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MEETING: REGIONAL SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, July 15, 2002

TIME: 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

PLACE: Room 370A/B, Metro Regional Center, 600 NE Grand Avenue, Portland

10 mins. I. Call to Order and Announcements **Susan McLain**
Announcements
Responses to Issues from the June 24th Meeting
Approval of Minutes

10 mins. II. REM Director's Update **Terry Petersen**

40 mins. III. New Policies to Increase Dry Waste Recovery, Part 2 **Lee Barrett**
(Information and discussion on waste reduction policies)

Last month, SWAC members were briefed on the amount of increased recovery necessary to achieve the 2005 regional recovery goal: an additional 260,000 tons. A portion of this could be gained through required MRFing of all dry waste generated in the region (50,000 TPY). SWAC is being asked to contribute to a review of several ways to get to required dry waste MRFing, and provide input to Metro Council.

25 mins. IV. Enforcement Update **Roy Brower**
(Information and discussion on program improvement)

REM's Regulatory Affairs Division investigates, cleans up, and prosecutes incidents of illegal dumping. SWAC will be updated on illegal dumping enforcement in the region, and asked to provide input on an assessment of successes to date and challenges for the future.

5 mins. V. Other Business and Adjourn **Susan McLain**

All times listed on this agenda are approximate. Items may not be considered in the exact order listed.

Chair: Councilor Susan McLain (797-1553)
Staff: Janet Matthews (797-1826)

Alternate Chair: Councilor Bill Atherton (797-1887)
Committee Clerk: Michele Adams (797-1649)

Executive Summary

Solid Waste Advisory Committee

June 24, 2002

- I. **Call to Order and Announcements** **Susan McLain**
- Approval of Minutes: Mr. Korot motioned to move the summary; Mr. Misovetz seconded the motion; none opposed; Executive Summary passed as read.
 - Councilor McLain stated the Metro's Recycling Information has taken 105,571 calls so far this fiscal year, breaking the previous record for number of calls during this period. Calls concerning electronic waste, as well as calls from businesses have increased.
- II. **REM Director's Update** **Terry Petersen**
- June 21, there was an incident at Metro South Transfer Station that required the station to shut down for 1 hour and 20 minutes. A customer of the hazardous waste facility brought in pool chemicals that reacted in her trunk creating a large cloud of gas. No one was injured.
 - Ordinances to amend the Regional System Fee Credit Program were considered by the Solid Waste & Recycling Committee. Councilor Monroe introduced amendments including elimination of the sunset date, no cap on expenditures, and to count materials that DEQ counts. The amendments will be considered at the next Solid Waste & Recycling Committee meeting July 3.
 - Metro currently has several non-system license (NSL) and designated facility agreement (DFA) applications pending. These include a NSL for KB Recycling to take 25,000 tons to Riverbend Landfill; a DFA amendment to include a material recovery facility at Hillsboro Landfill; and, a NSL for American Sanitary to take 7,000 tons to Clark County facilities. In addition, the process and criteria for evaluation of NSL requests will be reviewed by Metro in the future.
- III. **New Policies to Increase Dry Waste Recovery** **Lee Barrett**
- Approximately 260,000 additional tons need to be recovered in the Metro region in order to meet the 2005 recovery goal of 56%. Mr. Barrett anticipates this can be achieved by recovering 50,000 additional tons on mixed dry recovery, 90,000 tons of organics and making up the balance in the commercial sector. Metro is considering inclusion of minimum recovery percentage requirements in designated facility agreements, in order to recover an additional 50,000 tons of waste. Mr. Vince Gilbert asked about the possibility of enacting disposal bans. Mr. Barrett explained that in a survey, the local governments have identified that option as one that would be effective in reaching the 2005 recovery goal. Mr. White said that haulers are concerned with new asbestos regulations and implications for hauling and recovery of construction and demolition waste (C&D). SWAC members discussed new asbestos rules that essentially expand the definition of friable asbestos; there doesn't seem to be consensus on the implications for the solid waste industry.
- IV. **CRTs and Hazardous Waste Regulations** **Rick Volpel, DEQ**
- Mr. Volpel explained current trends for cathode ray tubes (CRTs) from computer monitors: reuse and stockpiling are up, while disposal and recycling are down. DEQ estimates that there are probably about 250 million monitors already stockpiled, with another 250 million expected to become obsolete in the next few years. DEQ released a rule May 7 that clarified CRT regulations and the EPA released their rule June 11. Essentially, households are exempt from regulations and can dispose of monitors, but businesses must manage them as hazardous waste. CRTs are exempt from hazardous waste regulations if they are recycled. The DEQ has developed a fact sheet and updated their web site to list the rules and options for CRTs. The DEQ is trying to move towards product stewardship approaches to CRTs. The DEQ is not considering a landfill ban on CRTs at this time because there is not adequate infrastructure for recycling electronics. SWAC members had many questions about DEQ's regulations, particularly as they apply to solid waste haulers and facility owners. There are still outstanding questions about how haulers and facility owners are expect to handle CRTs.

V. Tire Recycling Task Force Progress Report

Janet Matthews

Ms. Matthews reviewed the history of scrap tire management in Oregon and explained that because each tire contains 2.5 pounds of steel and 7 gallons of oil, the disposal of scrap tires is a resource management problem. Metro introduced legislation at the State level last year to encourage markets for scrap tire recycling. A compromise was reached when HB3909 established a task force to make recommendations for scrap tire management. Ms. Matthews was part of a sub-committee of this Task Force that recently presented a report to the full task force on recommendations to create more markets for tires. Ms. Puente addressed DEQ's interest in protecting the clean-up fund that that sub-committee recommends partial use of to encourage market development. The Committee also discussed one of the primary impediments to market development for scrap tire rubber in Oregon - subsidized crumb rubber imported from Canada.

VII. Other Business and Adjourn

Susan McLain

There was no further business.

Documents to be kept with the record of the meeting:

Agenda Item III:

1. Overheads (2 pages; copy available upon request)

Agenda Item IV:

1. DEQ News Release: DEQ Adopts Interim Policy on Managing Cathode Ray Tubes (CRTs) as Hazardous Waste, June 4, 2002 (included in agenda packet)
2. DEQ Fact Sheet: Managing Used Computers & Other Electronic Equipment (handout; copy available upon request)

Agenda Item V:

1. State Tire Recycling Task Force: Report of the Market Development Group, June 7, 2002 (included in agenda packet)

Other:

1. Copies of Ordinances 02-952, 02-951 and 02-950 and a staff report for the purpose of amending Metro Code Chapters 5.01, 5.02 and 7.01 to amend the regional system fee credit program (included in the agenda packet)