

WASTE 2 RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
**** MEETING SUMMARY ****
January 10, 2017, 1 p.m.

Troy Lautenbach, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 1 p.m. and introductions were made. He asked for a motion to approve the September 20, 2016 meeting notes. There was a motion to adopt them. The motion was seconded and the notes were approved.

Budget/Legislative Update - Laurie Davies

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Laurie reviewed highlights of the Governor's budget, which is balanced with fees, tax increases, and cuts. The gap in MTCA is filled with a surcharge on the Hazardous Substance Tax, which would require legislation. Ecology is running the bill and if it passes, the first time the surcharge would be imposed would be in the 2017-19 Biennium at the rate of .14%. In the 2019-21 Biennium, the surcharge would drop to .03%. When the balance in MTCA reaches \$160 million, the surcharge would discontinue.

PPG was funded at \$2.5 million, which is a \$1.4 million reduction. The diversion of WRRLCA funds to State Parks is proposed to continue. For CPG, we asked for \$28.2 million out of MTCA. The Governor gave us \$10 million, which is an additional \$5 million reduction.

Ecology is introducing legislation to change the tax on oil per barrel. Also, for the Clean Air Rule, there is no money to implement it. The Governor included \$4 million for implementation in his budget. W2R has no agency request legislation this session.

We are updating the PPG rule as a result of a challenge to how we were implementing the program and a recent audit. We have formed a PPG Workgroup and their first meeting is on January 11.

-350 Update - Kyle Dorsey

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We released the second preliminary draft of the rule on December 21 and extended the due date for comments to February 8.

Next steps include providing the proposed rule language to the economist for review; completing the SEPA Checklist; and holding two hearings, one on the east side and the other on the west side of the state.

Pat McLaughlin said King County commented on the first draft of the rule, yet the comments weren't reflected in the second draft. Kyle recommended that Pat contact workgroup members regarding concerns. Laurie Davies said that Pat could also send any concerns to her and she will forward them to the right workgroup members. A meeting can be scheduled if needed.

Andy Comstock asked if there were themes with regard to concerns. Kyle said they include soils, crop residues, and manures. Most of those details are outlined in the Responsiveness Summary.

Troy Lautenbach asked if the comments are posted online. Kyle said the revised draft rule and the Responsiveness Summary are posted, as well as workgroup meeting minutes. Troy said the rule documents posted with track changes have been helpful so he can see all of the comments.

Jody Snyder found the Responsiveness Summary helpful. She likes how the new sections are broken out. However, she didn't find the complete rule document. Kyle said that it is posted at the top of the -350 Rule web page as a PDF. He will double-check.

Finance Project Update - Janine Bogar

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Janine gave the committee a project update on Funding Mechanisms for Solid Waste. We decided to pursue this project in January 2016. See Janine's presentation posted on the W2RAC website.

State Plan Implementation - Janine Bogar

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Janine gave the committee a progress update on implementing the State Solid and Hazardous Waste Plan. See Janine's presentation posted on the W2RAC website.

Progress includes work on the Solid Waste System Financing Study, completing the Waste Characterization Study; completing the Northwest Region Commingled Recycling Report; working on food waste prevention; and supporting environmentally preferred purchasing, including working with the Department of Enterprise Services on state purchasing contracts.

The Hazardous Waste and Toxics Reduction Program has just published their report on PCBs and consumer products; produced dangerous waste compliance videos; and developed training opportunities for transitioning to safer chemicals.

We are considering where to best focus our limited resources. Some local governments have welcomed actions they can take to help implement the State Plan, such as maximizing MRW collection, increasing MRW services, and working to improve recycling. See Janine's presentation for a more comprehensive list. Janine asked for any other ideas.

Jan Gee observed that many of these areas affect private industry. Will local governments reach out to them to work on these ideas? Janine said yes, local governments would work with all of their partners, including private industry. Laurie Davies commented that if WRRLCA funding were restored, some of these types of projects could be worked on by nonprofits and other groups.

Jan also asked if tire funding is just for cleanup. Laurie said when there is money left, it can go toward work on illegal dumping.

Waste Characterization Study - Gretchen Newman
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Gretchen gave the committee a presentation on the recently completed 2015-16 Waste Characterization Study as directed by state law (70.95.280). See Gretchen's presentation posted on the W2RAC website. The final report was published in October 2016 and is posted at <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/summarypages/1607032.html>.

Commingled Report - Allison Kingfisher
Contact: 509-329-3448; Allison.Kingfisher@ecy.wa.gov

Allison gave the committee a presentation on the recently completed *Optimizing the Commingled residential Curbside Recycling Systems in Northwest Washington* report. See Allison's presentation posted on the W2RAC website.

The report is organized into the following areas: Commodity issues/recommendations; recycling system issues/recommendations; and implementation workgroups. The report is posted at <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/SummaryPages/1607028.html>.

Request to Committee - Jan Gee
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The Governor's proposed budget transfers \$10 million from WRRLCA to State Parks. Jan asked the committee to sign a letter to go to the Governor and Legislature requesting to restore WRRLCA funding to Ecology.

Andy Comstock likes the idea of supporting it. Those who prefer to abstain should be listed on the letter, as well as those who support it.

Rich McConaghy pointed out that all committee members will need to see the letter, since many are participating in this meeting by videoconference.

The letter will be put in more final form and sent to the committee. The committee will contact Jan with any comments. Jan will make any needed changes and send the letter back out to the committee with a request to send her votes electronically.

Jan moved that the committee will consider a letter to the Governor and Legislature to restore WRRLCA fund. Linda Dennis seconded, and the motion was approved.

Roundtable

Kirsty Fry talked about a statewide variance that EPA worked on that was passed by the Washington State Department of Health to capture unused food from school cafeterias, which is a huge waste stream.

Pat McLaughlin said King County has an opening for an Assistant Solid Waste Division Director. Contact Pat if you know of potential candidates.

Dominic Calabro said that conversations have begun with Washington Hospitality Association about food waste. A food recovery event will be held in May/June.

Troy Lautenbach said that San Juan County passed a bag ban.

Remember to register for the WSRA conference, which will be held May 7-10 in Pasco.

Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- Solid Waste Management Planning Guidelines Update - TBD
- Efforts to Encourage C&D Recycling - TBD

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Susanne McLemore