

SWAC Summary

November 12, 2009

Present: Don Stacy, Rik Fredrickson, Janet O'Connor, Wendy Ervin, Larry Edlrin, Vicki Rice, Jason Dose, David Baker. Guest presenters from Kitsap County: Pat Campbell, Keli McKay-Means, Geri Fowler

Source Control The folks from Kitsap County shared a slideshow about the Source Control Program. This program is DOE funded and targets the waterways in our state, with a focus on small business, best management practices for materials management and stormwater discharge. Mason County partners with Kitsap in this effort. After an overview, details about the types of businesses visited and problem areas were identified, and methods to address issues were discussed. Common problems noted included basic handling, limited knowledge of best management practices, and limited awareness of stormwater. Slides included photos from site visits and data. In the upcoming months, there will be an increased focus in Mason County.

Announcements: Tracy has left the City of Shelton and is now working at the Department of Ecology. Jason will be picking up some of her responsibilities.

County Recycling There was a Recycling Workshop held this week. This was an open meeting to discuss the curbside recycling program, update the status and the results thus far, and solicit public input and hear concerns. Turnout was light, with a balance of supporters and those opposed. The volumes of materials collected through the curbside program are nearly the same as the bluebox program in its' best year. Therefore, with any bluebox collection happening, the two programs combined should result in great landfill diversion and increased materials recovered. Program costs were a concern that was raised, and a possible strategy to screen the customers much like was done with disposal vouchers through Mason Matters was discussed. Options similar to those offered with disposal collection (tiered service level such as container size or frequency of pick up) were another concern raised. These topics will be further explored.

Hazardous Waste Plan Staff met with DOE to discuss the existing facility, and some changes in operations may be required. This will necessitate revision of the Plan. The Plan is still in draft form, and these revisions will be included for next meeting's discussion. Among concerns from DOE were the hours of operations (only open when staffed) and the acceptance of latex paint (don't). Obviously, these changes will have an impact on residents, and advance notice of these changes was encouraged.

Next Meeting will be December 10, 2009 in Building 1 at 6 PM