

## SWAC Summary

June 11, 2009

**Quorum present:** Scott Wilson, Rik Fredrickson, Janet O'Connor, Vicki Rice, Don Stacy, Tracy Farrell, David Baker

**Updates:** There was an overview of the volunteer "recycling brigade" efforts. The once a month efforts have proved increasingly popular with residents of the community, with participation numbers climbing steadily.

Styrofoam recycling could actually become a reality in the area. A company is setting up shop in Olympia to process used blocks of molded materials, and could be open within a year. Support for this effort was unanimous.

The City's recycling program is going well, with the transitional problems mostly ironed out. The County recycling program was brought up, and discussed in detail.

**County Recycling** addressed several factors, namely glass and curbside. The glass collection is surprisingly popular, even with only the Transfer Station and Wilson Recycling as collection points. The cost to process glass is problematic, and alternatives are limited. The future of glass was discussed. The State has brought together a stakeholder group to discuss curbside recycling issues, this being one of them. Some Counties/Cities mix glass with their other collected materials, others keep glass separated. The plan for Mason County is to keep glass separated, while in the City it is in the mix. The two programs (will) haul materials to different processing facilities.

The County ordinance to provide a minimum service is being revised, with a Public Hearing scheduled for July 14<sup>th</sup>. The revisions are essentially three points:

1. Change the section of the County Code the ordinance is located in (from 6 to 13), to reflect the correct Department.
2. Remove plastic tubs from the list of materials that will be collected under the new program, based on the State stakeholders meetings.
3. Change the revenue credit allocation to allow the hauler to retain a percentage (set by the WUTC) to address data management and help support separate glass collection.

Following an in-depth discussion, each point was supported and there was a motion to support the ordinance revisions as presented. Motion passed.

**Hazardous Waste Plan** had been distributed prior to the meeting, and the edits were reviewed. Additional changes were recommended, and the consensus was that the Plan was moving forward effectively, thanks to help from Ecology.

**Next meeting will be July 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in Building 1**