Solid Waste Advisory Committee 10/6/11 MEETING

The Pend Oreille County Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) regular meeting was held on Thursday, October 6, 2011 at the Commissioner’s meeting room in the old County Courthouse in Newport, WA.

The sign up sheet was passed around. Travis Low, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:02pm.


Dustin was asked by Dave Alvarado of NW Industries to be an alternate & vote for him in his absence. Two other voting members were absent with no designated alternates: Don Hutson, Kalispel Tribe and Rene Wehreing, citizen.

Voting members was 8; quorum (Cindy, Travis, Scott, Dennis, Dustin, Dustin for Dave, Judy & Nancy).

▶ MOTION: Travis asked Beth to read/recap the June 2nd minutes. Nancy moved to approve the June 2, 2011 SWAC minutes as written and read. Motion seconded, carried.

Old Business:

Travis asked if any new SWAC members were interested in being voting members. Beth said Don Hutson of the Kalispel Tribe had talked to Sam Castro after talking to Travis and expressed interest in continuing to be a voting SWAC member. Jim said he would be happy to write a letter to the Commissioners encouraging at least one board member to attend the SWAC meetings, just let him know.

The obituary for Bob Nichols of B & N Sanitary was passed around. He passed away Sept. 20th and a celebration of his life will be held on Saturday, Oct. 15th at 4pm at the Crossroads Cafe (Hwy 211 & 20). Beth also read an email from Dorothy Kress saying Charles Kress, former County SW employee and longtime SWAC member, had suffered a stroke while they were in Canada sightseeing.

Cindy asked as to who was the Vice Chair of SWAC; Scott Campbell. Travis asked Beth to write a form letter that could be sent to voting members who are absent more than three meetings in a row to inquire as to their desire to continue to be voting SWAC members.

New Business:

1. Solid Waste

- Transfer Station Operations Plan was done in July but Ecology had some questions and wanted more details in the recycling and HHW sections. Beth should have it completed yet this fall. It will be put on the county website when finished.

- 2011 Resolution regarding holidays for the County transfer stations to be closed, if approved, would add Memorial Day and Independence Day (July 4th) to the other 4 national holidays they are closed: New Year’s Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

- Deer Valley scale equipment upgrade happened on Oct. 4th as well as scale calibration at Deer Valley and lone. Oct. 5th was training for Sunshine employees and Beth. It went very well.

- Rabanco contract with the County will expire Dec. 2012 unless a new contract is obtained or the old one is renewed. In the past, three year renewals have been signed. Beth said the fuel surcharges in the new contract for Lincoln County were so high they were convinced to renew their present contract.
2. **Household Hazardous Wastes (HHW)**

- Summer HHW classes in Spokane were attended by Beth, Harley Seger and most Sunshine employees. Geoff Glenn and Ron Dowers in Spokane were very gracious to let us all attend free.

- Toxic free tips recipe cards and green microfiber towels were available. Ecology has provided 200 to Pend Oreille County at no charge. They are available in the old County Courthouse lobby, at the public Works office and at the Deer Valley transfer station. They are given to promote less toxic ways to clean around the house so less HHW is generated; thus, less HHW we have to dispose of.

3. **Recycling**

- **Glass:** The County no longer accepts glass and the Deer Valley pile is gone as well as the lone pile. It cost Solid Waste almost $2,000 to get rid of the lone glass pile. The glass container is still at Usk with a little glass in the bottom but the trailer lid is kept closed. The container is on the wall to prevent anyone from falling in the open space if the trailer was moved.

- Construction and Demo debris Sept. 29th conference call was put on by Ali Kingfisher of Ecology. (see Beth’s attached email to Dave Alvarado summarizing the call). Steve Wulf mentioned that Kootenai County has a big CDL operation in which their wood chips go to Kettle Falls or Potlatch or the University of Idaho. Beth mentioned she had looked up the 2007 County “free” wood waste event costs and found that about 80 people had participated bringing in about 120 cubic yards of wood waste which cost Solid Waste $2,200 or about $18.33/cubic yard to haul it away for chipping.

- Beth had a variety of Solid Waste magazines and periodicals as hand outs. She asked each member to read 1 or 2 and bring back the most interesting or applicable articles to the group. She read one article from “Waste Age” August 2011 magazine about a family in Florida excavating in their backyard to make an inground pool only to discover 2 ½ feet below the ground large amounts of household trash from the 1970’s. And just 2 more feet below that they found large truck tires, appliances, etc.

4. **Future**

Looking ahead 10-20 years, how will Pend Oreille County Solid Waste operate? What will the transfer stations look like? How many tons of garbage, recyclables and HHW per year will we be transporting? Will we need to charge to drop off not only garbage but recyclables like Teton County in Wyoming does?

Discussion followed as to when the next meeting should convene. Travis decided to set the next SWAC meeting for Thursday, **March 1, 2012** in the Commissioner’s meeting room at the old County Courthouse in Newport (625 4th Street, Scott & 4th) from **3-5pm**. Beth will notify SWAC members, via email, regarding the agenda for the next meeting.

