



SPU Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)

January 6, 2021 Meeting Notes
Webex
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

*Co-Chair: Dirk Wassink
Co-Chair: Nico Onoda-McGuire*

Committee Members	Present?	SPU Staff	Role
Kelsie Blanthorn	Yes	Sego Jackson	Solid Waste LOB Policy Liaison
Lizzie Szorad	Yes	Jemini Davis	Solid Waste Administrative Support
Adam Maurer	Yes	Susan Fife-Ferris	Solid Waste Planning & Program Management Division Director
Rachtha Dahn	No	Katie Lynd	Community Affairs Liaison
Alessandra Pistoia	No	Hannah Scholes	Guest
Dirk Wassink	Yes	Heather Trim	Guest
Nico Onoda-McGuire	Yes		
Joel Dashnaw	Yes		
Brie Kuhn	Yes		

1. Regular Business

- SWAC Co-Chair, Nico Onoda-McGuire called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.
- Members and guests introduced themselves. Prompted by the SWAC chair, they each shared their name and their favorite activity from the holidays. Some also reflected on the political climate as a result of the chaos at the Capitol.

2. Solid Waste LOB Updates

General Updates

- **SWLOB COVID-19 Response:**
 - Working through a vaccination priority plan currently.
- **Solid Waste Plan:**
 - Due to a variety of factors, such as staff changes both internal and at Ecology, delays in internal vetting, staffing and capacity conflicts due to the delays, new Contamination Reduction and Outreach Plan (CROP) requirement, and COVID-19 generally, some ripple effects have occurred.
 - We are working on a draft schedule. As of now we are looking at:
 - Public comment to take place this summer of 2021. This is followed by coding and addressing comments.
 - The “Preliminary Draft Package,” which will include a letter from SWAC, is estimated to go to Ecology around Thanksgiving 2021.
 - The subsequent final approval process is estimated to take 6-7 months (90 days for Ecology review, 1-2 months for local adoption, 45 days for Ecology adoption, taking us to July 2022.

- **2021 SWPPM Work Plan & 2022 Budget Development**
 - Staff is working on 2021 work plans and we will be developing the 2022 Budget.

3. Legislative Updates

- Executive Proclamation by Gov. Inslee has been issued to delay state bag ban till end of January (to give legislature time to act.)
- HB 1053 introduced changing bag ban date to July 1, 2021
<http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/202122/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1053.pdf?q=20210106103949>
 - Empowers Governor to further delay implementation due to COVID related but cannot extend beyond Jan. 1, 2022.
 - Problem- the law passed in 2020 preempts local ordinances on plastic bags and that date is not changed in HB 1053, so about 38 local ordinances are suspended while there are no state rules in place for 6-12 months.
- SB 5022 EPR for all Packaging and Printed Paper (Concerning the management of certain materials to support recycling and waste and litter reduction.)
 - Senator Das – Has done a number of in-depth presentations about the bill recently, including today at the annual WSRA Policy Forum
 - Bill has stimulated lots of very useful discussions with diverse stakeholders already.
 - Anticipate this will be a multiyear effort for passage.
 - Hawaii is modeling its bill off SB 5022. EPR for PPP legislation also anticipated in OR, CA, ME, CT, NY and probably several other states. National Caucus of Environmental Legislators has been working/encouraging EPR legislation across the US.
- 2-page document provided to SWAC
 - Outcomes based approach with recycle and reuse rates set by material category
 - Includes required recycled content targets by material category
 - Local governments retain authority for how residential recyclables are collected
 - Cities can continue existing services and contracts, with financial support from producers, or entirely opt out of any financial support and not have to meet standards of the EPR system.
 - Includes ban on EPS foam products, with some exceptions.
- State-wide organic waste management legislation – starter for conversation (Senator Das)
 - 75% Diversion organic solid waste from yards and households from landfill by 2025 and 100% by end of 2030.
 - State-wide ban on yard waste and food waste in landfill
- Right to Repair bill. Representative Gregerson
 - Digital equity stool: access, devices, skills.
 - Will increase access, jobs, and support small businesses.
 - Smart phones, tablets, appliances, computers.
 - Prohibits non repairable design.
- 2021 Session Calendar
 - January 11 – Start of the legislative session
 - February 15 – Committee cutoff
 - March 9 – House of origin cutoff
 - March 26 – Opposite committee cutoff
 - April 11 – Opposite house of origin cutoff
 - April 25 – End of regular session (Sine Die)

4. SWAC 2021 Work Plan

The SWAC members each voted on 2021 workplan items using the Mural app. Each member was asked to choose their top 3 priorities:

- See table for follow-up survey results

Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) MEETING TOPICS 2020			
Topic	SWAC Role	SPU Priority Level	SWAC Ranking
Annual Waste Prevention & Recycling Rate Report	Inform/discuss/letter	High	5
SWMP (Comp Plan) Update (following revision requirements)	Inform/discuss/feedback/letter	High	6
CROP	Inform/discuss/feedback	High	7
New SWAC Charter	Inform/discuss/feedback	High	3
Residential Recycling & Outreach Campaigns	Inform/discuss/feedback	Low	2
Enforcement of SW bans and other policies -- Status, Plans	Inform/discuss	Low	2
National Plastics Work	Inform/discuss	Low	4
Transcreation	Inform/discuss	Low	0
Strategic Business Plan	Inform	Medium	2
Bag Ban Update	Inform	Medium	0
Targeted Universalism	Inform/discuss/feedback	Medium	2
EPR Legislation	Inform/discuss	Medium	2
Market Development Activities	Inform/discuss	Medium	1
ZWOP	Inform/discuss	Medium	4

Waste Prevention Strategic Plan	Inform/discuss/feedback	Medium	6
Food Rescue Program	Inform/discuss/feedback	Medium	1
SWAC Recruitment Process Outreach Plan	Inform/discuss/feedback	Medium	3

5. Around the Table & Community Insights

Adjourned 6:35 p.m.