

**WHATCOM COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY (SWAC) COMMITTEE MINUTES  
May 20, 2021**

**Members Present:**

Lisa Friend, Carol Frazey, Rodd Pemble, Larry McCarter, Brandi Hutton.

**Members Absent:**

Robert Hendricks, Michael Olinger, Kevin Moore, Greg Young, and Kevin Renz

**Staff Present:**

Jennifer Hayden, Janice Deptuch, Darin Klein, and John Wolpers

**Others Present:**

Erik Bakkom, and Brian Tino with Maul Foster & Alongi, Diana Wadley – DOE, Carolyn Bowie with ECY.

**Call to Order:**

The meeting of the Whatcom County SWAC was called to order on Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 5:39 p.m. in a Zoom Meeting via the web by chair, Rodd Pemble.

**Roll Call, Determination of Quorum, Approval of Minutes**

Took roll call - at first we did not have a quorum, but then Larry McCarter joined us at 5:45 pm.

**Public Comment Period**

None

**2021 Whatcom County Comprehensive Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan Update**

Whatcom County Comprehensive Solid and Hazardous Waste Plan Update given by Maul Foster & Alongi (MFA).

This special meeting was called to get through Chapters 3, 4, and 5.

Section 3 – no change

3.1 – No changes

3.1.1- No changes

City of Bellingham adopted plastic recycle ban, bill 5022. Jennifer will get information or Department of Ecology may have it. It was a state-wide change.

Lisa mentioned that they have a state-wide paint recycling

Erik will add a state-wide section.

3.1.2 – Deleting Appliance Depot.

Data has been requested for the highlighted items in the plan.

3.1.3

No change for ReSources, but included WSU.

Data has been requested for the highlighted items in the plan.

### 3.1.4

Former Education Efforts to document programs that are effective.

Data has been requested for the highlighted items in the plan.

### 3.2

Modified text per capita rate.

Updating per capita.

Adding packing and mailing containers are suspected to be significant contributors to waste generation increases as residents switch to more home deliveries of goods during the COVID global pandemic.

Lisa mentioned collecting better methods gave the example of the "Recycling Hotline".

Had discussion of where to put a matrix about types of meters.

Rodd asked Diana if they call safe data. Diana/Carolyn will look into it.

Rodd (SSC) has no database, but he can ask customer service staff.

It was recommended that they put a link to state law or RCW.

### 3.3

Some minor changes.

Added new number 3 – Provide additional educational resources for adults and re-numbered.

Also added New Goal – Reduce food waste by 50 percent and actions – Incorporate State Food Worker Waste Reduction Plan released in late 2021.

Rodd recommending build a plan of databases and maintain it.

Brandi would like to see more construction debris and remodeling.

Rodd said in bullet point number 4 it covers organics and construction debris.

## Section 4

Overall recycling program

4.1 - No changes

### 4.1.1

Added the WCC8.10.50(A)

In Table 4.1 in Bin Location changed to from Newspaper Red Bin to Bin #1 and added mixed white paper.

Changed Scrap Paper to Bin #2.

Changed Containers Blue to Bin #4 and added bi-metal

Added language Outside of Bins and added Cardboard (flattened on its side) and Brown paper bags.

Added language Effective January 1, 2019, single family residences with on-site sewage systems that are located in Point Roberts are no longer exempt from mandatory curbside collection services. As a minimum level of service, curbside collection consists of 26 annual pickups as defined in WCC 9.10.04(D). The cost of the minimum level of service, per the approved UTC tariff, is billed as annual fee on the properties tax bill. Service level above the minimum level of service are billed directly by service provider.

Added in organizations like Sustainable Connection

Also removed some language.

Rodd would like bins types back to the way they were. Maybe add a foot note on the different bins and put different colors back. Mixed white paper does not go in bins. Erik can add a link in the document to a website about the different bins.

Larry asked Diana how many communities use three bins. Diana said Jefferson does three bins. Nooksack Valley and SSC do it differently.

Added Medication Recycling language.

Added Paint Recycling language.

#### 4.1.2

General updates.

Deleted some of the language.

Added SSC and Language on IPC Recycling.

Changed RDC to Republic.

Added language regarding the Material Recovery Facility (MRF).

#### 4.1.3

Minor updates made it more descriptive.

4.2 - No change

#### 4.2.1

Added language – This understanding is reflected in the high residential recycling participation rate, which has held steady at over 90 percent in recent years.

Change Plan to CSHWMP.

Added language – To prevent public nuisance during winter weather, waste collection companies provide routine windy weather tips such as putting in a paper sack before laying on its side in the bin, setting bins on the ground versus stacking, weighing down cardboard.

Deleted some language.

#### 4.2.2

Deleted some language.

Added language – high tenant turnover, lack of incentives for tenant participation.

Added language -Compared to the rest of the County.

#### 4.3

Need update numbers.

Deleted some language.

Lisa suggested adding commercial goals and adding another section.

Rodd suggested putting a foot note on Biosolids.

Section 5. - Deleted some language.

Added language – changed year to 2015-2016, MSW characterization study, changed year to 2015.

5.1 - No changes.

#### 5.1.1

Added language - & Recycling Center and Drop Box Facility & Recycling Center.

#### 5.1.2

Added language - & Recycling Center.

Deleted some language.

Under Digesters changed four to three

Added – FPE Renewables, LLC.

Deleted – Farm Power.

5.2.2 – No change.

5.2.1 – No changes.

52.2

Changed Technologies to Technology

5.3 – No changes.

**Other Business, Open Session, Announcements:**

Carol Frazey Thanked John Wolpers and Janice Deptuch for their work with SWAC. They are both retiring.

**Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made 1st by Larry McCarter and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carol Frazey. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

**CERTIFICATION**

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Janice Deptuch, Clerk III  
Whatcom County Health Department

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Rodd Pemble, Chair  
Whatcom County Solid Waste  
Advisory Committee