



Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) 2013 Issues v Apr 23, 2013

Business Area (BA) Key					
Col	Collection	FO	Facility Operations	CC	Clean City
PD	Processing & Disposal	HL	Historic Landfills	HW	Hazardous Waste
WP	Waste Prevention	NF	New Facilities	LOB	Line of Business -wide

* Topics will be adjusted as the year goes on to allow for emerging topics as well for time and SWAC interest

	Topic*	Description	SWAC Role	When	Actual	BA
1	Officer Elections	Elect 2013 SWAC officers	Vote	1Q	Jan	
2	SPU's Strategic Outlook re Solid Waste	Solid Waste Director presents highlights of upcoming year		1Q	Feb	LOB
4	Annual Joint CAC meeting	Annual all-CAC meeting arranged by SPU.	Attend in numbers. Learn SPU issues. Communicate SWAC issues.	2Q Jun		LOB
5	Annual Recycling Report	A draft of the annual recycling report to council will need SWAC review in late May.	Review report, feedback for improvement. Letter to include with report to Council.	2Q		LOB
6	Tonnage updates	Mid-year trends in disposed tons.	Gain understanding to be able to communicate with constituencies.	1Q 2Q 3Q 4Q	Mar	LOB
7	Product Stewardship Legislation	The Northwest Product Stewardship Council and others annually promote state legislation for product stewardship solutions for various problem products.	Write/sign letters of support as needed. Batteries? Paint?	1Q 2Q	Feb	WP
8	Station rebuilds	Periodic progress and emerging issues updates. South – operation of new, reuse of old site. North – design firm selection.	Gain understanding to be able to communicate with constituencies.	1Q 2Q 3Q 4Q	May	NF
9	Night garbage to new South	With the opening of the new South Transfer, night garbage will shift from private facility to SPU, at substantial savings.	Briefing on traffic, routing, volumes	1Q	May	NF
10	Solid Waste Management Plan	The document is complete and a resolution to adopt it is before the city council.	Support the Plan through city council deliberations.	1Q	Feb	LOB
11	Climate Action Plan	SWAC served as technical advisory group for Climate Action Plan development. The Plan is going through public review.	Participate in public review as needed.	1Q TBD	Feb	LOB
12	New Organics Contracts	SPU is planning on new organics processing contracts.	Briefing once contracts are signed.	2Q	Apr	
13	OLT (EOW) pilot report	The 6-month pilot to collect garbage every other week concluded 12/31/12. The report will be done 2Q.	Provide feedback on pilot's results and recommend next steps to SPU.	2Q end or 3Q TBD		Col

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14	Waste Prevention	The year's work includes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting prevention, increased diversion, bans of construction materials in MSW and C&D streams (self haul, bulky item pick up, new mattress recycling) Food+ program: shift to enforcement, amend ordinance and change rule. Residential food waste reduction Grasscycling promo reinvestment 	Provide feedback on Food+ shift to enforcement and ordinance amendment. Briefing on other items. Combine C&D bans w/ #14.	2Q	Mar	WP
15	C&D Recycling	The year's work includes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DPD project reporting system by 4Q Ban outreach: MSW and C&D streams Facility certification program Composition study 	Briefing on progress	3Q		Col
16	Recycling and Food Diversion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commercial sector – increase food diversion, Business recycling outreach transition to SPU from Resource Venture, increase assistance to large customers Residential sector – increase food diversion, increase enforcement for current bans 	Update briefing	3Q		Col
17	STS C&D sorting pilot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At new south transfer station, test sorting self haul loads over 50% C&D-type materials, per Plan recommendation 	Briefing	4Q		FO
18	Charter Improvements	The advisory committee program manager will lead a process to review and improve the committees' charter.	Participate in review and recommend changes	2Q		LOB
19	Race & Social Justice Training	CAC committees will receive training to increase their understanding of and capacity to support the department's race and social goals	Participate	TBD		LOB
20	LHWMP Rates	The Local Hazardous Waste Management Program is looking at changes to its rates policies, which could change the fee charged to SPU customer accounts.	Review and perhaps provide feedback	4Q		HW
21	SPU Strategic Planning	SPU is launched on developing a Strategic Plan similar to the recent City Light effort. SWAC involvement is likely, but exact nature TBD.	Briefings, perhaps provide feedback.	TBD		LOB
		Briefings as interest and time allow:				
22	Solar Power at landfills	SPU will support an evaluation of solar power generation at old landfill(s).				HL
23	Mobile reporting applications Ph 2	A mobile app for reporting graffiti to the city has been implemented. Phase 2 expands to illegal dumping and integration with Maximo system				CC
24	Mercury lighting product stewardship	The lighting industry is suing the state regarding the new product stewardship law, delaying implementation, including accepting Hg lamps at the 2 city-run MRW facilities				WP HW

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25	Outdoor Pesticides	SPU operates a suite of efforts under the aegis of LHWMP, to reduce the use of harmful pesticides on landscapes. Will improve/enhance outreach to communities of color. Will design and implement new landscape professional certification.				HW
		Ongoing/Other possible topics:				
	Education opportunities	Special speakers, symposia. Opportunities for new members to learn more.	Determine interests and ways to satisfy those interests. Make arrangements.	TBD		
	Recruitment for the SWAC	SWAC participates in efforts to recruit diverse members.	Participate in focused efforts initiated by SPU. Independently promote the SWAC to potential members.	Various ongoing		
	New members orientation	Acquaint new members to SPU and the Solid Waste Line of Business.	Mentor new members.	As needed		
	Outreach protocol	Explore potential protocol for the role of SWAC members and officers in community outreach.	Discuss and recommend			
	Council protocol	SWAC create a protocol for keeping city council members in the loop and involved with SWAC's activities and hot issues, and for providing a resource to Council members on solid waste issues. Invite SPU legislative liaisons (Hennessey, Saffery)	Discuss and recommend			