

Mason County SWAC Meeting Minutes (Draft)

November 5, 2015

1. **ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order by Erika at 10:07 a.m.
Attendees – Adrienne Amar, Cheryl Williams, Conley Watson, Rik Frederickson, Delroy Cox, Brian Mathews, Erika Schwender and guest, Steve Gilmore.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public Comment.
3. **MEETING MINUTES:** The September 24, 2015 meeting minutes with corrections were approved by the members present.
4. **AGENDA APPROVAL:** The agenda was approved as prepared.
5. **BUSINESS AGENDA:**
 - 5.1. **Continue discussion of Grays CSWMP chapter 3:**
 - Brian handed out updated copies of Chapter 3, Solid Waste Handling Methods & Systems for review. Brian gave a brief discussion on updates. Eric mentioned the page numbers were needed to be added. Brian said, he will add the page and section numbers on next update. The-use of WAC and RCW numbers was discussed. If the WAC or RCW specifically relates to the subject it should remain in the sentence or paragraph, if it refers to an amendment or another WAC or RCW it could be noted in a foot note or indexed with other WACs and RCWs.
 - Section 3.2 Solid Waste Collection Methods, which spells out the responsibilities and regulations addressing solid waste collection was taken out of the solid waste management plan at an earlier meeting. After some discussion the section with the appropriate RCW's was put back in the plan.
 - Existing Collection Operations, The City of Shelton, Mason County Garbage (a private collection Company). Issues discussed; the City of Shelton has indicated they are looking at the possibility of building a transfer station and taking care of their own solid waste. The concern for the county is the loss of waste going through the county system and the loss of revenue to support their solid waste system. Another concern was waste going outside the county. Flow control was discussed as a possible option. The ability to flow control the waste is questionable. Further research is needed.
 - The Eells Hill Transfer Station Facility was discussed addressing upgrades and improvements needing immediate and future attention. Repairs needed concerning safety and operation of the Household Hazardous Waste Facility and public tipping building were addressed. Brian and Erika related, action addressing the problems has already started. Erika pointed out other upgrades and changes needed to be addressed is the separation of the Recycling drop box area, access to the scales used by the commercial haulers, public and transfer trucks. Current congestion and queuing requires looking at separate access areas. Placement of an additional scale, modifications to buildings or replacement and upgrading the HHW Facility require capital expenditures which are not in the budget or the rates.
 - The operation of the Eells Hill Transfer Station Facility and Drop Box locations in Belfair, Union and Hoodsport requires an onsite supervisor, a position which has been vacant for

some time needs to be filled. The committee discussed filling the position as soon as possible, noting the position was already in the current budget.

- Brian related, the committee needs to start looking at the possibility privatizing all or part of the County's solid waste system. The committee discussed sum of the information needed to make a comparison. The cost of capital improvements required, operational costs, and changes projected to improve the county's solid waste system were discussed.
- The issue of permitting solid waste handling facilities was discussed. Issues at the present and in the past demonstrate the SWMP needs to clearly address permitting and enforcement.

6. Next meeting action items: Continue discussion of Chapter 3 and privatization.

7. Next meet date and time: December 3, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. Location Public Works Bld. Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Submitted by: Delroy Cox, 11/19/2015