

Present: John Bolender, Rich Gieger, Elrey Simon, Janet O'Connor, Jan Ward, Don Stacy, Rik Fredrickson, Rose Swier, Christine Clark, Marvin Roush, David Baker

Announcements: Spring Clean up will be for the entire month of April at the Shelton and Belfair facilities. This will include yard debris and scrap metal at no charge, at the sites mentioned and also at the locations of our community partners.

In the past, the program has run for two weeks, and overlapped with the vouchers for free disposal. The vouchers need to be discussed by SWAC. Since the members most interested in the topic are not present, it will be on next month's agenda.

Business: John Bolender and Rich Gieger from the Mason Conservation District (MCD) presented the most recent information about the organic waste digester project. They had hoped the feasibility study would be complete; however, they did outline the draft study in great detail.

The project is likely to be feasible, contingent on several factors:

- Location
- Partnerships
- Funding

The ideal location would actually be at the Transfer Station in Shelton. How this would work with the current site is yet to be determined, but it is certainly a possibility. This site would provide the most advantages, but could amplify some of the problems that currently exist. By working together at this early stage, these problems could actually be reduced, perhaps significantly, to the mutual benefit of all parties.

Partnerships would include the County, the hauler, the State, and the various program participants.

Funding is always an issue, but MCD is confident that the capital needs can be met, especially if these other two items can be addressed.

Questions from the Committee were related to grants and the Solid Waste Management Plan. The MCD digester does not conflict with either of these; it is a project that supports the goals of the Plan and could be supported by existing and future grants.

There was a motion to support the MCD digester proposal, which was seconded and carried.

Other business: The Solid Waste Management Plan is in the hands of Ecology and the Utilities and transportation Commission for their review.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2007