



**SPU Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)**

September 1, 2021 Meeting Notes  
 Webex  
 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

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

Committee Members	Present?	SPU Staff /Guest	Role
Sophia Ahn	Yes	Jemini Davis	SPU - Solid Waste Administrative Support
Danny Barksdale	Yes	Sego Jackson	SPU – Solid Waste LOB Policy Liaison
Joel Dashnaw	Yes	Pat Kaufman	SPU – Commercial Recycling Manager
Rina Fa’amoe-Cross	Yes	Katie Lynd	SPU – SWAC Program Coordinator
Celine Fujikawa	Yes	Stephanie Schwenger	SPU – Solid & Hazardous Waste Lead Planner
Brie Kuhn	Yes	Eric Gagnon	Guest – Ridwell
Adam Maurer	No	Diana Wadley	Guest – Department of Ecology
Nico Onoda-McGuire	Yes		
Alessandra Pistoia	Yes		
Hannah Scholes	Yes		
Adrian Tan	Yes		
Ming-Ming Tung Edelman	Yes		
Dirk Wassink	Yes		

**1. Welcome & Introductions**

- SWAC Co-Chair, Nico Onoda-McGuire called the meeting to order at 5:33 PM.
- Members and guests introduced themselves. Prompted by the SWAC chair, they each shared their name and a fruit or vegetable that is popular in their diet.
- August meeting minutes were amended and approved by SWAC members in attendance.

**2. How to be an effective SWAC member**

- Very important for members to attend meetings, complete surveys, and show up to meetings prepared.
- Results from the post-meeting survey included members asking how to be effective SWAC members. SWAC members are encouraged to be engaged during meetings and ask clarifying questions, if needed.
- SWAC members are encouraged to take advantage of the network that is available to them

**3. Comments on SWLOB Updates for SWAC**

- **A SWAC member asked,** “What was the rationale given for decision to delay rate increase on the hazardous waste programs?”

- **A SPU member responded,** “A rate increase will take place in 2022. Due to the financial stability and reserve, it was determined that a rate increase can be delayed until the next biennium.”

#### **4. 2021 Solid Waste Plan Update 101**

Stephanie Schwenger shared a 2021 Solid Waste Plan Update Presentation which provided a high-level refresher and next steps for the SWAC’s involvement.

- 2021 Solid Waste Plan Update Status
  - Experienced many curve balls that caused delays
  - Must submit a Revision, or Update, instead of an Amendment, as originally planned
  - Must develop a Contamination Reduction and Outreach Plan
  - Completing extensive editing and updating of text
  - Developing strategic communications plan and materials for public comment period
- Key Upcoming Milestones for the 2021 Solid Waste Plan Update
  - Now: Edit and update ~600-page text
  - Fall 2021: Offer internal, executive, SWAC, Mayor’s Office, and/or City Council review
  - Q1 2022: Gather public comment and conduct SEPA review
  - Q4 2022: Submit adopted final Solid Waste Plan Update to Ecology
- **No questions were asked**

#### **5. Draft WP&RR Report & SWAC Letter**

- SWAC reps wanted to provide a response to the report by making recommendations on possible improvements and making additional comments
- One of the main factors we wanted to focus on was how the pandemic effected the residential and commercial tonnage
- Called out the efforts of SPU for their great work in receiving reporting from C&D businesses
- One suggestion is to call for more attention to urgency and highlight the funding that is still needed
- What is the most important trend that SWAC wants to see? Is it declining waste generation? Or is it increasing diversion?
- There is no limit on the length of the letter.
- The letter needs to be sent out by 10/1

#### **6. Around the Table**

- All SWAC members are encouraged to complete the meeting follow-up survey

**Adjourned 7:00 p.m.**