

## **SOLID WASTE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE<sup>1)</sup>**

October 26, 1990

### **The following members and alternates were present**

John Drew, Far West Fibers  
Ed Druback, City of West Linn  
Steve Farnsworth, Multnomah County  
Ed Gronke, Citizen  
Estle Harlan, OSSI  
Merle Irvine, Wastech, Inc.  
Delyn Kies, Washington County  
Dave Phillips, Clackamas County  
Jim Rapp, City of Sherwood

### **The following members were not present**

Michael Borg, Clackamas County Refuse Haulers Association  
Dick Cereghino, Multnomah County Refuse Haulers Association  
Jim Claypool, City of Portland  
Renee Dowlin, Port of Portland  
Joanne Garnett, Multnomah County  
Joseph Glicker, Portland Water Bureau  
Lynda Kotta, City of Gresham  
Gary LaHaie, Citizen  
Tyler Marshall, Citizen  
Kevin Martin, Washington County  
Tom Miller, Washington County Refuse Haulers Association  
Darcie Nickerson, Clackamas County  
John Trout, Teamsters  
Bob Wiggin, Citizen  
Mark Williams, Citizen

### **Metro Staff**

Becky Crockett, Planning  
Sandy Gurkewitz, Planning  
Ron Nagy, Planning  
Gerry Uba, Planning

### **Guests**

Roger Buchanan, Metro Council  
Larry Eisele, Washington County  
Charlie Gray, Hillsboro Landfill, Inc.  
Judy Johndohl, Department of Environmental Quality  
Duane Sorensen, Waste Control Systems, Inc.

**SUMMARY OF THE MEETING**  
**Solid Waste Technical Committee**  
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**Protocols**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00.

**Updates**

Becky Crockett gave updates of Solid Waste Planning activities including the model zoning ordinance, the special waste plan and various legislative proposals.

Ms. Crockett said that the model ordinance for siting solid waste facilities has received extensive review by staff. Metro Council's Presiding Officer has indicated to staff that it is important to expedite the aprocess of completing the model ordinance. The Policy Committee reviewed the draft document and suggested that provisions for including solid waste and recycling facilities for multi-family residences and commercial/industrial properties may be included in the model ordinance.

The Special Waste Plan has undergone review by the Policy Committee, which recommended that existing private-sector processors be considered when Metro addresses facility procurement. That issue will be resolved by the Council Solid Waste Committee when the document comes before them on November 20, 1990. At that time, staff will present options for procurement in the staff report. DEQ comments on the Special Waste Plan were concerned with timing of the St. Johns Landfill and assurance that there was adequate capacity for special wastes when the landfill closed in January 1991.

Legislative proposals under consideration included an ordinance concerning illegal dumping, developed with the assistance of the Illegal Dumping Subcommittee. Metro is also involved in developing an approach to household hazardous waste issues by working with state representative Dick Springer, who is also developing legislative proposals addressing solid waste and recycling. Further discussion on legislative proposals are slated for the next meeting of the Technical Committee, with a possible joint Policy/Technical Committee panel discussion.

**Household Hazardous Waste: status report**

Sandy Gurkewitz and Hazardous Waste Subcommittee Chair, Larry Eisele delivered a report on the status of the household hazardous waste plan. Mr. Eisele said the subcommittee had been originally charged with developing and implementing a plan as well as addressing the question of conditionally-exempt generators (CEGs).

Ms. Gurkewitz discussed RCRA definitions. She said that CEGs are defined as generators of



hazardous waste that produce less than 100 kilograms per month and discussed how they may affect disposal operations. Dave Phillips asserted that many CEGs are taking the initiative to get permits in order to remove themselves from liability.

Ms. Gurkewitz and Mr. Eisele gave a slide presentation that outlined the subcommittee's planning process and closed their presentation. No action was requested of the committee.

#### **Yard Debris Plan: status report**

Gerry Uba described the current draft of the Yard Debris Plan and outlined the scope of DEQ's comments on the document. He said that DEQ was asking for more specificity in defining when curbside collection would begin. Estle Harlan commented on the need to consider availability of material, and suggested that language should be altered to show a correlation between amounts generated and timing for implementation of curbside collection. Ms. Harlan also suggested that Metro should supply consistent and accurate information on generation of yard debris to local governments charged with implementing the Plan.

Mr. Uba discussed intergovernmental agreements (IGA) with local governments for the purpose of acknowledging the Plan. He said that plans already developed and approved by DEQ will not require IGAs but asserted that the regional plan requirements will supersede those found in other local plans. He said that Washington County's plan was conditionally approved by DEQ contingent upon long-term compliance with the regional plan.

Mr. Uba discussed the issue of user pay for service and said that it was defined in the plan. He said that local governments should be flexible so that recycling yard debris is not discouraged. Ms. Harlan asked that the language be re-worded in the positive, stating that local governments should set up cost of service structures that would *encourage* recycling. Mr. Uba closed his presentation saying that Metro will fund source reduction programs.

The Technical Committee was asked to approve the plan with changes. It was moved and seconded with unanimous approval.

#### **Washington County System Plan: update and discussion**

Becky Crockett updated the committee on the Washington County System Plan. She described the joint Washington County Steering Committee / Metro Council workshop held on October 20, 1990. She said that Metro Council members were not yet ready to make decisions based on the available information. Of the 11 issues concerning the Washington County system that were discussed, facility ownership was among those yet to be resolved. Ms. Crockett said that the next step was completion of technical analysis by November 30.

The next meeting of the Technical Committee was tentatively scheduled for November 30, 1990. The meeting was adjourned at 11:20.