

**SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SUMMARY MEETING OF: September 20, 1995**

MEMBERS

Dick Johnson, City of Portland
Gary Penning, Waste Management
Debbie Noah, E. Mult. Cities
Ken Spiegle, Clackamas County
Jeff Grimm, Grimms Fuel
Tom Miller, Washington County Haulers
David White, ORRA
Jeanne Roy, Citizen
Lynne Storz, Washington Co.

Jim Cozzetto, Jr., MDC&R
Jeff Murray, Far West Fiber
Doug Coenen, Waste Management
Sue Keil, City of Portland
Gary Hansen, Multnomah Co.
Ralph Gilbert, East County Recycling
Bruce Broussard, Citizen
Merle Irvine, Willamette Resources

GUESTS

Diana Godwin, Regional Disposal Co.
Trey Debry III, The Scotts Co.
Bert Folger, The Scotts Co.
Wendy Frizzell, RCRG
Michael Sievers, Pacific/West Communications

METRO

Jon Kvistad, Chair
Bern Shanks
Debbie Gorham
Marie Nelson
Todd Sadlo
Jennifer Ness
Bill Metzler
Scott Klag
Tim Raphael
Kelly Hossaini

1. Updates and Introductions

Bern Shanks announced that the Metro Recycling Information Center received national recognition from the National Recycling Coalition for its recycling education programs.

2. Organics Demonstration Project Update - Commercial Food Waste Recovery

Jim Goddard, supervisor of the Recycling System Development Section and group leader of the Organics Demonstration Project, announced that the Project has been reorganized and some changes will be made to previous plans. The new Project staff consists of himself, Bill Metzler, Paul Ehinger, and Jennifer Ness. He reported that the team envisions a cooperative approach to the Project, where commercial generators, one or more haulers, and a processor would work together to collect pre-consumer food waste (such as produce trimmings) and non-recyclable paper for

composting. Jim stressed the importance of such an operation being self-sustaining and economically viable.

Jim then reported that the new request for proposals would be a unique, two-stage process. The first stage will be a qualification phase to ensure that proposers (haulers and processors) meet basic criteria for the project. The second stage would require more detailed proposals by firms that present acceptable proposals in the first stage. Pre-qualified processors and haulers are expected to group themselves into teams for the second stage of the proposal and present strategies.

Bruce Broussard thought that concentrating efforts on the areas with the most organic waste was important. Jim replied that the areas with a lot of the desired material may not be close enough to a processor to make it economically viable to haul it. It will be up to the processor/hauler team to decide the particulars.

Tom Miller mentioned that he was glad to see that Metro is handing the details of this project over to the private sector and asking them to find a solution for the problem.

Sue Keil was concerned that whatever system was put in place should have the capacity to accommodate the amount of organic waste in the region.

As a policy question, Tom Miller was interested in whether Metro will accept an increase to the total solid waste system cost if an organics processing facility ends up costing more on a per-ton basis than what currently exists. Jon Kvistad replied that we need to make sure it is even viable before we can address the potential costs to the system. A policy will have to be explored. Ralph Gilbert then told the group that he had been examining some of the potential organics processing numbers for his own purposes and believes that the facility could actually decrease system costs.

3. Yard Debris Processing and Yard Debris Reload Facility Licensing Program - Action Item

Bill Metzler, Metro Solid Waste Planner, reminded the meeting attendees that a proposal for a Yard Debris Processing and Yard Debris Reload Facility Licensing Program had been presented at the June 21 SWAC meeting, but had been tabled by the Committee until some questions could be answered. Bill informed the group that their questions have since been addressed in a revised document, included in the agenda packet. Bill then directed the group to the section of the revised document where particular concerns had been listed and answered, and reviewed that information with the group.

Sue Keil expressed concern about what agency would have authority over regulating odor problems and would set the standards for control. Bill replied that there would be a high degree of coordination between the DEQ, the local authority, the processor, and Metro to address any odor problems. The objective will be to work with the processor to find the operational problem that is creating the nuisance. Gary Hansen then stated that odor problems are often associated with

bad housekeeping and that reviewing a processor's procedures would help. David White said that Metro's authority over odor control would come from the licensing agreement wherein the processors agree to control odor.

Doug Coenen raised a concern about Section 18 (c) of the proposed yard debris licensing program. He wondered what it meant and why it had been included in the standards. Todd Sadlo responded that the purpose of that section was simply to ensure that like people were treated equally at the facility. Doug then asked why it was necessary to notify Metro of rates and changes to them. He added that this could pose some difficulty as rates can change rapidly, and the processors would ostensibly bear some kind of penalty if they didn't notify Metro within the specified ten days.

After more discussion on Section 18 (c), it was agreed that the section would be changed as follows:

- (c) The Licensee shall adhere to the following conditions with regard to disposal rates charged at the Facility:
 - 1) Licensee may modify rates to be charged on a continuing basis as market demands may dictate. ~~Metro shall be notified no later than ten (10) days after any rate changes.~~ Rate schedules should be provided to Metro on a regular basis, and shall be provided to Metro on request. _
 - 2) ~~All #~~ Rates charged at the facility shall be posted on a sign near where fees are collected. ~~All customers within a given disposal class shall receive equal, consistent, and nondiscriminatory treatment in the collection of fees.~~ Rates and disposal classifications established by the licensee shall be reasonable and nondiscriminatory.

Tom Miller asked if processors would continue to have as much input in changes to the licensing system as they have had in its creation. Bill Metzler assured him that that was the intent.

Ralph Gilbert moved for the recommendation of the licensing program with the language change in Section 18 (c). A formal vote was taken and voting members present unanimously approved the recommendation.

4. Regional Solid Waste Management Plan - Update

Marie Nelson, supervisor of the Regional Solid Waste Planning section, gave the group an update on the status of the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan (RSWMP). She said that after staff review, some editing changes had been made to the final draft. After comments have been received from the Metro Executive Officer, the document will be republished with all of the changes that have occurred since the preliminary draft. The schedule for Metro Council hearings on the document will also be published at that time. These tasks should be completed by late fall.

5. Other Business/Citizen Communications

Bern Shanks reminded the Committee that there have recently been changes in what had formerly been the Metro Solid Waste Department. The name has been changed to Regional Environmental Management, and the former six divisions consolidated into five. Terry Petersen is now the manager of the Environmental Services division (formerly the Operations division), and Debbie Gorham is now manager of the Waste Reduction and Planning Services division.

Bern also informed the group that the problem of contaminated loads coming from the Oregon Health Sciences University has been addressed, and that there is currently increased routine checking of loads received from medical facilities.

Jon Kvistad informed the group that the Council Solid Waste Committee had been renamed as the Regional Environmental Management Committee (REMCOM).

6. Adjourn

KH:clk
s:\sharelp&ts\swac\0920.sum