



**WHATCOM COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY
COMMITTEE (SWAC) MEETING**

Thursday, April 28, 2022 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Civic Center, Downstairs Garden Room
322 North Commercial Street, Bellingham WA

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Meeting Topics		Outcomes	
1.	Call to Order	5:30	Action
2.	Roll Call, Determination of Quorum, Approval of Minutes, Approval of Agenda	5:30 - 5:40	Action
3.	Public Comment Period	5:40 – 5:50	Action
4.	Public Health Advisory Board Expansion	5:50 – 6:05	Information
5.	2023-2024 Preliminary Solid Waste Budget	6:05 – 6:20	Information
6.	CSHWMP Update	6:20 – 6:30	Information
7.	HB 1799, Organics Management Law Update	6:30 – 6:50	Information
8.	Open Session, Announcements	6:50 – 7:00	Information
9.	Adjournment	7:00	Action



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AGENDA ITEM 2: *Roll Call, Determination of Quorum, Approval of Minutes, Election of New Officers*

PRESENTER: *Rodd Pemble, Chair*

BOARD ACTION: Action Item Discussion Information

COMMITTEE ROLE / ACTION REQUESTED

Review and approve draft meeting minutes.

ATTACHMENT(S)

- Draft April 28, 2022 SWAC Meeting Minutes

WHATCOM COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY (SWAC) COMMITTEE MINUTES
April 28, 2022

Members Present:

Lisa Friend, Carol Frazey, Rodd Pemble, Brandi Hutton, Michael Olinger, Larry McCarter, Mike McQuarrie, Ken Domorod, Mike McQuarrie, and Kevin Moore

Members Absent:

Kevin Renz

Staff Present:

Jennifer Hayden, Bill Angel, Sue Sullivan and Jacque Hindman

Others Present: Pinky Vargas – Republic Services, Jenna Deane- Sustainable Connections, Brandon Brubaker- COB, Carolyn Bowie- DOE, Olivia Carros – DOE, Chris Elder – WC Public Works, Elodie- Sustainable Connections, Eric Johnston – COB, Priscilla Brotherton – RE Sources, and Rose Lathrop – Sustainable Connections.

Call to Order:

The meeting of the Whatcom County SWAC was called to order on Thursday, April 28, 2022 at 5:35p.m. in a Zoom Meeting via the web by chair, Rodd Pemble.

Roll Call, Determination of Quorum, Approval of Minutes

Roll call was taken first., Determination of Quorum, and minutes were approved. The agenda was approved.

Public Comment Period

No public comment

Meeting Topics:

Climate Impact Advisory Committee Update

Chris Elder presenter- Adaption of the Climate Action Plan. Committee was founded in 2017 but wasn't actually started until 2018. Report can be found on county web page. [CAP-Final-20211212](#) (whatcomcounty.us) Climate Impact Advisor Committee received 50 thousand dollars to use towards Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory. Whatcom County is different compared to other counties due to BP etc. Divided into two main programs Built, Mitigation Environment and Natural Environment and how they interplay. Lisa Friend would like to have a future discussion regarding this presentation and how SWAC may be able to help.

Sustainable Connections Update

Jenna Deane and Brandi Hutton presenting. Sustainable Connections Commercial Waste Reduction & Recycling Program and Food Recovery Report, 1st Quarter 2022. The Single Use Plastic Band Ordinance is coming into effect this summer. Organics recycling for the Food Recovery program. The program is grant funded to reduce waste. Food that is left over at the end of the evening is called Surplus Food. This has 3 main components, Restaurant Donors, Volunteers, and Recipient Agencies. Training is provided as well as disposable containers for the food. All the food is weighed and categorized. The program has served 19 agencies to distribute food.

RE Sources Update

Priscilla Brotherton presenter – Education is their focus and lifelong learning to take action with making a difference.

East County Waste Management Survey Update

Jennifer Hayden presenter- East Whatcom County has more complaints come from this area and the HD is working on determining why that is the case. WCHD is doing a survey and they wanted to hear from the people with the garbage issues and what would help them manage their garbage so that it is up to code. They said having a garbage pick up and funding to help them would be beneficial. WCHD is trying to think creatively with lower income to help them. Lisa suggested looking into the USDA because they have solid waste funds to help or they have had in the past. Hoping for 20 response from survey. There are approximately 30 some complaints of being in violation.

Other Business, Open Session, Announcements:

Lisa Friend mentioned again the Washington State Recycling will be held at Semiahmoo coming up in May. Jennifer Hayden mentioned the Waste Wise Tool on our county website is now available. Kevin Moore mentioned shredded paper recycling and to edit it correctly. Larry McCarter nominated Rodd Pemble as Chair of SWAC and was seconded by Lisa Friend. Mike Olinger nominated Larry McCarter as Vice Chair and was also voted in. The SWAC Chair is Rodd Pemble and the Vice Chair is Larry McCarter.

