

**SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC)  
Meeting Summary of October 19, 1994**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councilor Ruth McFarland, Chair  
Kathy Kiwala, City of Lake Oswego  
Ralph Gilbert, Eash County Recycling  
Jeanne Roy, Citizen  
Holly Halvorson, Washington County (Alt.)  
Gary Penning, Waste Management of Oregon (Alt.)  
Susan Keil, City of Portland  
Lynda Kotta, City of Gresham (Alt.)

E. Patricia Vernon, DEQ  
Merle Irvine, WRI  
Estle Harlan, Oregon Sanitary Services Inst.  
Emilie Kroen, Cities of Washington County  
Tom Miller, Wash. Co. Refuse Disposal Assn.  
Steve Miesen, BFI  
Susan Ziolk, Clackamas County

**GUESTS:**

Diana Godwin, Regional Disposal  
Bill Pendarvis, MCCI  
John Guest, BFI, Sacramento

Larry Eisile, Washington County  
Doug DeVries, Jack Gray Transport  
Robert Peterson, Peterson & Associates

**METRO:**

Bob Martin, Solid Waste Director  
Terry Petersen, SW Planning & Techn. Services Mgr.  
Marie Nelson, Solid Waste Planning Supervisor  
Aletta Yantis, Administrative Assistant

Debbie Gorham, Waste Reduction Manager  
Doug Anderson, Senior Management Analyst  
John Houser, Senior Council Analyst  
Sam Chandler, Operations Manager

The meeting was called to order by Councilor McFarland at 8:30 a.m.

**1. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of September 21, 1994, were approved as submitted.

**2. Updates**

Chair McFarland updated the group on the Solid Waste Committee's October 18 hearing and discussion concerning Metro Challenge grant funds to local governments.

**3. Status Report on the Model Ordinance for Siting Yard Debris Processing Facilities**

Bill Metzler, Metro Solid Waste Planner, has been meeting with the region's yard debris processors and DEQ and local government representatives to develop a model ordinance for as a management option for siting yard debris processing facilities. The model ordinance was mailed to local government land use planners for review and comment. Mr. Metzler will report back to the SWAC in November.

#### **4. Status Report on a Plan for Hazardous Waste Service in Outlying Areas**

Marie Nelson, Metro Solid Waste Planning Supervisor, discussed the status of meetings with local government representatives to plan long-range household hazardous waste (HHW) collection services in outlying areas not conveniently served by Metro's two permanent HHW collection facilities. The group has worked with Sam Chandler, Metro Operations Manager, to schedule a series of satellite, full-service collection events for FY 1994-95. Recommendations for longer-term services will be presented to the SWAC in November. Final recommendations, including options for long-term service funding, will be presented to the Council Solid Waste Committee on December 6.

#### **4. Metro Challenge Grant Program**

Bob Martin reported that his recommendation was to distribute Metro Challenge money to local governments for FY94-95. The evaluation committee recommended that local governments work with Metro to collect information needed to develop a comprehensive regional plan for commercial recycling.

#### **5. Regional Solid Waste Management Plan**

Terry Petersen reviewed the schedule and process for updating the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan.

SWAC discussed the following 5 key planning issues:

##### **Issue #1: Regional Waste Reduction Priorities**

There was considerable discussion on the importance of using the appropriate measurement tools for monitoring waste reduction.

Pat Vernon said that the State has made education a priority and that this should be reflected in the regional plan.

##### **Issue #2: Transfer Stations Service Provision**

SWAC directed staff and the Planning Subcommittee to not spend time planning for new transfer stations because existing facilities appear to have sufficient capacity to meet the region's demands for the next 10 years.

It was suggested that adjustment to tip fees through mechanisms such as "convenience fees" might be a method to compensate haulers that are further away from the existing 3 stations.

SWAC believed that Metro should work with Oregon City regarding the tonnage limitation at Metro South.

##### **Issue #3: Other Facilities**

SWAC recommended that whenever possible the private sector be given the opportunity to provide solid waste facility services.

Bob Martin said that with the October 1996 rebid of the Metro South and Central operating contracts, now is a good time to look at what services the region wants these facilities to provide.

Steve Miesen mentioned the role of fiber based fuel as a "last-chance" processing option.

There was additional discussion about tip fee incentives to encourage recycling.

**Issue #4: Revenue Stability and Equity**

Due to time limitations, this issue was not discussed.

**Issue #5: Role of Facilities As Collection Technology Changes**

SWAC directed staff and the Planning Subcommittee to continue to work on this topic. There was particular interest in how co-collection technology might work with yard debris.

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