

SWAC Summary

May 10, 2007

Present: Mary Jean Hrbacek, Chair, Elrey Simon, Janet O'Connor, Jan Ward, Don Stacy, Wendy Ervin, Rik Fredrickson, Rose Swier, Marvin Roush, David Baker

Announcements:

- Summer hours (8-5 daily) have begun at the Shelton facility as of the first of the month. As in the past, this schedule will be in effect through the end of September.
- Vouchers were handed out for a free load of waste on April 28th from 9-12. As previously discussed, the vouchers are good until the end of October.

There were a few problems with the program that were identified, mostly around Belfair. Belfair area residents who were issued vouchers were disappointed they could not use them in Belfair, and would have to drive to Shelton to take advantage of the voucher. Some of these folks were further annoyed to learn this after arriving at the Belfair drop box, and especially if they had been told they would be honored in Belfair when the voucher was handed to them. Other problems were that we ran out before the time promised, and that folks were showing up before noon and our staff was not present. So it was noted that the voucher program was a work in progress.

- Spring clean up, which ran for the entire month of April, was a big hit, bringing in more than 1,200 tons of recyclables, including yard debris and scrap metal.
- The Solid Waste Management Plan is being reviewed by Ecology, and their comments will be incorporated into the Plan along with those from the Utilities and Transportation Commission. Once that step is completed, and the whole document proofed, it will be brought to the Board of County Commissioners who will adopt the Plan by resolution. From there, there will be a final printing and distribution, and the Plan will be completed.
- Tracy wanted to let the Committee know there will be an electronics recycling event in Shelton on June 23. There will be more details at the next meeting.

Business: Staff asked the Committee to support a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Yard Waste collection and recycling. It was noted that it was consistent with the SWMP and the recent discussions about alternatives to burning. Motion made, seconded and carried.

Terms for members was brought forward, as some members have passed their date. All those currently serving would like to continue, and staff will pass this information on to the Board for their consideration. The exception was Don Stacy, who is moving out of the county, and can no longer continue in this position. He has been on SWAC for years, and will be missed.

There was a question about household hazardous waste. Additional information about the topic was requested in the form of a presentation for next month. Also on the agenda for June will be an update on the digester project.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2007