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MINUTES OF THE METRO SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COMMITTEE (SWAC) MEETING

Metro Regional Center, Council Chambers
Thursday, February 28, 2008

Members / Alternates Present:

David Bragdon, Chair	Lori Stole	Theresa Koppang
Mike Hoglund	Audrey O'Brien	Dave White
Paul Edwards	Matt Korot	Tom Badrick
Janet Malloch	Ray Phelps	Mike Miller
Mike Leichner	Rick Winterhalter	Jeff Murray
Dave Garten	Babe O'Sullivan	Dean Kampfper

Guests and Metro staff:

Janet Matthews	Larry Harvey	Kristin Lieser
Joshua Skov	Roy Brower	Leslie Kochan
Segeni Mungai	Jeff Gage	Gina Cubbon
Chuck Geyer		

I. Call to Order..... Council President David Bragdon

- Council President David Bragdon called the meeting to order at 10 a.m and gave a brief preview of the proceedings.
- A tour of the Columbia Ridge Landfill in Arlington, Oregon has been set for Monday, March 24. Members wishing to go may contact staff.
- The minutes were approved as submitted.

II. Director's Update..... Mike Hoglund

- Regional Solid Waste Management Plan: Mr. Hoglund reported that the Office of Metro Attorney has drafted a companion ordinance to the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan (RSWMP). The ordinance identifies the required elements of the Plan, and establishes compliance and enforcement paths for local governments in a new Metro Code chapter (5.10). Additionally, the Regional Service Standard and Alternative Program Review process have been moved to the RSWMP's implementation chapter. Next steps include briefing Councilor Harrington (RSWMP liaison) on the changes before filing the ordinance with Council and making it available to the public.
- Rate Review Committee: The group is reconvening for the FY 2008-09 budget cycle. Four or five meetings are anticipated this year. Metro Council has asked that the Committee evaluate options for managing Metro's rate path over the next few years, as issues such as the solid waste transport contract take hold and affect the tipping fee. Preliminary findings will be discussed at a Council work session on April 8.
- Solid Waste Transport: Proposals are due Wednesday, March 12. Truck, barge, and rail proposals are all expected. An inter-agency evaluation team will review and score the proposals, recommending one or more proposers with whom to negotiate a contract. Negotiations are expected

to conclude by early summer, and a recommended contract presented to the Council for consideration in July or August.

- **Waste Allocation:** Options are being reviewed for allocating wet waste to private facilities. Goals are to ensure that haulers have adequate access to transfer stations, maximize efficiencies within the system, and minimize the cost to ratepayers. Council will further define these goals and begin review of the options at their April 15 work session.
- **Landfill Standards:** Standards are being reviewed and possibly revised for landfills which accept Metro region waste. The environmental and compliance risks of each landfill are being looked into, and whether current policy is in the public’s best interest. The issue will be discussed at Council’s April 15 work session.
- **Self-Haul Study:** Staff are looking at system data related to self-haul practices and reviewing the results of a recent survey taken at Metro’s transfer stations. The project team will identify policy options for ensuring an efficient and fair self-haul system that maximizes recovery. Matt Tracy and Paul Ehinger will present the issue before Council at the April 1 work session.

III. Sustainable Operations Brainstorming..... Janet Matthews et al

Councilor Bragdon introduced this agenda item, which would break the attendees into small groups to discuss various goals and objectives for the Sustainable Operations project. He noted that the candid interaction this exercise would likely induce would be beneficial to the Committee as a whole. Janet Matthews added that the goal is to gather unfiltered ideas for how to fulfill the project’s objectives; the members counted off to form three groups, which then met separately.

The “scribe” for each group gave a brief summary of their collaborative efforts afterwards. The Sustainable Operations Work Group will look at all the ideas from the exercise. The group will develop a workplan for FY 2008-09. Progress reports will be brought to SWAC.

Mr. Hoglund asked the Committee’s opinion of the exercise; there was general agreement that it worked well, was less formal and therefore a good forum for sharing ideas. Members mentioned that it was a good way for all to participate and would be a good technique for specific topics periodically. The random groupings were also appreciated.

IV. Other Business and Adjourn.....David Bragdon

Councilor Bragdon thanked the attendees for their participation and adjourned the meeting at 11:57 a.m.

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