

## SWAC Summary

May 14, 2009

Present: Janet O'Connor, Vicki Rice, Scott Wilson, Don Stacy, Tami Ramsey, David Baker

Prior to official business, it was noted that all recent applicants to the committee had been appointed, thus a quorum was present. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the minutes from the previous meeting.

**Announcements** Janet O'Connor requested SWAC input for upcoming newsletters. Proper handling and recycling of batteries, motor oil, fluorescent lights, green cleaning and electronics waste were all mentioned as possibilities. Additionally, some program statistics may be of interest to the community. Staff agreed to provide some information for the newsletters.

**Department of Ecology** Funding for various programs, including the Coordinated Prevention Grants, is slated to be reduced in the near future and possibly (probably) long term. Reporting requirements will be more detailed, and there will be fewer opportunities for additional grants, such as the competitive and off-cycle funds which Mason County was fortunate enough to receive for this year. Awarded funds will not be retracted.

**Hazardous Waste Plan** was discussed, with a summary of the two workshops that took place in April. The draft Plan was edited by staff and SWAC, and will be further edited by Ecology. Staff will then incorporate edits, comments and data for review by SWAC and DOE. A proposed timeline for the project was distributed and agreed upon.

**County Recycling** The curbside recycling program has run into a small snag. The ordinance requiring the service will need to be amended in June so the hauler can submit a rate request to the Utilities and Transportation Commission. The service cannot be provided until the rate is approved, and the rate cannot be approved until the ordinance is amended. The hauler and the County are working together to rectify this problem as quickly as possible. In related news, the Neighbor to Neighbor Network of recycling volunteers continues their efforts to fill a niche in Mason County. Their next outing will be on June 6. With the help of Wilson Recycling, they will be accepting the full range of recyclables, including glass, at the former bluebox sites, plus Victor, Tahuya, and the Theler Center.

**Next meeting will be on June 11<sup>th</sup>, 6 PM in Building 1**