

**SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**April 26, 2005, 6:30 PM**  
**Senator Hearing Room – Main Floor – Courthouse Square**  
555 Court Street NE, Salem OR 97301

ROUTINE BUSINESS: Michael Clark, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Anderson, Larry Bevens, Colleen Bromagem, Michael Clark, David Furr, Joe Gordon, Russ Johnston, John Matthews, David Phelps, Nora Schliske, Judy Skinner, Thomas Smith, Ellen Twist, Glenn Zimmerman

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Thomas Smith announced the excused members: Mary Kanz, Dennis Nielsen, Susan Riches, Sarah Killion

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

PUBLIC SIGNED IN: Bonnie Sullivan, Fritz Skirvin, Carroll Johnston

STAFF PRESENT: Jeff Bickford, Carol Ault

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

MOTION: Thomas Smith moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded.  
Discussion: None  
Abstentions: Joe Gordon because he wasn't at the last meeting.  
Dissentions: None  
RESULTS: Minutes approved as written.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Fritz Skirvin, past SWMAC member, spoke on DEQ's rules for open burning. Mr. Skirvin provided a handout on Open Burning Regulations for the Mid-Willamette Valley. A copy of this handout will be included in the minutes for the absent members. (See Attachment #1.) Anyone else wanting a copy of this handout may request one via email [cault@co.marion.or.us](mailto:cault@co.marion.or.us) or call Carol at 503-588-7917.

- Q. Most of us are aware that there are laws as far as DEQ, but where the problem came up was local enforcement. Are there any agreements with the local fire districts other than ordinance violations where they can enforce these rules?
- A. Marion County Fire District No. 1 reports the incidences to DEQ with some frequency, but not sure how much. DEQ will pursue nuisance complaints because that's the biggest problem with open burning.

Comment: If one wants to destroy their "unwanted credit cards", they should be cut up and disposed in the trash, rather than burned because they may contain PVC.

## **COUNCIL INPUT/ANNOUNCEMENTS/ NEW BUSINESS**

- Michael Clark and Larry Bevens both went to the new HHW Facility last Thursday and were impressed by the operation.
- Thomas Smith reminded members of subcommittees that whenever they meet, they must take minutes. Also if there's to be a subcommittee meeting, please let Carol know so she can notice it before the meeting.

**BYLAWS UPDATE:** There will be no discussion on the Bylaws tonight because there are still some changes coming from the BOC through the volunteer office. The bylaws subcommittee hopes to meet early May so a copy of the proposed bylaws can be mailed to each council member so it can be discussed at the May 24<sup>th</sup> SWMAC meeting.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE LIST REVIEW:**

- Thomas Smith suggested dumping the whole list and recreating the list.
- Judy Skinner felt that the process that the council went through to make this list was pretty time consuming, so felt the council should just work from this list already created.
- Thomas mentioned that there were several subcommittees that didn't have a chair.
- Ellen Twist asked about recommendations that were made previously on various subcommittees. ie; the multi-family housing recycling.
- John Matthews mentioned that Mary Kanz was taking the information from these reports and putting them into a format so they could all be presented.
- Ellen still had questions as to what has actually been accomplished.
- Michael Clark suggested getting a report from staff on a file of suggested actions that have been presented.
- Jeff added that the haulers support multi-family housing by providing the option of mixed recycling.
- Ellen asked that if Mary has a format, maybe another page can be added to include when the recommendation was made to the council, the reaction, and the follow up as to when it was presented to the BOC and what actually has happened since then.
- Jeff answered that he didn't recall any specific recommendations to the Commissioners; it was looking at more programs to implement. Mixed recycling was promoted through the Waste Matters tabloid.
- Bob Anderson suggested waiting for the next meeting to talk to Mary to see if she had formulated any kind of report on these subcommittees.
- Judy Skinner felt that what Mary was formulating was a document on the "recycling subcommittee" reports.
- It was suggested to create a subcommittee to review the subcommittee list and bring back to the SWMAC a recommendation on how to proceed with the subcommittees that aren't functioning.
- Glenn Zimmerman mentioned that the Organic Subcommittee – Food Waste category is not happening right now. Glenn suggested that the category of Organic Recycling be added to the Outstanding Items List so it can be reviewed when things do start happening.
- Judy suggested that staff do more promotion on the yard debris program.

- Glenn mentioned that Hubbard, Jefferson & Turner have started yard debris programs and that it's a hauler function to get the smaller cities to implement that program.
- Jeff added that United Disposal and Pacific Sanitation have gone to every small city in their jurisdiction and made presentations to the City Councils and they didn't want to pay the cost to have the program.
- Ellen Twist read a portion of Jim Sears' article in the Statesman Journal regarding chlorine in garbage. Ellen suggested creating a subcommittee on the chlorine issue.
- Joe explained that there are two prevailing thoughts: 1) free chlorine and 2) organo chlorides (PVC). Research needs to be done.
- David Furr mentioned that he would be interested in serving on the subcommittee of toxics/chemicals in the waste stream. Michael added that chlorine could be added to this topic.
- Fritz Skirvin commented that the burner gets very little or no chlorine. It's chloride. Fritz offered to provide future input if the council so desired.
- Michael Clark suggested that the Chairs of each subcommittee meet. Thomas volunteered to chair the "S.O.S." (Subcommittee oversight Subcommittee). Those interested in being on this committee are: Joe, Russ, Glen, Bob, Thomas, John and Mary (she was volunteered).

