

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

August 25, 2009 at 6:30 PM

Senator Hearing Room

555 Court Street NE, Salem Oregon 97301

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Routine Business: Bob Anderson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

Members Present: Gregg Dart, Bonnie Sullivan, Brian Sund, Bob Anderson, Judy Skinner, Susie Riches, John Matthews, Mary Kanz, Sharon Johnson, Marian LaBounty and Kevin Joyce

Members Absent: Russ Johnston and Glenn Zimmerman

Staff Present: Jeff Bickford, Bailey Payne, and Carol Ault

Public Signed in: Ken Roley, Carroll Johnston, and Susann Kaltwasser

Approval of the Minutes:

Motion: Mary Kanz moved to approve the July minutes. The motion was seconded.

Discussion: None

Abstentions: None

Dissensions: None

Results: Minutes approved as written.

PUBLIC INPUT

Ken Roley, member of the public and employee of City of Salem Public Works Department, spoke regarding the SWMP. Mr. Roley was asked by the City of Salem to start attending the SWMAC meetings to get more involved in the development of the SWMP and will also be working with other city staff members to get their comments on the SWMP. Ken said his goal is to work with the SWMAC and be a resource in terms of answering questions and being a liaison to share information with the city.

Presentation by Bailey Payne - Solid Waste Hierarchy and Climate Change: Why are the 3 R's in that order?

Note: A copy of the PowerPoint Presentation may be obtained by contacting the Environmental Services office at 503-588-5169. The PowerPoint Presentation will also be posted to the Marion County Environmental Services web site.

Bailey's presentation was based on a presentation that he gave for a Climate Master At Home class, which is comparable to the Master Recycler Class. John Matthews also attended this class. Bailey used some of the slides from a past presentation by David Alloway.

Bailey showed slides with suggestions from the Environmental Protection Agency regarding expanding waste reduction programs and accomplishing programs, which we are doing a good job of. The more we can expand and accomplish our programs, the better. Bailey also talked about the pay as you throw concept, and ordinances and policies on C & D.

Comments and questions:

Sharon commented on population growth. Sharon visited a couple auto agencies and they have \$600,000

worth of 'clunkers' that are going to be destroyed and that's not energy efficient. We need to weigh in on the big stuff.

John said he was very impressed with Bailey's presentation. Recycling rates are important not because it's keeping stuff out of the landfill, but because of that upstream impact. For example, instead of using 20% recycled paper, we should use the 100% recycled paper. We should focus on buying recycled including packaging and content. John talked about junk mail reduction, Earth wise Program, and Oregon Green Schools (influencing the minds of children is critical).

Marian asked that this PowerPoint presentation be posted on the Internet. Marian's concern is the economic effect. If we stop buying stuff, it would have an effect on the global economy and global waste generation. It would point out that buying recycled also equates to buying locally.

Bonnie thanked Bailey for a great presentation. The council applauded.

Dirty MRF – Jeff handed out copies of an addition to the SWMP that resulted from a comment received at one of the SWMP workshops.

The Public hearings to various cities regarding the SWMP are completed. Jeff said that public attendance was very low.

Sharon suggested that if a third burner were to be put in, that it be located south of Salem, if possible.

Marian talked about transporting ash to Arlington. Discussion followed. Jeff said he would check into it.

John suggested that all the things that the county is doing that impact our environment be included in the SWMP. Sharon agreed.

Gregg suggested a book called "Hot, Flat & Crowded" by Thomas L. Friedman. It tells consumers, investors, manufacturers, and etc. what to expect.

Bob Anderson suggested using ash to build a "test" road and monitor it over a period of time to see how much, if any, leachate leaches out of the concrete. Jeff said this test has been done in Hawaii, but hasn't heard any results. Jeff said the county is in the process of researching options.

Q. Could Coffin Butte use the ash for an alternative daily cover?

A. For solid waste landfills, they have to have a daily cover over their waste at the end of the day. Usually, it's dirt. When the final cover is done, it includes a plastic liner with an 18" layer of soil over that.

Q. Does Coffin Butte have a leachate pond?

A. Jeff said he wasn't sure whether they are treating it on-site or whether they may be trucking it elsewhere.

Q. If the ash was added into their system as a daily cover, would that be concentrating that leachate to the point where they would have to up the level of care of it?

A. Jeff explained that if we were to take our ash there, they probably would be getting some salt content in their leachate.

Q. Is ash odorless?

A. There is a slight smell, but not much.

COUNCIL INPUT/NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mary said the haulers are gearing up for the annual distribution of the magnetic curbside calendars for all residents. Marion County is printing the brochures. These will be distributed in early October.
- Jeff explained that ash is tested (TCLP Test) and is not hazardous. DEQ has data that proves this.
- John said with the assistance of Allied Waste, Garten Services is working with the State Fair to compost all food/veggie waste. It will be going to their facility in Corvallis to be processed as a trial run.
- Gregg said there is increased employment as a result of the food waste project.

STAFF UPDATES by Jeff Bickford

- Creosote treated wood is now all being taken to Coffin Butte. It is not any longer being accepted at the transfer stations.
- As of October 1, 2009, the minimum transaction charge for trash will be increased to \$15 minimum. This is the second phase of the increase. The cost per pound/ton will remain the same. Wood waste and yard debris rates will remain the same.
- SKRTS has started a Re-Use Program for Bicycles. Goodwill Industries will be in charge of this program. They will provide jobs for the rebuilding of these bikes.
- Dirty MRF – Sharon asked what the cost per ton is to utilize a dirty MRF versus taking the waste to the burn facility. Jeff said he didn't have that information at hand. Discussion followed.
- Waste Reduction Grants are back. The deadline to apply is October 30, 2009. The application will be on the web site by September 1.
- The Fall Master Recycler class is full. This is the second class offered this year.
- The Art Calendar entries will begin as soon as school starts. Last year there were 600-900 entrants.
- AmeriCorp Volunteer, Melissa Austin, will be training the new Ameri Corp volunteer, Katrina, who will continue with the Multi Family Recycling Pilot Project.
- The draft recovery rate for 2008 is at this point, 57.7%, which is up 1.2% from last year. Yard debris and wood waste are down.

Q. Is there a Fall HHW event scheduled?

A. No

Q. Is there a Fall Leaf Haul event planned?

A. Yes. December 5th, from 9am - 3pm at Sprague High School, Wallace Park, Keizer Little League Field, and State Fairgrounds on Lana Ave.

ATTENDANCE

Absent: Russ Johnston and Glenn Zimmerman

NEXT MEETING AGENDA – September 22, 2009

- SWMP

MEETING REVIEW

Great presentation – very informative

MOTION: Mary Kanz moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded.

Discussion: None

Results: Motion passed. Meeting adjourned

Note: If anyone would like to schedule a time to come to the office to listen to the recorded version of these minutes, you may do so by calling 503-588-7917.