Travis entertained a motion by Nancy to adjourn the meeting at 4:12pm.
PEND OREILLE COUNTY
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION No. 2011-___

RE: SOLID WASTE DIVISION TRANSFER STATION HOLIDAYS

Whereas, a request by the Public Works Director of Pend Oreille County and the Solid Waste Division Coordinator has been made to add two more national holidays for the three County Transfer Stations to observe and be closed beginning in 2012,

Whereas, the Solid Waste Division presently had four holidays in which the three County Transfer Stations observe and are closed: New Year's Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day as stated in the June 2010 Solid Waste Management Plan Update.

Now, therefore, be it Resolved that the Solid Waste Division of the Public Works Department of Pend Oreille County shall have the three County Transfer Stations observe and close for two more national holidays: the Monday in May on which Memorial Day is observed and Independence Day, July 4th.

Adopted this ______ day of ____________, 2011.

Board of County Commissioners
Pend Oreille County, Washington

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John Hankey, Chair of the Board

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Laura Merrill, Vice Chair of the Board

ATTEST:

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Chris Mylar, Clerk of the Board
Multi-purpose greener Cleaner
(A multi-purpose cleaner that cleans and disinfects)
- 1 tablespoon soap (flakes, powder, or liquid) — not detergent
- ½ cup white distilled vinegar
- 12 ounces (1/2 cups) water

Add the ingredients to a clean 16-ounce spray bottle. Put the cap on and shake well.

Questions?
Toll Free: 1-866-939-9991
E-mail: toxicfreetips@ecy.wa.gov
Internet: www.ecy.wa.gov/toxicfreetips

Cost per ounce:
This recipe: $0.06
Commercial: $0.13

Label all cleaners  ▶ Nevar mix cleaners  ▶ Keep all cleaners away from children and pets

Window and Mirror greener Cleaner
- ⅔ cup white distilled vinegar
- 16 ounces water

Pour ingredients into a clean spray bottle. Spray on surface. Rub with a lint-free rag, such as a diaper or sheets of newspaper.

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Cost per ounce:
This recipe: $0.05
Commercial: $0.15

Label all cleaners  ▶ Nevar mix cleaners  ▶ Keep all cleaners away from children and pets

Drain greener Cleaner
- ⅔ cup baking soda
- ⅔ cup white distilled vinegar
- Boiling water

To free minor clogs and help prevent clogs, pour baking soda down the drain, then add vinegar. Let it fiz for a few minutes. Then pour 2 teaspoons of boiling water down the drain. Repeat if needed.

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Label all cleaners  ▶ Nevar mix cleaners  ▶ Keep all cleaners away from children and pets

Tub & Sink greener Cleaner
- Baking soda
- Liquid soap (not detergent). Castile or Murphy's Oil Soap are good options.

Use baking soda in place of scouring powder. Sprinkle it liberally on porcelain fixtures and rubber with a wet rag. Add a little soap to the rag for more cleaning power. Rinse well to avoid leaving a hazy film. (Baking soda won't scratch porcelain.)

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Bathroom Mold greener Cleaner
- 1 Part hydrogen peroxide (3% solution)
- 2 Parts water (for example, if you use ⅔ cup peroxide, use ⅔ cup water; for ¼ cup peroxide, use 1 cup water etc.)

Mix hydrogen peroxide and water in a spray bottle. Spray on areas with mold. Wait at least one hour before rinsing or using shower. Be careful with hydrogen peroxide; it can take the color out of fabrics.

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Use Vinegar to Manage Fleas and Ticks on Pets

Use white distilled vinegar in your pet's drinking water to help keep the animal free of fleas and ticks.

Add to one quart of water:
- 1 teaspoon vinegar for animals over 40 pounds
- ½ teaspoon vinegar for animals over 10 pounds
- ¼ teaspoon vinegar for animals under 10 pounds

Use Vinegar to Clean Floors

To clean no-wax floors, add ¾ cup of white distilled vinegar to a half-gallon of warm water. No need to rinse!

Use Vinegar to Fight Laundry Stains

Spraying white distilled vinegar onto deodorant-stained shirts before washing can remove the discoloration.

It's also great for fighting mustard, tomato sauce, and ketchup stains.

Use Vinegar to Clean Your Microwave

Mix ¼ cup of white distilled vinegar and 1 cup water. Boil in the microwave. The steam will loosen baked-on food, making it easier to clean.

It will also get rid of odors.

Use Vinegar to Clean Wooden Cutting Boards

Clean and disinfect wood cutting boards by wiping with full-strength, white distilled vinegar.

Use Vinegar to Remove Cooking Odors

Get rid of kitchen cooking smells by mixing a cup of white distilled vinegar with a cup of water and let simmer on the stove until odor is gone.

Find more uses for vinegar at the Vinegar Institute, www.versatilevinegar.org/

Use Vinegar to Wash Baby Clothes

To freshen baby clothes, add 1 cup of white distilled vinegar during the laundry rinse cycle. Vinegar helps break down uric acid and soapy residue, leaving the clothes soft and fresh.