

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING THE ) RESOLUTION NO. 06-3723  
APPOINTMENT OF THERESA KOPPANG TO )  
THE REGIONAL SOLID WASTE ADVISORY ) Introduced by David Bragdon,  
COMMITTEE (SWAC) ) Council President

WHEREAS, Metro Code Chapter 2.19.130 established the Regional Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) to evaluate policy recommendations to the Metro Council regarding regional solid waste management and planning; and

WHEREAS, Metro Code Chapter 2.19.030 states that all members and alternate members of all Metro Advisory Committees shall be appointed by the Council President subject to confirmation by the Council; and

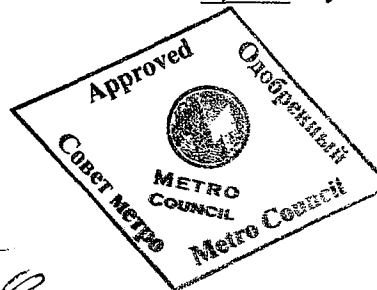
WHEREAS, Metro Code Chapter 2.19.130 authorizes representatives and alternates for the SWAC; and

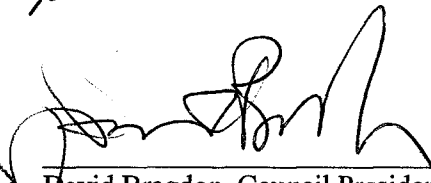
WHEREAS, vacancies have occurred in the SWAC membership; and

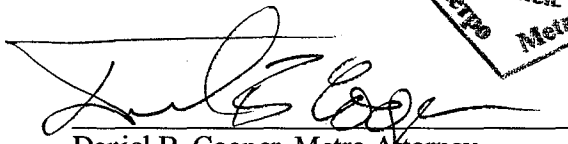
WHEREAS, the Council President has appointed Theresa Koppang as a member representing the County of Washington, in the place and stead of Dr. Keith Thomsen, subject to confirmation by the Metro Council; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Metro Council confirms the appointment of Ms. Koppang to Metro's SWAC.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2006.



  
David Bragdon, Council President

  
Daniel B. Cooper, Metro Attorney

## STAFF REPORT

### IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 06-3723 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF THERESA KOPPANG TO THE REGIONAL SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC)

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Date: September 7, 2006

Prepared by: Susan Moore

#### BACKGROUND

The 25-member Regional Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC), representing recyclers, the hauling industry, disposal sites, citizen-ratepayers and local governments, evaluates policy options and presents recommendations to the Metro Council regarding regional solid waste management and planning.

The following individual has been recommended to serve as a member of the SWAC:

1. Washington County Department of Health & Human Services has recommended Theresa Koppang as the new representative to Metro's Solid Waste Advisory Committee. (See Attachment 1).

#### ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

##### 1. Known Opposition

There is no known opposition.

##### 2. Legal Antecedents

ORS 192.610 "Governing Public Meetings", Metro Code Chapter 2.19.030, "Membership of the Advisory Committees" and 2.19.130, "Metro Solid Waste Advisory Committee", are the relevant legal documents related to these appointments.

##### 3. Anticipated Effects

This resolution is intended to appoint the following individual for non-term limited service on the SWAC: Theresa Koppang.

##### 4. Budget Impacts

None.

#### RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Council President has reviewed the qualifications of Ms. Koppang and finds her qualified to advise Metro in the matters of solid waste management and planning. Therefore, Council confirmation of these appointments by adoption of Resolution No. 06-3723 is recommended.

***Theresa E. Koppang***

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**Professional Experience**

**Solid Waste Management Supervisor**

2006- present

*Washington County Health and Human Services Department; Hillsboro, Washington*

Supervises and coordinates all aspects of the solid waste management program for Washington County; administers the solid waste and nuisance abatement codes; coordinates, directs and supervises the recycling program; serves as a liaison for the Metropolitan Services District, the Department of Environmental Quality, local governments within Washington County and the solid waste industry.

**Lead Planner, Supervisor**

2005-2006

*King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks, Solid Waste Division; Seattle, Washington*

Lead the regional planning effort of 37 jurisdictions to update the comprehensive solid waste management plan. Plan elements included upgrading the landfill and transfer stations owned and operated by King County and updating the education and outreach programs related to recycling and environmental services provided by the county. Supervised the planning unit staff of economists, analysts and planners. Provided technical support to the solid waste management advisory committee (SWAC) and the metropolitan solid waste management advisory committee (MSWMAC).

