



METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT
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A G E N D A Solid Waste Policy Alternatives Committee

Date: October 12, 1981
Day: Monday
Time: 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Place: Metro Offices, Conference Rooms, A1 & A2

- I. Approval of September 12, 1981 meeting minutes
- II. For Information--
 --Rossmans Landfill Negotiations - Status Report
- III. For Discussion--
 --Definition of Convenience Charge

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SEPTEMBER 14, 1981

SOLID WASTE POLICY ALTERNATIVES
COMMITTEE

ATTENDENCE

Members

Bill Culham
Shirley Coffin
Howard Grabhorn
Mike Sandberg
Michael Sievers
Jim Cozzetto
John Trout

Excused

Dave Phillips

Staff

Merle Irvine
Doug Drennen
Dennis O'Neil
Mark Whitson
Gus Rivera
Patti Polly

Guests

Bob Brown, DEQ

Bill Culham called the meeting to order at 12:30 and announced that he would not be at the next three meetings. John Trout will take over as Vice-Chairman.

MINUTES TO THE MEETING OF AUGUST 31, 1981

The minutes were accepted as written.

RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS

Dennis gave a status report on Rossmans Landfill. Metro and the Department of Transportation are jointly appraising the Rossmans Landfill. This will not be completed until December, 1981. Doug Drennen summarized the rate analyses completed to date. Doug then went over a handout with the committee. (see attachment). He discussed how the solid waste flow pattern might change with rate changes at various landfills. Increased rates at Rossmans and Newberg would cause decreased flows of waste to these landfills and increased flows to St. Johns and Woodburn. The committee questioned the data used showing diversion to St. Johns and Woodburn, but not to Newberg. The committee asked what amounts from Washington County which are currently going to Rossmans would be going to Newberg or Woodburn. Merle Irvine pointed out that the figures for Woodburn show a substantial increase after the closing of Rossmans as compared to before it will close. The rate change dates were also discussed for St. Johns and Newberg.

Mike Sandberg announced that the Hillsboro Landfill will be able to remain open until October, 1982. He also informed the committee that an increase in rates will take place, but not until the plans have been filed.

John Trout asked if Doug Drennen's handout showed all loans and repayments. Doug Drennen informed the committee that the handout showed only the loans involving the Clackamas Transfer Station in the user fee portion of the handout.

Mike Sandberg asked what the "transfer cost" was on the second page of the handout. Doug Drennen explained that this was the cost to move the refuse per day to St. Johns.

Jim Cozzetto asked how many acres were involved in the possible sale of Rossmans. Merle Irvine explained that the site of the Clackamas Center was purchased in 1977 and is not part of the current proposal for purchase of the Rossmans Landfill. He also informed the committee that there are about 100 acres of land involved. It was then asked why the three million dollar price was so high. Merle Irvine explained that this was a working figure and was not the actual fair market value. He explained that the Department of Transportation and Metro will be appraising the value of the land using the following criteria.

- the value of industrial land in the Oregon City area
- less the costs associated with this particular landfill and developing the property for some other use

Merle Irvine then went over the series of events which led to the proposal to purchase Rossmans.

Merle pointed out that the permit from Oregon City, limits the daily tonnage that the Clackamas Center can handle. He expects that the center will be able to handle effectively only solid waste from Clackamas County.

The committee then moved on to defining "Convenience Charge".

After contributions from both staff and committee, the following definition of "convenience charge" was formed.

"Convenience Charge for use of the Clackamas Center or other transfer station is a fee assessed to all who dump solid waste at the site. The purpose of the charge is to pay for the following benefits or conveniences:

1. Reduced fuel costs and collection vehicle sizes compared to those necessary to transport refuse to more distant sites.
2. Reduced turn around time (reduced transport time and distances for users).
3. Easy access to disposal area and reduced wear and tear on vehicles."

Bill Culham then asked both the committee and staff to review the definition and description and see what could be changed or improved.

Staff then informed the committee of the following items:

Doug Drennen announced other business which the committee might be interested in:

Killingsworth Fast Disposal (Nash Pit) has formally requested to be allowed to accept solid waste from the public.

A charter amendment has been filed in Oregon City to place before the voters an amendment calling for a vote of the people on all Resource Recovery Facilities.

The Disposal Franchise Ordinance passed Council, and a rate review committee will be chosen. The Council sets rates for franchises, and the Executive Officer can set interim rates.

There being no further business to discuss, the committee adjourned.

Proposed Definition

CONVENIENCE CHARGE

Convenience charge for use of the Clackamas Transfer and Recycling Center (CTRC) or other transfer station is a fee charged to all users of the facility. This fee is based on the following criteria for benefits provided by the Clackamas Center or other transfer station compared to direct haul to a more distant disposal site:

1. Reduced fuel consumption based on haul distances to sites such as St. Johns, Woodburn, or Newberg compared to CTRC.
2. Reduced vehicle maintenance cost based on average cost savings attained in other cities.
3. Reduced depreciation based on an extended life of vehicles.
4. Reduced labor cost compared to that required for additional haul and turnaround time involved in direct haul to a disposal facility.

Options

1. Apply convenience charge based on a general service area. This will result in one charge for all within the service area.
2. Apply convenience charge based on distance from the facility (zones). Charges will vary with haul distances from the facility (example: Tri-Met).

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SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ATTENDANCE AND VOTE RECORD

Meeting Date _____

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