

SOLID WASTE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Minutes

January 27, 1989

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Rich Carson. The following were present:

Members and Alternates

Sebastian Degens, Port of Portland
Delyn Kies, City of Portland
John Drew, Far West Fibers
Dick Howard, Multnomah County
Kevin Martin, Washington County
Bob Kuhlken, (for Lorna Stickel) Multnomah County
Merle Irvine, Wastech, Inc.
Tom Miller, Washington County Haulers
Dave Phillips, Clackamas County
Lynda Kotta, City of Gresham
Bill Martin, Washington County
Mark Williams, Citizen
Joe Gingerich, (for Steve Greenwood) DEQ

The following members were not present:

Steve Greenwood, DEQ
Lorna Stickel, Multnomah County
Jim Claypool, City of Portland
Ed Druback, City of West Linn
Dominic Mancini, Clackamas County
Bruce Warner, Washington County
Jim Rapp, City of Sherwood
Michael Borg, Clackamas County
Dick Cereghino, Multnomah County
John Trout, Teamsters Local 281
Gary LaHaie, Citizen
Ed Gronke, Citizen
Jeanne Roy, Citizen
Joseph Glicker, City of Portland

Metro Staff

Rich Carson
Pat Vernon
Robert Newman
Leigh Zimmerman
Beverly Nason
Jim Watkins

Guests

Michael Sievers, Oregon Waste Systems
Paul Cosgrove, Lindsay, Hart, Neil and Weigler
Bill Webber, Valley Landfills

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The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Rich Carson, Metro's Planning and Development Director. He informed the group that he and Bob Martin, Solid Waste Director, would co-chair the Technical Committee meetings.

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the August 26, 1988 meeting. Carried unanimously.

Jim Watkins briefed the committee on the recent proposal by Jack Gray Transport to truck garbage to the Arlington landfill. The company will operate out of Arlington, pick-up garbage in Portland and then return to Arlington. It is estimated that this will require two trips per day. Jim stated that during the first year of the contract approximately 1,000 tons a day will be hauled. Later this amount will increase to 2,000 tons.

He continued by reviewing the Metro East transfer station procurement process. He stated that an RFP has been issued for a consultant to conduct a site feasibility study for a publicly-owned transfer station. The selected consultant will also prepare a cost analysis and conceptual design, and analyze the best ownership option for the citizens of the region.

Jim stated that the bid document for privately owned transfer stations will be reviewed by staff, the Evaluation Committee and the Metro Council. Metro hopes to have a decision in July as to whether the transfer station will be publicly or privately owned, and expects to award the contract in November.

Leigh Zimmerman reviewed the Solid Waste Management Plan with the committee. She explained that it was adopted as a functional plan by the Metro Council on October 27, 1988.

The plan includes a Goal Statement, Objectives and a comprehensive set of 55 policies, developed over a five month period by the Policy Committee and the Metro Council. It is divided into four major sections: Waste Management, Solid Waste System, Implementation, and Planning Process.

She pointed out that the plan consolidates a number of existing documents and Metro resolutions and ordinances. It includes: 1) relevant material from the Metro East Transfer and Recycling Center White Paper, 2) key concepts from the Transport RFB; 3) relevant material from the General Purpose Landfill Chapter and Metro's Hazardous Waste Plan, 4) a Public Involvement and Education Chapter; and 5) the 1986 Waste Reduction Program by reference.

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Leigh indicated that a great deal of the plan still needs to be developed with the assistance of the Technical and Policy Committees. As new chapters are approved, the SWMP will be amended and updated.

Rich Carson explained that the current Waste Reduction Subcommittee was appointed prior to the formation of the regional planning committees. It therefore includes members who are not on the Technical Committee. He stated that in order to make the Waste Reduction Subcommittee membership consistent with the other subcommittees and to increase local government representation, Metro will establish a new committee. Those interested in serving should sign up at this meeting or contact Leigh Zimmerman of Metro's planning staff. Per the Technical Committee bylaws, the Executive Officer will make the final appointments.

Pat Vernon spoke to the committee about implementation of the 1986 Waste Reduction Plan and the extensive work that has been done regarding negotiations with DEQ/EQC on the Stipulated Order. Specifically, the Order recognizes the need for regional consensus in reviewing alternatives to the certification and rate incentives programs. The Order requires Metro, DEQ and local governments to develop performance standards, recycling goals and reporting procedures to measure the effectiveness of recycling programs. Rich Carson pointed out that in addition to the Stipulated Order, staff work continues on incorporation of the waste reduction program into the Solid Waste Management Plan.

Robert Newman presented the Low Grade Waste Work Program to the committee. He explained that low-grade waste represents approximately 20% of the waste stream and includes such things as asbestos, sewage sludges, contaminated soils and demolition debris. Management of low-grade waste is becoming increasingly critical as the region's limited purpose landfills reach capacity and as we prepare to transfer waste to Arlington. He stated that some low grade waste is not suitable for long-haul transport because of its consistency. Wastes hauled should be non-hazardous, and should not contain asbestos, sewage, and contaminated soil.

He stated that staff had discussed the project with several engineering firms to gather information on how to proceed with an RFP for an inventory of low-grade waste. It is expected that Metro will release the RFP in late February.

John Drew pointed out that DEQ is also developing policies and definitions relating to special wastes. He requested that Metro and DEQ work together to be sure low-grade waste definitions are consistent. Robert Newman responded that he had been in touch with DEQ and that he recognized the importance of this issue.

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Merle Irvine asked whether other types of waste which may not be suitable for long-haul transport, such as medical waste, will be defined. Robert said that Metro would deal with medical waste separately, and that it had been included with hazardous waste in the plan policies.

Rich Carson discussed the Yard Debris Program with the committee. He stated that the draft EQC/DEQ Stipulated Order provides for a regional yard debris program to be developed by Metro which shall include implementation tools. The regional yard debris plan is allowed in the Stipulated Order as a substitute for enacting a certification program for yard debris. This provision does not preclude Metro from using the certification program as a tool to implement the regional yard debris plan.

Rich Carson also discussed Model Zoning Codes from Policy 16.2, which states that each city and county shall provide appropriate zoning to allow planned solid waste facilities or enter into intergovernmental agreements with others to assure such zoning. A consulting firm will be hired to develop the Model Code. Rich pointed out that this is an important program and Metro needs to provide very specific information to local governments.

Tom Miller pointed out that a conditional use process makes it difficult or impossible to site a solid waste facility. He questioned whether model zoning codes would really make a difference. Rich Carson indicated that the policy requires clear and objective standards for conditional uses. However, so far the policy has not been tested. Providing model zoning codes for local governments should facilitate the siting process.

The next meeting will be held on Friday, March 31, 1989 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.