

**Spokane County  
Solid Waste Advisory Committee**

**Minutes  
November 13, 2019**

Members Present

Matthew Pederson, Waste Industry  
Andy Hoye, CAL District #2  
Shaun Culler, City of Millwood  
Kim Kreber, CAL District #1  
Erik Makinson, Recycling Industry  
Suzanne Tresko, CAL #3  
Mark Bergam for Kevin Anderson, City of Airway Hts  
Tonilee Hanson, Public Interest  
Bruce Williams for Mike LaScuola, Health District

Members Absent

Josh Kerns, Spokane County  
Rebecca Johnson, City of Spangle  
Don Stevens, City of Deer Park  
Philip Small, Ag Interest  
Mike Fagan, City of Spokane

Vacant Positions

Business

**Approval of Minutes – August 21, 2019- Chair, Suzanne Tresko**

All members moved to approve minutes from the August meeting. Suzanne, chose to abstain, as she was not present at the previous meeting.

**2020 Budget Review- Deb Geiger**

Deb stated on average there has been a six percent increase per year in municipal solid waste at the transfer stations. With this projection, she estimates a conservative amount of 102,000 tons of MSW and 34,000 tons of clean green for 2020.

**Comp Plan Update- Deb Geiger**

Interviews have been held and a company has been chosen to write the updated comp plan but, no information can be shared about the company until they are formally notified by the board of County Commissioners. Deb shared that this comp plan update will look and function much differently than years past and it will include a path forward. By partnering with Spokane River Forum, a grant has been obtained from the Department of Ecology for recycling contamination outreach to be included in the upcoming comp plan. Deb would like all member jurisdictions to have input into the new comp plan to better serve our County.

**Waste Directory Update- Tonilee Hanson**

Tonilee gave an updated overview of the Waste Directory which includes a new search bar on the main page for faster research. Also, coming in 2020 will be a new tab for “Recycle Right”. Many customers search recycling topics and she would like to have all options at the public’s fingertips. There are 300 vendors included for our region which serves the counties of Spokane, Lincoln, Stevens, Kootenai and Pend Oreille. Each year the site sees an estimated 80 percent jump, this year alone there has been 29,500 users. Popular topics include: Christmas trees, animal carcasses, needles/sharps, batteries and tires. Media campaigns have helped to increase the users for the site, most notably Instagram has helped reach the previously hard-to-reach group of people aged 18-24.

A grant was awarded by Department of Ecology to help with outreach for waste reduction, litter control and composting. It is a two year grant ending June 30, 2021. Outreach will be aimed towards single and multi-family residences, bi-lingual households, and small under-served communities.

### **2020 Work Plan Draft- Suzanne Tresko**

During 2020, all meetings will include the topic of the Solid Waste Management Plan. SWAC decided the work plan will be fluid and will need to be updated more closely when a company is chosen for the Comp Plan. Other items to be discussed include: elections in January, legislative review of 2019, recycling markets and commodities update (presentation by Sunshine Disposal or Waste Management), and a rate increase for 2021.

### **Other Business**

Suzanne reached out to Don Stevens with the City of Deer Park and he will no longer be attending SWAC meetings. She also reached out to Rebecca Johnson with the City of Spangle and has not heard back from her. The option was brought up for the Board of County Commissioner's to draft a letter to the un-represented communities to appoint a SWAC member. Southeast counties may not be attending because of the timing of the meetings and the commute. SWAC would like to consider updating the by-laws to include the option of participating by phone or skype in if physical presence is not available.

The by-laws also need to be redefined regarding the verbiage of "quorum": It is currently written as 50% of appointed members. Further clarification is needed.

The Avista pilot program has received the ground glass, but there has been no update yet on how it has been used. Lindsay brought in a bucket of sample glass for everyone to view.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40pm.