

**Spokane County  
SWAC Subcommittee Meeting #6  
Minutes  
December 1, 2020  
2-4pm**



**Attendees**

Suzanne Tresko, SWAC Member  
Tonilee Hanson, SWAC Member  
Henry Allen, City of Spokane Valley  
Deb Geiger, Spokane County

Lindsay Chapman, Spokane County  
Chris Averyt, City of Spokane  
Marcus Cooksey, Sunshine Disposal  
Andy Hoye, SWAC Member

**Agenda**

Discuss and edit as needed the following sections:

- Programs
- Waste Characteristics
- Facilities
- Administration and Enforcement

**Programs**

- Lindsay reviewed changes the County made between the last version and current version. Those include:
  - Added RCW language about waste reduction being a fundamental strategy for solid waste management.
  - Section 5.1 made edits related to the definitions for waste reduction and diversion.
  - Added charts and stats from the Waste Characteristics section.
  - Reorganized content to only focus on reduction and diversion, deleting programs that were focused on disposal.
  - In education and outreach the County decided to list generic ways in which to do education and outreach instead of listing out the specific types of education and outreach historically done. This allows the County to be more adaptable with education and outreach, learning from the virtual nature of the pandemic.
  - In MRW section, deleted the list of materials accepted and instead included a hyperlink to the accepted materials webpage.
- A comment that Table 5.4 on inert waste facilities needs to be consistent with similar table in Facilities section which is still undergoing confirmation from the Health District.
- Suggestion to refine the way waste reduction is discussed as a component of education and outreach.

- Suzanne questioned why MRW is located in the diversion section when a lot of it is simply disposed responsibly. Lindsay responded that there are materials that do get recycled, such as used oil, and she can make an edit to clarify the mix of recycle/disposal.
- Edit section footer to indicate the section title and page number, e.g. “Programs 5-4” for easier navigability within the whole SWMP.

### **Waste Characteristics**

- Lindsay reviewed changes the County made between the last version and current version. Those include:
  - Removed “recovered waste” definitions and retitled those as “diverted waste.”
  - Removed “residual recyclables” and “residual divertibles.”
  - C.1 was corrected to show an accurate population growth rate which in turn reflects the growing trend of waste generation over the relatively flat 1% projected growth rate.
  - Added in a projection bar for year 2041 in Exhibit C.2. We see a much bigger jump in recyclables in lbs./person/day rather than disposed waste.
    - Suzanne commented that even with the jump in recycled material generation, the resources that go into producing materials are still too high and that the work of waste reduction before diversion or recycling is paramount to the endeavors of the solid waste sector.
  - Inserted language about glass becoming undesignated as a recycle. Despite that apparent drop in tonnage, the recycling rate did not change.
  - Changed the numerous charts towards the end of the document to include sector icons instead of an arbitrarily colored banner and also included the percentages of each piece of the pie in pie charts with their respective title in the key.
- Question on if there will be another place within the entire SWMP for definitions and terms. Lindsay replied that yes there will be a glossary for the entire SWMP but that it won’t be compiled until after all the sections have been finalized.
- Exhibit C.10 needs more white space for the reader to digest all information included.
- Minor edits from Tonilee regarding parallel structure when describing statistics.
- Tonilee commented that the waste streams that need focus in our community are yard and food waste given the amount found in the disposed waste stream.

### **Facilities**

- Deb reviewed changes the County made between the last version and current version. Those include:
  - Inserted language to try to educate the general reader about what flow control is and why it exists.
  - Table 6.2 still needs to be verified.
  - Simplified the table to illustrate what levels of service each jurisdiction has.
  - Rearranged the transport section to call out intermodal transfer of waste which is dependent upon existing contracts.

- Included some considerations for a possible new intermodal facility on the West Plains.
- We kept a very short description of the closed landfills in this section but the majority of description can be found in the History section because closed landfills are not current disposal locations.
- If organics is included in traditional definition of solid waste shouldn't those be included in the disposal of our solid wastes? Deb clarified that the initial graphic is about MSW and that organics and recycling are not included under flow control. Deb suggested writing some language that differentiates what is included in flow control.
- Suggestion to include the legend on the map in the northwest corner where there is white space available and get higher resolution versions to reduce blur.
- Suggestion to include the term "rail" in "intermodal transport" to specify the primary way waste is transported to the Roosevelt landfill.
- Comment that the tipping floor square footage listed for the WTE is misleading and needs to be corrected. Lindsay to follow up with Chris Averyt of City of Spokane.
- Suzanne questioned if the correct disposal quantities are listed for the Northside landfill in Chart 6.6 because there appears to be little to no tonnage being disposed of there. Lindsay replied that Chart 6.6 is a visual representation of data from Table 6.5. When so little tonnage goes to the NSL, it appears as zero because it is less than 1% of total tonnage. Lindsay to add a sentence of explanation about this correlation.
- Exhibit 6.7 of the WTE process requires a source citation.
- Suzanne questioned where the recommendations for this SWMP will be located? Deb responded that the prioritized goals and recommended actions section will meet those needs but that the County is still working closely with Great West on how that section should look and how those recommended actions might influence the text in other sections such as programs or facilities.

### **Administration and Enforcement**

- Update the tables with correct titles and numbers.
- Need consistency when using the term "system" or "SCRSWS" acronym.
- Insert Ecology as enforcement agency for leachate and groundwater contamination associated with solid waste.
- Include specific mention of "organic waste" when discussing the burning of solid wastes within third enforcement chart.

### **Schedule next SWAC Subcommittee meeting**

- Discussion between members resulted in the next SWAC Subcommittee meeting being scheduled for December 15, 10am-12pm.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:43pm