

SWAC Summary

December 9, 2009

Present: Rik Fredrickson, Janet O'Connor, Vicki Rice, Don Stacy, Mike Drumright, David Baker

Minutes from previous meeting and current agenda approved. Introduction of Mike Drumright from Department of Ecology. Mr. Drumright has worked for Ecology for 30 years in grants and planning. He will be taking over Tami Ramsey's role of Planning Officer, while Ms. Ramsey will continue to be the Grant Officer for Mason County. Formerly the two tasks were combined.

Updates:

There was discussion of the current Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) and the amendment process. Mr. Drumright will lend his expertise to staff and SWAC as the required changes are addressed. Briefly, the chapter on recycling will need to be amended due to the extensive changes since the Plan was adopted.

There was a brief update on the curbside recycling program, as a follow up to the November Workshop. Tons collected are about the same or better for recycled materials curbside compared to bluebox only. Combined, the numbers show an increase in recycled materials collected.

The State released several Updates including Planning Guidelines for Solid Waste and Hazardous Waste, and well as the Five Year Update to the State's guiding document, the Beyond Waste Plan. Copies of the Beyond Waste Plan are available on line, and hardcopies are available.

The Hazardous Waste Plan was discussed. Since the workgroup met with Ecology staff to help with the Plan, the State Guidelines have been updated. This will not impact the County Plan Update, as the new guidelines were considered as this version was being drafted. A preliminary Final Draft should be ready for the next meeting in January.

Topics for the next meeting will include a draft of the Hazardous Waste Plan, a discussion of amending the Recycling Chapter in the SWMP (updates of data, program changes and new goals), and 2009 data if available.

The next meeting will be on January 14th, 2010 at 6 PM in Building 1.