



Seattle Solid Waste
Advisory Committee
(SWAC) Participation

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Marita Dingus

Outdoor baby (hanging), 2010

Pull tabs, champagne wire muselet,
electric ceramic tubes, plastic curler
attachments, glass

26 x 9 x 3 inches



SEATTLE SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 22, 2012

State of Washington
Department of Ecology
Waste 2 Resources Program

RE: Documentation of SWAC participation in Seattle's 2011 Solid Waste Plan Revision

Dear Washington Department of Ecology:

The Seattle Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) offers this letter as documentation that the SWAC has been involved with developing Seattle's Solid Waste Plan (SWP) 2011 Revision.

Our involvement began in 2008 with reviewing and advising on the **SOLID WASTE PLAN 2010 PROJECT GUIDE**, which SPU put together to define the scope and process of updating the SWP. The purpose of the Guide was to ensure project staff moved forward with:

- Clear objectives, outcomes and deliverables
- Comprehensive stakeholder identification
- Critical success factors and risks identified
- Staffing, decision, and review processes laid out

After that, the SWAC has continued to review and comment on many aspects of the Plan's development, which is documented in the SWAC's monthly meeting minutes. The meeting minutes are available at SPU's advisory committee web page at [Seattle Public Utilities -- Meeting Schedule & Notes](#). SPU's advisory committee staff also keep meeting minutes in their files.

Some key milestones where the SWAC had direct involvement include:

- Setting the Plan's new outline
- Reviewing initial new recycling program alternatives, MSW and C&D

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- Reviewing program modeling results and proposed recommendations
- Reviewing the first full version of the draft document
- Commenting on the feedback from the public involvement process
- Reviewing changes to the Plan's recommendations from the public involvement process

In addition, over the past few years the SWAC has talked about many of the issues and programs contained in the Plan, including

- Waste prevention: reuse, problem products, product stewardship, junk mail and yellow pages opt-out
- Commercial and C&D programming to improve recycling
- Organics diversion: mandatory multi-family organics subscription, quick-serve food packaging
- Biennial rate studies and rates incentives for recycling
- Every other week single-family garbage collection
- Facility rebuilds
- Alternative disposal technologies

The SWAC continues to discuss many of these topics and others, as we serve to ensure solid waste programming in Seattle is environmentally sound and brings the best possible value to Seattle's ratepayers. We appreciate SPU's diligent efforts to involve the SWAC in this process, and commend their approach to citizen feedback and involvement. We are confident the 2011 Plan Revision puts forward a balance of these values and poises Seattle for picking up the pace toward zero waste.

Sincerely



Julie Pond, Chair