**Program/Project Manager**

**Recycling and Environmental Services**

95 – 2005

**Engineering Services**

94-95

*King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks, Solid Waste Division; Seattle, Washington*

*Green Team Lead*

Major accomplishments:

- Recognized as one of 25 Leaders in the Northwest by the *Sustainable Industries Journal*
- Presented King County's sustainable program accomplishments at EPA conference in Washington, D.C. while accepting the top award from EPA on behalf of King County.
- Revised and redesigned program web pages
- Held trainings on Reducing Toxics; Water Conservation; Specifying Green Products and Building Materials; Designing for Indoor Air Quality; Green Roof Design, Permeable Pavement
- Completed submittal garnering LEED Gold award for county office building
- Green Building Media Campaign launched in partnership with local government and non-profit partners
- Facilitated County Council adoption of environmental building and solid waste practices legislation

*Team Lead: Sustainable Development Team*

Responsible for overseeing programs that supported King County facilities including: Resource conservation, sustainable building, construction site recycling, waste reduction and recycling programs, toxics reduction, environmental purchasing, product stewardship, Integrated Pest Management and a division-wide environmental management system. Managed contracts for providing support of program and policy development, program evaluation, educational outreach and media publicity. Hired and supervised interns, member of hiring committees for permanent staff. Represented County at regional, state, national and international conferences.

- Facilitated adoption of countywide environmental building policy on behalf of County Executive. Completed cross-county review and formal presentation to Executive and his Cabinet. Formed a cross-departmental team to implement environmentally sustainable initiatives (2001).
- Facilitated a sustainable development team comprised of members from all county departments (01-present)
- Member of King County Solid Waste Division Leadership Team (1999 – 2003)

- Speaker and presenter at Washington State Recycling Association Conferences; US Green Building Council events and 2000 European Conference on Construction Recycling (Rome, Italy).
- Board Member US Green Building Council (Cascadia Chapter) (1999 – 2004)
- Formed a partnership with the local homebuilders association and created a green homebuilding program called BUILT GREEN™. As an executive committee member contributed program design ideas, technical review, funding, and facilitated countywide regulatory review. Organized 2000 media kickoff event.
- Co-sponsored the 1997 Sustainable Building Northwest conference and trade show. Planned and implemented this regional conference with the City of Seattle and private-sector partners. Developed an industry recognition program called *Construction Works* to reward building projects for innovative resource conservation efforts.
  - Steering committee member of the Washington State Recycling Association Construction Recycling Council (1997-2001.) Coordinated with public and private sector members to implement educational programs for the building industry focusing on resource conservation and sustainable building.
  - Wrote, edited and managed production of educational materials.

**Program Manager- Wastemobile On-site Education Program**

97 - 2000

Managed a public outreach and education program for the hazardous wastes. Promoted proper disposal and alternatives to toxic products. Managed a team responsible for providing program development, staff hiring and training, and program implementation. Provided training to field staff. Enhanced training for field staff and recruited program staff from other county and city household hazardous waste education programs to attend.

**Community Educator**

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*Chelan-Douglas Solid Waste Program; East Wenatchee, Washington*

Developed and implemented a comprehensive community information and education program on waste reduction and recycling issues. Taught workshops on hazardous and non-hazardous waste handling policies including: federal and state legal requirements, methods for storage and disposal, alternative products, waste prevention, recycling and composting. Tailored topics to a variety of audiences ranging from K-12 students, college students, public and private sectors of manufacturing and service industries.

- Designed, wrote and produced outreach materials; Promoted program through media interviews, public speaking events, placing advertising, and participating in community events; Maintained public resource center of educational materials through on-going research of federal and state policies; Recruited and trained a volunteer base to meet additional education needs throughout a two-county area.

**Data Assistant/Communications Volunteer**

90 - 91

*The Nature Conservancy; Portland, Oregon*

Assisted in maintaining database of Oregon's endangered species. Provided information required to complete environmental assessments for land use activity. Maintained knowledge base of environmental policies stemming from the Endangered Species Act.

- Integrated, compiled and organized data sets for entry and reporting purposes; Provided on-going training to volunteer staff; Attained promotional media interviews for staff members throughout state.

**Marketing/Sales Representative**

87 - 90

*Clairol, Inc.; Portland, Oregon*

Developed sales, marketing and educational programs for distributors in Oregon and Montana. Maintained detailed account and expense reports.

- Received educator of the year award for implementing a new training program.

**Public Relations Experience**

85 - 87

*Public Affairs Department; The Portland Development Commission; Portland, Oregon*

*Public Relations Assistance; Kagan and Associates; Dallas, Texas*

*Public Relations Assistant; City of Richardson; Richardson, Texas*

- Produced news releases for a variety of clients; and provided follow-up on results of publicity efforts.
- Assisted in special event planning.
- Wrote articles, directed media calls, answered public inquiries on urban renewal policies and related projects

**Education/Training**

1995 Master's (Environmental Studies) The Evergreen State College; Olympia, Washington (attended 9/93 - 6/95)

1985 B.A. (Communications) Portland State University; Portland, Oregon  
1998 – HAZWOPPER Training (OSHA certified)  
2002 Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Accredited Professional

**Published in the following trade journals:**

2004 *C&D Recycler*  
2002 *American Recycler, C&D Recycler, Demolition & Recycling International*, (United States and United Kingdom)  
2001 *BioCycle, Recycling Product News, Waste Age* (United States)  
2001 *Costruzioni* (Italy)  
1999 Government West