

METRO SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC)
Meeting Summary of November 16, 1994

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councilor Susan McLain
Jerry Mayberry, City of Portland
Estle Harlan, Oregon Sanitary Services Ins.
James Cozzetto, Jr., MD&R
Jeff Murray, Far West Fibers
Dean Kampfer, AD&R
Lynda Kotta, City of Gresham
Steve Miesen, BFI

Jeanne Roy, Citizen
Dave Kunz, DEQ
Kathy Kiwala, City of Lake Oswego
Ken Spiegle, Clackamas County
Jeff Grimm, GFC
Doug Coenen, Oregon Waste Sys.
Susan Keil, City of Portland

GUESTS:

Larry Esile, Washington County
Bill Pendarvis, MCCI
Diana Godwin, Regional Disposal Co.

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Terry Petersen, SW Planning & Techn. Serv. Mgr.
Marie Nelson, Solid Waste Planning Supervisor
Connie Kinney, Clerk

Sam Chandler, Operations Manager
Bill Metzler, Assistant SW Planner

1. Approval of Minutes

Petersen

Mr. Cozzetto made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 19, 1994 SWAC meeting. Minutes were approved as mailed in packet.

2. Updates

Petersen

The Solid Waste Department has developed a preliminary FY95-96 budget for consideration by the Executive Officer. The Department's proposed budget is basically a "status quo" proposal. The tip fee will depend in part on what action is taken regarding the proposed construction excise tax. Ms. Roy asked whether the proposed budget included funding for continuing the organic waste work. Mr. Petersen said there was.

3. Action Item: Household Hazardous Waste Plan

Nelson

Ms. Nelson presented the draft household hazardous waste (HHW) plan for providing additional services to those parts of the region that are not well served by the two permanent facilities. The draft plan will be presented to the Metro Council in December as an informational item and then incorporated into the updated Regional Solid Waste Management Plan to be adopted in 1995.

Three SWAC members (Ms. Lynne Storz, Ms. Emilie Kroen, and Ms. Lynda Kotta), several representatives of cities in Washington County, and Mr. Larry Esile have worked with Metro staff to prepare the recommendations. Key elements are: (1) to continue the aggressive education program, (2) promote the use of existing two facilities, (3) no additional permanent facilities, (4) provide full service satellite locations, (5) provide flexible community services, (6) pursue some form of product or license fee to fund the disposal costs.

There was discussion on the recommendations, particularly regarding funding, fees charged at permanent facilities, and the number of events that could be staged at current funding levels. Mr. Kampfer suggested that Metro provide educational flyers to haulers that could be distributed to customers. Mr. Chandler agreed to follow up on the suggestion.

Based on the discussion, Ms. Harlan proposed several changes to the draft recommendations: (1) page 7: change "continue or don't continue." to "continue but review on an annual basis." (2) move "advance disposal fee" to page 7, under item D, and (3) page 2, seek to implement advance disposal fee in 1995 and to continue to seek it if we don't get it in 1995, and (4) page 7, B, review more often than annual.

The committee approved the HHW plan as amended by Ms. Harlan's suggestions.

4. Yard Debris Facility Siting and Performance Standards

Metzler

Mr. Metzler reported that a group of local government representatives, yard debris processors, Metro staff, and the DEQ have been meeting to explore options to reduce siting difficulties for facilities that process yard debris. The group has suggested a concept that involves several key actions: (1) local governments would amend zoning ordinances as needed to include clear and objective standards for siting facilities, (2) Metro would license all new and existing facilities that meet performance standards, and (3) local governments would amend collection franchises to require all yard debris collected through curbside programs to be delivered to licensed facilities.

Mr. Kunz said a fundamental concern of DEQ was to separate the two issues of siting and management. Ms. Kiwala stated that she did not agree with a licensing program. Ms. Keil stated she was not in total agreement but would like to further explore the situation. Ms. Storz felt there was a need for more work on cost and management. The SWAC generally agreed that additional details needed to be added to the concept before any recommendations could be made.

5. Regional Solid Waste Management Plan

Petersen

Mr. Petersen reviewed the status of the update of the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan and the activities of the Planning Subcommittee. SWAC discussed several concepts that will guide the development of the plan including: (1) Regional Waste Reduction Priorities; (2) Transfer Stations Service Provision; (3) Other Facilities; (4) Revenue Stability and Equity; and (5) Role of Facilities as Collection Technology Changes.

There was discussion of the concepts, particularly about how plan recommendations that require action by local governments and franchised haulers will be acknowledged and implemented, and what role quantitative benchmarks will play in evaluating performance.

6. SWAC Organization and Function

Petersen

Several suggestions were made regarding SWAC organization including: (1) more true "citizen" representation, and (2) different options for selecting the chair including being elected by the voting members. Mr. Petersen reported that Metro had received several requests for more industry representation. This discussion will be continued at the first meeting in 1995 when the new SWAC chair is appointed by the Metro Council.

7. Meeting Adjourned