling and assistance. In Q4 2025, the WCW educator conducted 29 site visits and delivered 685 tote bags and 802 Recycling Done Right guides. LSWFA grant funds will be used to purchase multifamily tote bags this year.

#### Upcoming

- 27 people are registered for the 2026 Composter Recycler volunteer training program. The first of eight training classes was held on 1/28.
- Anticipate an RFP release for the Regional Recycling Tool on 2/11.

#### City of Vancouver

Presenter: Will Elder

#### Updates:

- This month, ECY will meet with COV, CC, and Camas to discuss our approach to meeting the 2027 and 2030 ORCA requirements and whether we'll pursue (a) waiver(s). The waiver application for 2027 requirements opened this week and ECY will accept applications for a waiver for the 2027 requirements until the end of the year.
- Recycling Reform Act registration was due as a first step in the process. The Advisory Council met this morning and will begin rule-making.
- City of Vancouver staff review all plans for new construction to ensure adequate storage space and collector access.
  - 2025: 468 Reviews Completed (average 39 per month)
  - 2026: The City will adopt and implement a new Land Use Development Code. Our team is revising the Solid Waste code section mainly to address service at higher-density residential housing options as required by the state's "middle housing mandate" and the City's new City Comprehensive Plan. We will also take this opportunity to update code and guidance to support safe, efficient collection and compliance with Organics Management Law plan review requirements.
- Fall leaf coupons are complete for 2025 with the following results
  - County 328,000 (5,028 coupons redeemed = 1.5%)
  - Vancouver 199,000 (3,970 coupons redeemed = 1.9%)
  - Total 527,000 (8,998 coupons redeemed = 1.7%)
- Staff updates:
  - Liz Erickson is the City's new Solid Waste Supervisor
  - We are currently interviewing for her replacement as well as our Deputy Public Works Director

#### Waste Connections

Presenter: Josh Brown

#### Updates:

- Update on staffing levels – strong retention, low turnover, and improved labor market

- Update on wood waste markets
- Working on MRF RFP submittal – WC would love to remain the processor and partner to the cities and county
- MSA Update – transfer station expansions update
- RRA – we have begun the process, submitted service provider registrations – a lot of work on the horizon
- Organics legislation – beginning discussions around changes to WV and how we will be following new organic laws

## Other Business

- Future meetings at Waste Connections
  - Approved
- Change time of SWAC meetings
  - Approved

## Public Comment

## Next meeting

May 7, 2026

## Adjournment

Adjourned at 7:21 p.m.