

SWAC Summary

January 18, 2007

Present: Elrey Simon, acting chair, Rik Fredrickson, Janet O'Conner, Jeff Roberge, Marvin Roush, Wendy Ervin, Tami Ramsey, Rose Swier, Tracy Farrell, David Baker

Minutes and Agenda were approved. Marvin Roush was introduced to the Committee. He has returned to Shelton after many years of working with garbage in other states, and is interested in waste in this community.

Staff updates: Belfair drop box had a break in this morning. Curiously, the only thing taken was the key to the cash register. The door lock was completely pried from the frame, resulting in minor damage.

The other significant item is the weight restrictions on most roads in the County. This restriction limits the amount of weight a vehicle can carry down a road- a major challenge to our business. Rik stated that with the restrictions in place, he could haul half loads, doubling the number of trips needed to provide services. This is true for our long haul contractor as well. It is hoped the restrictions will be lifted soon, but it is anticipated to be a week.

Ecology updates: Tami updated the committee on grant allocation for the next cycle, stating there may be additional funding available, and also that litter monies may be distributed beyond their current scope. Clean air is also a big issue right now, and Tami is working with a group focused on alternatives to burning. This led into a discussion about organics and composting. Members had questions and comments, and requested additional information.

This led into a discussion about the 2007 workplan for SWAC. It was established that several presentations would come before the committee, including an Ecology representative to explain the broad topic of organics. Other SWAC topics will include the Conservation District's proposed digester (for organics), the development of the Hazardous Waste Plan for Mason County, a 2006 Annual report, Capital Facilities Planning, and outreach strategies and targets.

The Solid Waste Management Plan was mentioned, and will go before the Planning Commission on February 12th. Following that meeting, a recommendation of adoption will be brought to the Board of County Commissioners. It will then be sent to Ecology for final approval.

The new rates for disposal have been implemented. After a few initial problems, things have smoothed out and seem to be working well.

Storm debris are still being accepted at no charge, and our long haul contractor will credit us for these tons.

Next meeting will be on February 8th at 6:00 PM in the Public Works Building.