

Spokane County
SWAC Subcommittee Meeting #5
Minutes
September 30, 2020
1-3pm



Attendees

Suzanne Tresko, SWAC Member
Tonilee Hanson, SWAC Member
Marcus Cooksey, Sunshine Disposal
Joel Kohlstedt, Waste Management
Matthew Pederson, SWAC Member
Henry Allen, City of Spokane Valley

Deb Geiger, Spokane County
Lindsay Chapman, Spokane County
Austin Stewart, Spokane County
Hailie Gillette, Spokane County
Bruce Williams, SWAC Member
Shaun Culler, SWAC Member

Agenda:

Discuss and provide comments on the following SWMP sections:

- Appendix C—Waste Characteristics
- Programs
- Facilities

Appendix C: Waste Characteristics

- Suzanne questioned if transfer stations should be listed as disposal locations for C&D and Lindsay clarified that disposal means final disposal versus accepting C&D at transfer stations.
- Suzanne suggested change to Divertibles definition to more clearly define that WTE garbage is not a divertible, even though WTE is a form of energy recovery from waste.
- Suzanne suggested change to ensure all chart descriptions land on same page as respective chart.
- Different colored pie charts are difficult to read when they are printed out, and adjustments are needed to incorporate either texture or additional distinguishing factors.
- Rethink pie chart “banner” colors, especially the white which doesn’t show up against the light tan background, especially when printed.
- Bullet statistics versus writing them out in paragraph form.
- Tonilee commented that the role of glass going from recycled to disposed should be included alongside the chart indicating recycled content per person.
- Henry questioned if there is a way to link Exhibits C.1 and C.2 to see a per capita waste projection 20 years from now.
- If statewide data is available before the SWMP final submission, Great West will endeavor to include it to update these sections.
- Consider the nuanced language for recovered versus diverted wastes and use consistently throughout the document.
- Tonilee commented that the County should strive to use the data presented in Waste Characteristics section to inform our goals or other sections of the Plan.

Programs Section

- Refinement of Table 1 is needed as there are some “disposal services” listed without them being categorized as such and there are some “recycling services” not grouped with the other recycling services, e.g. electronics recycling.
- It would be helpful to remind the reader of what jurisdictions are members to the SCRSWS as they read through the different programs available.
- Tonilee commented that mail-in options for HHW should be included within that subsection.
- Suzanne suggested that the section specifically call out online resources as a programmatic offering.
- Any hyperlinks should be spelled out in case the links become broken over time within the document.
- Discussion was had about which education and outreach materials should be included in the Programs section that are available to the public but are not created by the SCRSWS. Lindsay concluded that the County would only like to list SCRSWS-created materials or else the exhaustive list of publicly available materials could be overwhelming.
- Check with groups listed in the collaboration section on preferred names.

Facilities Section

- Suggestion to include a compost disposal location in the first image of flow control.
- There’s a need to clarify the terms of “collection” and “transport” within the “Collection and Transport” section.
- Add collection frequency to Table 8.1
- Revise Tables 8.1 and 8.2 to speak clearly about self-haul of recycling or garbage.
- Place flow direction arrows for transfer station graphics.
- Reference operation hours and other helpful information in a link to the spokanecounty.org website when providing maps and other written information about transfer stations.
- Discussion about the usefulness of the Center of Mass maps
 - Confirmation that the most densely populated (and therefore largest source of waste generation) occurs in City of Spokane which is in the Center of the County, and therefore the Center of Waste Mass also is located in the City of Spokane.
 - Perhaps an alternative interpretation is that system-designated facilities are triangulated well around the Center of Waste.
- Discussion about clarifying Exhibit 8.11 and Table 8.7 on their listings of inert waste disposal facilities versus landfills. Lindsay and Deb to ask Health District to generate list of permitted landfills within Spokane County.
- Link different sections that mention HHW within the Plan.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:45pm