

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
March 14, 2019
 Large Legislative Conference Room, San Juan Island
Draft MEETING MINUTES

Committee Members in Attendance - Troy Lautenbach, San Juan Transfer Station (via phone); Katie Fleming, San Juan Island Resident; Paul Andersson, Orcas Island Resident (via phone); Pete Moe, Orcas Recycling Center (via phone); Steve Hushebeck, Town of Friday Harbor; and Clark Johnson, Lopez Island Resident (via phone).

Members Absent – Rick Hughes, County Council Liaison; Jason Linnes, Business At-Large; Calvin Den Hartog, San Juan Sanitation; Mike Ramsey, SJI Conservation District (Agricultural Representative); and David Zapalac, Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District.

County Staff in Attendance - Mark Herrenkohl, Solid Waste Program Administrator.

Also in Attendance – Dave Bader, Lautenbach Industries; Annie Lister, Orcas Island; Whitman Dunham, San Juan Island.

Topic	Key Discussion Points and Agreements	Actions and Next Steps
Call to Order and Introductions	The meeting was called to order by Mark Herrenkohl, Solid Waste Program Administrator at 08:31 am. Mark reviewed the draft agenda for the meeting and requested additional topics and none were provided by the group. All members present approved the agenda.	
Approval of Meeting Minutes	Minutes from the San Juan County Solid Waste Advisory Committee quarterly meeting on December 13, 2018 were reviewed and approved unanimously. Also, the draft subcommittee meeting minutes for December 7, 2018 on the Sutton Road property were approved.	
New Committee Member	Annie Lister has applied to be on the SWAC, replacing Jason Linnes representing the position “Business At-Large”. Annie provided a summary of her experience, including her current position working with Jason at the Orcas Island Market. The committee unanimously supported her appointment on SWAC.	Mark will follow-up with Sue Kollet on having County Council consider and approve Annie’s appointment on SWAC
Citizen Access	Whitman Dunham indicated he was concerned about the current state of the San Juan Transfer Station, including ingress/egress; and would like to see additional services available at the facility. He also wanted to hear about planned future solid waste operations.	

Statewide Packaging Stewardship Bill and other Solid Waste Bills Under Consideration by the State	There was some discussion on the status of several solid waste-related draft bills currently being considered by the Washington State Senate and Representatives. A complete list of the bills and status can be found on the internet at www.zerowastewashington.org/legislative-work . It was agreed to draft a letter of support for several of these bills including those on plastic packaging stewardship, plastic straws, paint stewardship, and recycling sustainability.	Pete will draft a letter of support for SWAC review.
Status on Draft Feasibility Study for the Sutton Road Property	Mark provided a status on the draft feasibility study report. Currently, there is some internal discussion on next steps which should be decided by the end of March.	Mark will provide to SWAC an electronic copy of the draft FS in the coming weeks.
Status of Z-Wall Extension Project	Mark provided an update on the construction project. It should be completed within the next week with a roll-out date for the per can garbage collection by April 1.	
Update on Orcas Island Tipping Floor Building Project	A contractor, Artus Construction of Ferndale Washington, has been selected by the County to complete the renovation of the Orcas Island tipping floor building. The contract for this work should be completed by end of week. The schedule for start of work should be available next week.	
County and Town Plastic Bag Ban	There was additional discussion on recommending an ordinance revising the exemption for the use of thicker (2.25 ml) plastic bags by the Town and County. In past meetings, there was a motion and second recommending SWAC write a letter to both councils to make this change. The vote for moving forward on drafting a letter was 5-0 in favor with one member abstaining. Since there wasn't a majority in favor, the discussion will be continued at the next SWAC meeting.	
Update on Waste Reduction and Recycling Education Grant Work	Mark provided a summary of the recent successes in public outreach with reducing contamination of recyclables in the County and Town.	
Update on Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event on Orcas 3/8/19, Orcas Island Transfer Station	Pete indicated there were approximately 30 cars at the Orcas HHW collection event on March 8. The participation was lower than the previous two events in 2018, which may be due to the time of year (seasonal). It will be interesting to know whether the quarterly events will reduce the participation at the larger June 23 scheduled event.	
Great Islands Cleanup on April 20	Katie provided an update on activities scheduled for the Great Islands Cleanup on Saturday, April 20.	

Next Scheduled Meeting	The next regular SWAC meeting is scheduled Thursday, May 9, 2019, time and location TBD.	5/9/19
Meeting adjourned	10:14 am	

Upcoming events

- June 14th & 15th - Hazardous Waste Collection Events on San Juan Island
- June 22nd – Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event on Lopez Island
- June 23nd – Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event on Orcas Island
- May 9, 2019 - Next SWAC Quarterly Meeting