



**SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC)
MEETING MINUTES – Held via Zoom
August 3, 2022**

Those Present: Regional/Cities: City of Bainbridge Island – Diane Landry, City of Port Orchard – Stephanie Bailey, City of Poulsbo – Shannon Wood, North Kitsap – Douglas Chamberlain, Central Kitsap – John Poppe; Commercial: Laura Kneib; Industry: Waste Management – Robert Hall, Laura Moser; NAVFAC – Christina Duggar; Organics: Stephanie Miller; Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe – Josh Carter

KCPW SWD: Chris Piercy, Barbara Bricker, Tamara Krueger

KPHD: Hannah Vinyard

Ecology: Mary Harrington, Olivia Carros

Public: Krishna Begalla

Those Absent: City of Bremerton – Melinda Monroe, South Kitsap – Eric Lenius; Agriculture: Erika Anderson; Bainbridge Disposal – Heather Church, Suquamish Tribe – Jaime Lawrence

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda approved as presented

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes tabled until October meeting. Will research Robert’s Rules of Order for correct action when a quorum of seven members, who were present at the meeting the minutes are for.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence

Dept. of Ecology Presentation By Mary Harrington – Use Food Well Washington Plan (UFWW) and Organics Management Law E2SHB 1799

The Use Food Well Washington Plan is Washington's roadmap to reduce food waste.

The two main goals of the UFWW plan:

- Goal 1: Reduce food waste generated by 50 percent by 2030.
- Goal 2: Reduce at least half of edible food waste by 2030.

The UFWW was created with input from over 100 experts, stakeholders, state agencies and working groups resulting in 30 recommendations to meet the goals. *(To see the full list of recommendations please view the attached copy of the presentation slides.)*

To break down the plan for easier understanding, there are three components:

Prevention: To Prevent and reduce the amount of food wasted.

Rescue: Rescue edible food that would otherwise be wasted and ensure the food reaches those who need it.

Recovery: Support productive uses of inedible food materials, including using it for animal feed, energy production, and nutrient recovery through anaerobic digestion, and for off-site or on-site management systems.

The overall message is that we all have an opportunity to use food well, you can help spread the word with experts and stakeholders you know. Stay connected by subscribing to the [Washington Department of Ecology \(govdelivery.com\)](mailto:govdelivery.com) email list.

The E2SHB 1799 commonly called the “Organics Management Law” was recently passed in Washington State.

Highlights –

- by 2025, rescue 20% of previously disposed edible food for human consumption, compared to 2015 levels.
- By 2030, reduce 75% of previously disposed organic material going to landfills, compared to 2015 levels.

Cities and counties will need to do the following:

- After July 2024, new or updated **Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plans** must include identification of possible locations for organic materials management facilities.

- After January 2025 **Comprehensive Plans** must include identification of possible locations for organic materials management facilities. Identified locations may not be in overburdened communities
Need to know how much organic material is generated in the county and if capacity exists to manage that material.
- By January 1, 2023, cities, and counties with a population of greater than 25,000, and providing curbside organic materials collection, must adopt a compost procurement ordinance.
- By December 31, 2024, and each even-numbered year thereafter, local governments are required to report to Ecology on source and amount of compost procured, and tons of organic materials diverted from the landfill.
- Product Degradability Labeling for compostable packaging, this moves enforcement authority from the state Attorney General to the Department of Ecology, cities, and counties to enforce and issue and collect civil penalties.

Summary of the presentation:

- There are many paths to sending less organics to landfills.
- The UFWW Plan focuses on FOOD waste prevention, rescue, and recovery
- E2SHB 1799 focuses on diverting all organic materials from landfill disposal to organics materials management facilities.
- Both will push the need for more organic materials management infrastructure.

Next steps for local governments:

- Continue to support edible food rescue programs
- Support Prevention, rescue, and recovery programs to divert more organics away from landfill disposal
- Prepare a compost procurement ordinance to use local compost in Public Works projects
- Support efforts to educate residents on the sale of compost, recycling, and contamination reduction

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

Chris Piercy – SWAC will likely have monthly meetings next year to work on the Solid and Hazardous Waste Comprehensive Plan revision. We are currently looking for a consultant to help.

The North Kitsap Service Center is at 60% design. The Silverdale RAGF project is also approaching 60% design. Working to get bonds to help pay for the projects and improvements. The change over at OVTS and new rate increases is going well. September 17 is the HHW collection event on Bainbridge Island.

Diane Landry – The BI Climate Officer has created a decal for restaurants that are using compostable utensils ahead of the ordinance that starts the first of the year. The decal promotes “Erase the Waste” to tie in with the new waste ordinance. The city is looking to do a solid waste study to be more active in what is happening to solid waste on Bainbridge Island. The Annual Bainbridge Island Clean the Beach date is Sept.10, 10:00 – 1:00 to work with the low tide.

John Poppe – Kitsap Public Utilities District Facility is turning wastewater into drinking water, and they want to use this water to help moisten the compost at Olympic Organics.

Doug Chamberlain – Would like to say good job to how improved the roadsides are free from litter in such a short time.

Laura Kneib – Working with Olympic College using their used cooking oil from the culinary program and closing the recycle circle with the school using the foaming soap (made from their oil) in the kitchen, restrooms etc.

Olivia Carros – Heather Church from the Ecology Dept. has the Waste Not Washington School Award Program Scholarship is now open and accepting applications for the 2023 funding cycle. If you know a school or school district who may be interested in implementing a waste reduction program in their cafeteria or classrooms let them know. Olivia will send us an email to share this info. [Waste Not Washington School Awards - Washington State Department of Ecology](#)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Krishna Begalla liked the information shared at todays meeting and hopes this gets shared to the public.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 5, 2022



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