Solid Waste Advisory Committee 3/1/12 MEETING

The Pend Oreille County Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) regular meeting was held on Thursday, March 1, 2012 at the Commissioner’s meeting room in the old County Courthouse in Newport, WA.

The sign up sheet was passed around. Beth Gillespie (in Travis Low, Chair’s absence) called the meeting to order at 3:05pm.

The meeting began with introductions of people present: 1) Beth Gillespie, SW Coordinator; 2) Steve Wulf, Sunshine Disposal; 3) Dennis McLaughlin, Allied Waste (Rabanco); 4) Nancy Thompson, PUD; 5) Judy Henshaw, Newport Schools; 6) Sam Castro, Co Public Works Director; 7) Rene Wehreing, citizen.

Alternates: Steve for Dustin and Beth for Travis Low and Scott Campbell. Three other voting members were absent: Cindy Low, Excess Disposal, Don Hutson, Kalispel Tribe and Dave Alvarado, NW Industries.

Voting members = 7; quorum (Beth for Travis & Scott, Steve for Dustin, Dennis, Rene, Judy & Nancy).

MOTION: Beth to read the October 6th minutes. Nancy moved to approve them. Motion seconded, carried.

Old Business:

Beth sent Travis has a form letter that can be sent to voting members who have been absent to inquire about their desire to continue to be voting SWAC members. He’s to contact Dave and Don. Sam suggested that perhaps the next SWAC meeting could take place at the Kalispel Tribe offices. Travis will inquire about this.

Interesting articles shared were about food recycling, solar panels atop landfills and landfill methane gas making electricity for homes. Beth gave out more trash magazines to read and find other interesting articles.

New Business:

1. Solid Waste
   - Transfer Station Operations Plan is done and posted on the County website.
   - 2011 Resolution regarding 2 more holidays for the County transfer stations to be closed was approved-Memorial Day and Independence Day (July 4th) added.
   - Rabanco contract with the County was renewed until Dec. 2015. Dennis explained this in more detail.

2. Household Hazardous Wastes (HHW)
   - Ecology’s Moderate Risk Waste meeting April 10th in Ellensburg. Megan Warfield is coordinator (360-407-6963 or meth461@ecy.wa.gov). Beth will forward any details as they become known.
   - Refresher HHW classes will be in Spokane this summer and fall thanks to City of Spokane HHW Dept.
   - Beth showed an HHW pie chart (posted on the County website). HHW collected in 2011 was 24 tons.

3. Recycling –
   - The Ecology grant received for 2012-2013 is $124,000 for recycling and HHW in the County.
   - Beth showed a 5 year graph of our recycling tonnages (posted on the County website). In 2011 491 tons of recyclables were collected and 7,254 tons of trash went to Roosevelt landfill; for a low 6.77% recycle rate. A poor economy appears to reduce our recycle rates. People still ask about recycling plastic and glass but with high transportation costs, recycling must make economic sense, too.
   - Sam reported that in 2011, due in part to Beth & Harley’s hard efforts, recycling revenue increased 20% though tonnage decreased by 15%. Steve said part of that is because now metal prices are very high.
   - Sam also reported that L&I hours have decreased by 8% for Solid Waste.
   - Sam said he joined the Risk pool about two months ago. They made an inspection of the 3 transfer stations. They found a few things that need to be modified or changed in order to minimize the risks.

The next meeting will be Thursday, MAY 31, 2012 TENTATIVELY at the Tribe from 2:30-4pm. Beth will notify SWAC members of the agenda and location details. Nancy moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:14pm; motion seconded, carried.
PEND OREILLE COUNTY
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION No. 2011-36

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 17th day of October, 2011.

Board of County Commissioners
Pend Oreille County, Washington

John Hankey, Chair of the Board
Laura Merrill, Vice Chair of the Board
Diane Wear, Member of the Board

ATTEST:

Chris Mylar, Clerk of the Board
2011 24 TOTAL TONS OF HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTED IN PEND OREILLE COUNTY

- 11 TONS USED OIL & FILTERS
- 3 TONS LATEX PAINT
- 5 TONS BATTERIES
- 3 TONS ANTIFREEZE
- 4 TONS OIL PAINT
- 0.4 TONS ACID & GAS

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3) BATTERIES
4) LATEX PAINT
5) OIL PAINT
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PEND OREILLE COUNTY RECYCLING COLLECTION HISTORY

*In 2007, Residents & Businesses disposed of 8,775 TONS of trash
*In 2008, 8,348 TONS
*In 2009, 8,224 TONS
*In 2010, 7,649 TONS
*In 2011, 7,254 TONS TRASH