

SWAC Summary

October 9, 2008

Present: Janet O'Connor, Rose Swier, Don Stacy, Rik Fredrickson, John Wyatt, Vicki Rice, David Baker

New members were introduced and welcomed. There was an overview of SWAC, topics, and priorities.

Announcements and updates: *County recycling* updates included the bluebox recycling at the Port of Allyn (relocated by end of year), additional bluebox at the Pickering Park and Ride at Highway 3 (probable future home of the Allyn boxes), and the letter of support for the expansion of the curbside program in the County. The chair will sign and send the letter of support to the Board of County Commissioners. From there, it will hopefully be sent forward to Waste Connections, who will then authorize the purchase of additional equipment to provide curbside recycling to more Mason County residents. It was requested that the petition signed by members of the Mason Benson Club be attached to this letter. Motion made and seconded; carried. On a related note, there was mention of recent meetings at the state level about recycling standards. Briefly, who measures what and how is one component. The other component of the standards discussion is that there are many differing collection systems, but very few sorting facilities. With so many programs going to a mixed collection (co-mingled or single cart) methodology, would there be a benefit to a standard program? The committee exploring this has not yet finalized their work, but any information will be brought to SWAC.

CPG update in the City and County- grant monies have been awarded to enhance and expand several waste reduction efforts, including school food waste, prison food waste, the City's curbside program (and multi-family residences) as well as the household hazardous waste facility at the transfer station. There was discussion about each of these programs, and the potential benefits to the community.

Hazardous Waste Plan: The Plan was discussed in a general manner, to allow for background and other information to be shared, before digging into the update itself. It was felt that the information needed to be further reviewed before recommendations could be made. Several points were discussed, including pharmaceuticals and other potential biohazards, Take it Back programs, and electronic waste recycling. At the November meeting, the Table of Contents from the current plan, proposed changes from Ecology, and the State's Beyond Waste Plan will be melded into an outline of the 2009 Hazardous Waste Plan for Mason County.

Next meeting will be November 13th at 6:00 PM in Building 8