

## Mason County SWAC Meeting Minutes (Draft)

July 7, 2016

1. **ROLL CALL:** Meeting was called to order by Melissa McFadden at 10:00 a.m. Other attendees – Maria Machado, Steve Gilmore, Eric Nelson, Delroy Cox and Rik Fredrickson. Due to the lack of a quorum the meeting was designated as an un-official meeting.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Steve Gilmore discussed the trip to the Roosevelt Regional Landfill. Everyone going on the tour will meet at the Mason County Public Works Office at 6:30 a.m. on 7/22/2016.
3. **MEETING MINUTES:** Due to the lack of a quorum the minutes for June 16, 2016 were set aside for approval at the next meeting. A couple of corrections were noted. Delroy Cox was in attendance and Melissa McFadden didn't realize she was to contact Green Diamond for information – she had thought that Maria would bring landfill information available at the Health Department. Melissa noted Eric's suggestion to address Action Items in the previous meeting to be reviewed at the beginning of each meeting under 3.a. Action Items were discussed and set aside for next meeting. Melissa reported Parametrix's review of the solid waste system was postponed for one week.
4. **AGENDA APPROVAL:** No action, lack of a quorum.
5. **BUSINESS AGENDA:**
  - 5.1. **Continued the review of Chapter 3, Section 3.2.3:** The committee continued reviewing Chapter 3. Eric Nelson agreed to read the information in Cheryl Williams' absence. Starting with 3.2.3. **Corrections discussed and noted as follows:**
    - 3.2.3 First sentence, delete "as the name implies", add "for" between "responsible" and "collecting". Second sentence, ~~MC Garbage~~ change to **Mason County Garbage Co. Inc.**
    - 3.2.3.1 Add "service area" between "Mason County Garbage Co. Inc." and "and transport it". Remove "Road" after Eells Hill.
    - 3.2.3.2 Last paragraph, ~~State penitentiary~~, change to **Washington Correction Center.**
    - ~~3.2.3~~ **3.2.4** Construction, Demolition and ~~Landclearing~~ **Land Clearing** Debris (CDL) Construction, Demolition and ~~Landclearing~~ **Land Clearing** consists primarily of ~~materils~~ **materials** from building demolition or construction projects. Delete "also called wastes of development projects" and delete the last sentence of this section (starting with "CDL waste...").
    - ~~3.2.4~~ **3.2.5** Import/Export: second sentence, All municipal solid waste generated in the ~~count~~ **county** is processed at an on-site transfer station.
    - **3.3 PERMITS REQUIRED AND ADMINISTRATION METHODS.** First paragraph, second sentence, commonly referred to ~~as~~ **G**-permits. Last sentence, Collections services may include garbage, ~~refuse~~, recyclable material, and **yard waste** and demolition debris. Eric is going to research the definitions of garbage and refuse.
    - **For consideration by the SWAC - Insert the following paragraph after the first paragraph of Section 3.3:**  
**Parts of Washington State Law impact transfer station operations. Notably, Chapter 36.58.050 RCW states that transfer stations included in a solid waste plan are exempt from regulation by the WUTC and requirements for using certificated haulers.**

Furthermore, it states that the county “may enter into contracts for hauling of trailers of solid waste from these transfer stations to disposal sites and return either by (1) the normal bidding process, or (2) negotiations with the qualified collection company servicing the area under authority of Chapter 81.77 RCW.” Because the dropbox sites are intermediate solid waste handling facilities that are designated as part of the County’s solid waste system, they too are exempt from WUTC regulations and the county can choose how and who can transport the waste from the dropbox sites to the Eells Hill transfer station or other sites.

- After a lengthy discussion of the second, third and fourth paragraphs everyone agreed there needs to be more consideration addressing permitting, operations, regulating and enforcement to maintaining a financially sound and sustainable solid waste system. Melissa is going to check with Ecology and other counties for language in a SWMP that assures a solid waste system has the guarantees to maintain control over facilities, proposed, new or existing operations. Mason County Code will also be reviewed by Melissa and the Department of Health to determine what sections apply and whether updates are needed.
- **3.4 SOLID WASTE COLLECTION RATES:** After discussion, the first paragraph was changed to clarify how the solid waste is self-funded. Replace the first paragraph with the following:  
The County sets user fees at the Eells Hill Transfer Station and rural stations. Solid Waste Operations are an enterprise funded service and as such these rates cover the full cost of operation of the transfer station and disposal programs. Additionally, rates are used to develop a replacement and repair cost for future operations. There are no taxpayer funds used for an enterprise funded service.
- The Third paragraph, Eells Hill Transfer Station, fourth sentence, The Current (2015) (2016) cost for transfer and disposal of refuse is ~~\$91.25~~ **\$92.16** per ton (without tax). The last sentence, A full discussion of the solid waste rates, fees and charges is included **as follows.** in Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ of this plan.
- For next time: Continue review of Chapter 3, starting with 3.4.3 Self-haul rates. Give other committee members an opportunity to comment on changes that were suggested at this meeting.

6. **OTHER ITEMS:** We discussed completing Chapter 3 at the next meeting after comparing Chapter 3 to the old Chapter 4 of the Mason County Plan. After finishing Chapter 3 the committee will start review of Chapter 4 as provided in the Grays Harbor plan.

**7. Action items:**

- 7.1. Steve Gilmore will e-mail confirmation Roosevelt trip.
- 7.2. Maria will bring information available at the Health Department regarding closed landfills.
- 7.3. Melissa to report on Parametrix review of solid waste system.
- 7.4. Eric will research the definition of garbage vs. refuse.
- 7.5. Melissa to check with Ecology and other counties for language in the SWMP to address issue of new or expanded facilities.
- 7.6. Delroy to compare the new Chapter 3 with the old Mason County plan chapter 4 for additional information.

7.7. Eric to review the old Mason County plan to compare information in new Chapter 4 from the Grays Harbor plan.

7.8. Melissa to provide copies of new Chapter 4 to be reviewed.

8. **Next meet date and time:** July 20, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Submitted by: Delroy Cox, 7/12/2016, revisions by Melissa McFadden, 7/19/2016