MOTION:	Larry Bevens moved to call this subcommittee the S.O.S. The motion was seconded.
Discussion:	None
Abstentions:	None
Dissensions:	None
Results:	Motion passes.

- Jeff reminded the council that anytime the subcommittees are scheduled to meet, to let Carol know so the meeting can be noticed. And also to remember to take minutes.

**OUTSTANDING ITEMS LIST:**

- Ellen Twist shared information about an article she read in the Statesman Journal. Ellen wondered if photos could be provided on the proposed bridge to Minto Brown Park so we could be assured that the PVC wouldn't be leaching into underground waters. This bridge would serve as a function of a safety valve when the Willamette overflows its banks. Jeff Bickford explained that, from the flood point of view, Brown's Island is above the 100-year floodplain. When the original BI Landfill was operating, they built a dike around it. During the floods of 1996, BI was high and dry.

Jeff also explained that this was Salem's primary landfill up until 1986. At that time, DEQ said that facility had to be closed and that's when the WTE was opened. At that time, there was additional space behind the dike, and it was then that they decided to permit the demolition landfill.

Q. Has there been any other small school districts sign up for the recycling teacher?

A. First of all, it has to be funded. In the mid-90's, Willamette ESD tried a program and it basically fell apart because they found, that because the teacher didn't work for a particular school, and was jumping from district to district, they were not having very good success in getting in to teach it. Salem-Keizer School District actually has hired an employee to teach recycling. Darren Hunter is

the new recycling teacher that replaced Cheryl Hagsteth. Jeff will try to get Mr. Hunter to come talk to the SWMAC at the June meeting.

- Clopyralid is still on the outstanding list because it is ongoing. Glenn explained that DEQ has done three tests with an independent laboratory where they took samples from twelve different facilities throughout the Willamette Valley. Over the course of those three tests, data is showing a steady decrease in all areas, so it's fading away rapidly.
- It was suggested to change Clopyralid from 'pending' to '*ongoing – annual report in 2006*'.

### **STAFF UPDATES: by Jeff Bickford**

- Jeff noted that if a council member leaves during the meeting, to note it in the minutes. This is to ensure there is a quorum when motions are done.
- HHW Facility opened officially last Thursday and had 45 customers. The facility can handle 90 customers per day. The facility will be open every Thursday and the first Saturday of each month from 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM. Customers must pre-register by calling 800-444-4244. This is for Marion/Polk County residents only. For Marion and Polk County residents it's free. Yamhill County Residents are being directed to Metro South where they can dispose for free.

Q. If a customer from Yamhill County is sent away, what is the likelihood they might dump illegally on the way back?

A. We would hope they call first to schedule the disposal then they would be told they can't bring it to our facility and would be referred to Metro. If they just show up, we won't turn them away.

- PVC Collection Day: PVC collection sites were at Brown's Island and the Salem Transfer Station. Almost eleven tons of PVC was collected that day. A company out of Molalla may want some of the PVC that was collected at Brown's Island. They are mainly interested in the PVC pipe and construction-type materials. Jeff is looking more into this.

Q. What kind of product will this be turned into?

A. Basically, it would be turned into other PVC products.

- Saturday was Earth Day and there were 1,600 in attendance at the Oregon Gardens (in the rain!).
- Saturday, April 30 will be the compost bin truckload sale. The outlets will be Fred Meyer East and Roth's Vista Market. Silverton, Stayton, Woodburn and Keizer will have satellite sites. The bins will sell for \$25 each.
- The BOC will be discussing the proposed bylaws next Monday. It will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor of Courthouse Square. This is not a public input session, but you are welcome to come listen. It will then go to the normal Board Session.
- John Matthews asked Judy about a new plastics program in the Metro area. Judy explained that it was a 30-day trial basis at Fred Meyer, which started April 1, but not sure the status of it.
- Agri Plas has moved to 5016 Waconda Road, off Brooks exit, East just over the freeway.

AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING: Next meeting: May 24, 2005

- \* Bylaws 60 min.
- \* S.O.S Update 30 min.
- \* Medical Waste 30 min.
- \* Follow up on past reports
- \* Bailey Payne/ES 30 min.

Note: 8:00 PM – Larry Bevins left.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion:	David Furr moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded.
Discussion:	None
Abstentions:	None
Dissensions:	None
Results:	Motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.