

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SUMMARY OF MEETING OF: July 19, 1995

MEMBERS

Jon Kvistad, Chair	Loreen Mills, City of Tigard
Lex Johnson, Oregon Hydrocarbon	Steve Schwab, CCRRA
David White, ORRA	Jeanne Roy, Citizen
Susan Keil, City of Portland	
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Debbie Fromdahl, Sanifill NW	Wendy Frizzell, RCRG
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Bern Shanks	Debbie Gorham
Marie Nelson	Kelly Shafer Hossaini

1. Updates and Introductions

Bern Shanks announced the completion of the Solid Waste Department reorganization. The six departments were consolidated into five, with Terry Petersen as the new Operations Department manager, and Debbie Gorham assuming the management role for the Planning and Technical Services Division. Other changes include the addition of the St. Johns clean-up program to the Engineering Division under Jim Watkins, the addition of the Recycling Information Center to Judith Mandt's Administrative Services division, and added responsibilities for Budget and Finance Manager Roosevelt Carter in Rate Review.

Bern Shanks also reported that the Enforcement Division will spend more time on compliance checking and facility inspections and that Metro will release a press announcement on the subject. He also informed the group that responses have been received on the Request for Proposals for the Disposal and/or Transport of Waste from the Forest Grove Transfer Station and that replies are *in progress*.

2. 1994 Recycling Level Survey - Status Report

Andy Sloop, Metro Solid Waste Planner, presented the highlights of the "1994 Recycling and Recovery Level Survey" results which had been included in the agenda packet. He reported that the recycling rate increased from 38% to 41% between 1993 and 1994, and that the goal for the 1995 calendar year is 40%. The amount of waste generated actually increased between 1993 and 1994, but more of that increase was recycled than disposed. Overall, the amount of material recycled increased by 20% between the two years, with 43% of that rise being due to an increase in paper recycling.

3. Regional Solid Waste Management Plan - Action Item

Marie Nelson, Solid Waste Planning Supervisor, summarized the actions requested of SWAC at this meeting:

- Review RSWMP public involvement efforts and comments received to date, and agree on any revisions the public had recommended to the Plan;
- Vote to forward final RSWMP recommendations to the Metro Executive Officer.

Ms. Nelson summarized public involvement efforts that had taken place to date. She said that the public meetings and city council meetings were a positive experience. All of the city councils visited were interested in certain waste reduction efforts, such as home composting. They felt strongly about the importance of education in waste reduction and were interested in waste prevention opportunities. The cities were also eager to receive credit for the waste prevention they had already accomplished. Local governments were concerned about the high cost of services. East Multnomah County cities also questioned the "no new transfer stations" recommendation, given a longer hauling distance from East Multnomah County to Metro facilities.

Attendance at public meetings was low with a total of 48 citizens at five meetings. There was a lot of concern at the meetings about high garbage rates, but there was strong support for waste reduction and prevention.

A telephone survey of 1,002 Metro area citizens was also conducted as part of the public involvement efforts. (The results of this survey were presented at the June 21, 1995 SWAC meeting, along with a written report included in that meeting's agenda packet.)

Ms. Nelson then distributed a matrix that summarized the comments received through July 9, 1995, as a result of the public involvement efforts. Because of this review, the Committee unanimously agreed to make changes to the Plan as noted on the following matrix:

	Comments Received	Suggested Revision to Preliminary Draft
I	Residential Waste Reduction	
	Waste Prevention:	
	Explore ways to decrease overpackaging.	Pages 7-5 & 7-6, add language to Practice 1, Roles and Responsibilities: Education efforts will stress decreasing overpackaging. Metro will also support existing or expanded state packaging legislation.