Adjournment:

Rodd Pemble adjourned the meeting at 7:05pm. All agreed.

CERTIFICATION

Attest: _____
Jacque Hindman, Clerk III
Whatcom County Health Department

Rodd Pemble, Chair
Whatcom County Solid Waste
Advisory Committee

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AGENDA ITEM 4: *Public Health Advisory Board Expansion*

PRESENTER: *Steve Bennett, Leah Wainman – Public Health Advisory Board Members*

BOARD ACTION: Action Item Discussion Information

SIGNIFICANT POINTS OR EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Public Health Advisory Board is interested in exploring the idea of expanding membership to representatives from other Health Department and related boards and commissions as a forum for coordination, alignment, and developing shared priorities. The aim in this expansion is to have regular opportunities for more conversation.

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AGENDA ITEM 5: *2023-2024 Preliminary Solid Waste Budget – to be presented to SWEC*

PRESENTER: *Jennifer Hayden – Whatcom County Health Department*

BOARD ACTION: Action Item Discussion Information

SIGNIFICANT POINTS OR EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As per interlocal agreement, SWEC (Mayors and County Executive) jointly provide preliminary approval of the biennial solid waste budget. SWEC will be presented with the preliminary Solid Waste budget in August for approval, before the budget is presented to County Council for approval. The draft budget will be presented to SWAC for review.

COMMITTEE ROLE/ACTION REQUESTED

Review and comment.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Draft 2023-2024 Solid Waste Budget

2023 Proposed Budget											
	<u>140100</u>	<u>140101</u>	<u>140201</u>	<u>140202</u>	<u>140203</u>	<u>140204</u>	<u>140205</u>	<u>140304</u>	<u>140309</u>	<u>657200</u>	
Solid Waste Programs	SW Operations	Pt Roberts Garbage Collection	Post Landfill Closure	Dot-DOE	Waste Reduction & Recycling	DOT Disposal of Toxics Non-grant	Litter Control Non-Grant	LFSWA Enforcement	DOE Litter Control	Pollution Prevention Assistance	Totals
Revenue	1,790,000	400,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,190,000
Intergovernmental Revenue	-	-	-	275,352	-	-	-	118,000	35,250	150,000	578,602
Miscellaneous Revenue	9,176	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,768,602
Total Revenue	1,799,176	400,000	-	275,352	-	-	-	118,000	35,250	150,000	5,537,204
Direct Billing Rate	364,743	-	-	-	-	-	-	63,608	-	104,309	532,660
Total Personnel	364,743	-	-	-	-	-	-	63,608	-	104,309	532,660
Office & Op Supplies	500	-	-	-	-	2,000	-	300	-	-	2,800
Printing	1,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	200	1,200
Fuel-Interfund	1,800	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	500	2,300
Tools & Equip	20,000	-	-	-	-	500	-	-	-	100	20,600
Contractual Services	2,000	475,000	-	80,000	160,000	280,000	25,000	-	-	-	1,022,000
Software Maintenance	2,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,000
Professional Contracts	-	-	75,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	75,000
Other Services	50,000	-	14,900	2,500	2,500	-	3,000	-	29,250	-	102,150
Postage	500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	500
Telephone	2,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,500
Travel-Educ/Training	3,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	500	4,000
Travel-Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100	100
Advertising	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,000
Equip Rental-ER&R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,740	1,740
Utilities	15,000	-	8,500	-	-	8,000	-	-	-	-	31,500
Repairs & Maintenance	2,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	500	3,000
Registration/Tuition	9,450	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,790	12,240
Food for Meetings	500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	500
Interfund Transfers	121,250	475,000	98,400	82,500	162,500	290,500	28,000	300	29,250	6,430	1,294,130
Total Non Personnel	242,500	950,000	196,800	165,000	325,000	581,000	56,000	600	58,500	12,860	2,588,260
Total expenses	607,243	950,000	196,800	165,000	325,000	581,000	56,000	64,208	58,500	117,169	3,120,920
Indirect @25.22%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net	1,191,933	(550,000)	(196,800)	110,352	(325,000)	(581,000)	(56,000)	53,792	(23,250)	32,831	2,416,284