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I	Residential Waste Reduction, continued	
	Residential Food Wastes:	
	Using sewage system as a disposal method is inefficient - need alternatives.	Page 7-9, add language to Practice 5, Key Elements: It is the regional policy to encourage home composting and processing of organics (excluding meat), rather than use of garbage disposals and sewer systems for disposal of food. (Language from 3/15/95 SWAC Planning Subcommittee)
II	Business Waste Reduction	
	Waste Prevention:	
	Explore ways to decrease overpackaging.	Pages 7-10 & 7-11, add language to Practice 1, Roles and Responsibilities: Education efforts will stress decreasing overpackaging. Metro will also support existing or expanded state packaging legislation.
	Source-Separated Recycling:	
	Address event waste recycling.	Page 7-10, Practice 1, Include in Business Waste Reduction Practices as part of the targeted generator strategies.
III	Building Industries Waste Reduction	
	Technical and Educational Programs:	
	Integrate education efforts with strong markets for recyclables.	Pages 7-15 & 7-16, add language to Practice 3, Key Concept and Approach of the Recommended Practice: Education efforts will be integrated with efforts to encourage strong markets for recyclables.
	Explore ways to decrease overpackaging.	Page 7-14, add language to Practice 1, Roles and Responsibilities: Education efforts will stress decreasing overpackaging. Metro will also support existing or expanded state packaging legislation.
IV	Background Section - *Note - These comments were submitted after 7/9/95, and are not included in the 7/10/95 Meeting Comments and Summary.	
	Table 2.6 on page 2-6 does not include Northern Wasco County Landfill.	Page 2-6, add Northern Wasco County Landfill to Table 2.6.

	Comments Received	Suggested Revision to Preliminary Draft
IV	Background Section , continued	
	Page 4-2, first paragraph and first sentence under "Service Provision - Transfer Stations", clarify that 90% of acceptable waste is transferred to Columbia Ridge Landfill and presently 10% to another Subtitle D disposal facility, as this accurately reflects existing contractual obligations and current conditions.	Page 4-2, change "Service Provision Transfer Stations", first paragraph, to read: Three transfer stations (Metro Central, and Metro South, and Forest Grove) <u>transfer stations</u> currently receive <u>most of the region's waste from regional haulers</u> and transfer it to the Columbia Ridge Landfill. <u>A third transfer station in Forest Grove receives approximately 10% of the region's waste from haulers which is transferred to another general purpose disposal facility.</u> While these facilities are logistically sited for most haulers in the region, certain outlying areas of the region are less well served. Metro's past policy has been to support uniform levels of transfer station service throughout the region.
VIII	Other Suggested Revisions	
	Page 2-7, reference to Map 2.2, Northwest Solid Waste Facilities	Delete reference; map will not be included in document.
	Page 8-2, change last bullet under "Design and Implementation Principles".	Page 8-2, last bullet under "Design and Implementation Principles", change to read: <u>Waste and Subject to Metro Charges.</u> The following categories determine whether <u>materials that are delivered for disposal at solid waste facilities within the Metro boundary</u> disposed materials may be subject to Metro charges: 1) waste that is generated within the Metro boundary and delivered to appropriate disposal facilities; <u>and</u> 2) waste, regardless of location of origin, that is disposed within the Metro boundary. This policy applies to all waste including residuals from solid waste processing facilities.
	Modify zoning requirements to include space for recycling areas in new construction. (SWAC recommendation, proposed by Steve Schwab and endorsed by all members present.)	Page 7-11, add language to Alternative Practices: Modify zoning requirements to include space for recycling areas in new construction. Page 7-11 & 7-12, add language to Roles and Responsibilities: Metro will provide technical assistance to local governments on incorporating recycling space requirements into building and zoning codes.

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VIII	Other Suggested Revisions, continued	
	In Chapter 7, "Additional Key Elements" should be incorporated into the "Key Elements of the Recommended Practice". (Staff recommendation.)	In Chapter 7, all "Additional Key Elements" will be incorporated into the "Key Elements of the Recommended Practice" in the final draft of the RSWMP.

Due to a lack of quorum, a formal vote of approval could not be taken. As a result, the seven voting members present took an advisory vote and unanimously approved the changes as submitted and approved the release of a Final Draft RSWMP to the Executive Officer and public. Staff was then instructed by the Committee to fax the changes to absent voting members and solicit an electronic vote. This was done on July 20 and 21, 1995. Six replies to the fax were received with all voting to accept and none voting to reject. Votes were solicited from regular members; however, when these members were either on vacation or unavailable, we solicited a vote from their alternate.

The results of the electronic vote were as follows:

Name	Accept	Reject	Comments
Tom Miller	X		"With the exception of residential food waste discussion. Still have reservations about potential health problems." (Revision to 'Residential Food Wastes')
Bruce Broussard	X		
Lynda Kotta	X		
Lynne Storz	X		
James Cozzetto, Jr.	X		
Ken Spiegle	X		

4. Other Business/Citizen Communications

None.

5. Adjourn

There being no further business, Chair Kvistad adjourned the meeting. The next SWAC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 20, 8:30 a.m.

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