2024 Proposed Budget											
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Printing	1,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	200	1,200
Fuel-Interfund	1,800	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	500	2,300
Tools & Equip	20,000	-	-	-	-	500	-	-	-	100	20,600
Contractual Services	2,000	475,000	-	80,000	160,000	280,000	25,000	-	-	-	1,022,000
Software Maintenance	2,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,000
Professional Contracts	-	-	75,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	75,000
Other Services	50,000	-	14,900	2,500	2,500	-	3,000	-	29,250	-	102,150
Postage	500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	500
Telephone	2,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,500
Travel-Educ/Training	3,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	500	4,000
Travel-Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100	100
Advertising	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,000
Equip Rental-ER&R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,740	1,740
Utilities	15,000	-	8,500	-	-	8,000	-	-	-	-	31,500
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Indirect rate @25.22%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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AGENDA ITEM 6: *CSHWMP Update*

PRESENTER: *Jennifer Hayden – Whatcom County Health Department*

BOARD ACTION: Action Item Discussion Information

SIGNIFICANT POINTS OR EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Department of Ecology has reviewed the preliminary CSHWMP and provided comments. Staff will provide an update of the plan revision process.

ATTACHMENTS:

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AGENDA ITEM 7: *HB 1799 – Organic Materials Management*

PRESENTER: *Jennifer Hayden – Whatcom County Health Department*

BOARD ACTION: *Action Item* *Discussion* *Information*

SIGNIFICANT POINTS OR EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

WA State House Bill 1799 provides guidance and requirements in order to reduce the amount of organics disposed in the landfill. Staff will provide an overview of the requirements in the law. The complete law can be found at: <https://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2021-22/Pdf/Bills/Session%20Laws/House/1799-S2.SL.pdf?q=20220512084912>

ATTACHMENTS:

Summary of HB 1799, Organic Material Management

Washington State Organic Materials Management Law

Washington's new organics management law requires state and local governments, businesses, and other organizations to reduce the amount of organic materials disposed in landfills and increase the demand for processed organic materials like compost. The legislation also calls for an increase in edible food recovery and amends many laws affecting organics management.

The following is a summary of relevant aspects of the law:

Some local governments will be required to begin providing separated organic material collection services within their jurisdictions in order to increase volumes of organic materials collected and delivered to composting and other organic material management facilities and reduce the volumes of organic materials collected in conjunction with other solid waste and delivered to landfills.

- Beginning January 1, 2027, in each jurisdiction that implements a local solid waste plan, source-separated organic solid waste collection services must be provided at least every other week or at least 26 weeks annually to:
 - All residents
 - Nonresidential customers that generate more than .25 cubic yard per week of organic materials for management
 - All organic solid waste collected from residents and 30 businesses under of this subsection must be managed through organic materials management.

A requirement for local governments to consider state organic material management goals and requirements in the development of their local solid waste plans.

A requirement for some businesses to manage their organic material wastes in a manner that does not involve landfilling them, in order to address one significant source of organic materials that currently frequently end up in landfills.

- Beginning January 1, 2024, a business that generates at least eight cubic yards of organic material waste per week must arrange for organic materials management services specifically for organic material waste.
- Beginning January 1, 2025, a business that generates at least four cubic yards of organic material waste per week must arrange for organic materials management services specifically for organic material waste; and
- Beginning January 1, 2026, a business that generates at least four cubic yards of solid waste per week shall arrange for organic materials management services specifically for organic material waste.

Reduce legal liability risk barriers to the donation of edible food in order to encourage the recovery of foods that might otherwise be landfilled.

Establish the Washington center for sustainable food management within the Department of Ecology in order to coordinate and improve statewide food waste reduction and diversion efforts.

Establish various new funding and financial incentives intended to increase composting and other forms of productive organic materials management, helping to make the responsible management of organic materials more cost-competitive with landfilling of organic material wastes.

Facilitate the siting of organic material management facilities in order to ensure that adequate capacity exists to process organic materials at the volumes necessary to achieve state organic material diversion goals.

- After July 1, 2024, new and updated local comprehensive solid waste management plans must address the new requirement to provide organic materials collection and management to residential and nonresidential customers. This includes identifying priority areas to locate new organic management facilities.
- After Jan. 1, 2025, county comprehensive plans must allow siting of organics management facilities to provide necessary capacity for organics collection.

Encourage cities and counties to procure more of the compost and finished products created from their organic material wastes in order to support the economic viability of processes to turn organic materials into finished products, and increasing the likelihood that composting and other responsible organic material management options are economically viable.

- In developing a compost procurement ordinance, each city and county shall plan for the use of compost in the following categories:
 - Landscaping projects
 - Construction and postconstruction soil amendments
 - Applications to prevent erosion, filter stormwater runoff, promote vegetation growth, or improve the stability and longevity of roadways; and
 - Low-impact development and green infrastructure to filter pollutants or keep water on-site, or both.

Amend standards related to the labeling of plastic and compostable products in order to reduce contamination of the waste streams handled by compost and organic material management facilities and improve the economic viability of those responsible organic material management options.