

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JULY 11, 2012

Mission Statement: To enhance communication and the working relationship between the Department and the solid waste management facility owners/operators, through the discussion of issues and the exchange of ideas.

Committee members in attendance:

Barb Butler – City of Billings
Larry Laknar – Beaverhead County
Mark Nelson – Lake County
Sherrel Rhys – Lewis & Clark County
Dave Duffy – City County Sanitation
Max Bauer – Republic Services (Allied Waste)
Rick Thompson – Department of Environmental Quality

Committee members not in attendance:

Clay Vincent – Hill County
Joe Aline – Shumaker Trucking & Excavating

Others in attendance:

Matt Elsaesser – Recycle Montana
Bonnie Rouse - Department of Environmental Quality
Gordy Higgins - Department of Environmental Quality
Bruce Meyer – Department of Environmental Quality
Mary Hendrickson - Department of Environmental Quality

Called to Order at 1:35 pm by Sherrel Rhys.

The Minutes from the previous meeting were approved. Sherrel asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes. There were none.

Solid Waste Issues From Previous Meeting:

- Introduce new Committee Members. – Larry Laknar from Beaverhead County
- Discuss the new vacancy in Baker since Clay Olson is no longer with Baker. Rick will touch base with Baker to see if they want the new hire to be on the committee.

- Solid Waste FA rules update – Gordon Higgins
 - Eliminated the mechanisms circular and incorporated each mechanism into the rule instead per the program attorney's directive.

- Update on E & P Waste Fact Finding Trip to Eastern MT – Mary Hendrickson and Gordon Higgins.
 - Mary gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the trip that they took and talked about what they saw and what the issues are. It wasn't what they

thought it would be. Max Bauer said that they have been asked if they would take 100,000 tons of E & P wastes (drill cuttings) from North Dakota. Max also said that North Dakota said they would not allow this type of waste to be disposed of that state. Mary said that there is about 500 tons of solid wastes generated per well.

LGR Update:

- Section activities. – Bonnie Rouse
 - Bonnie talked about the Plan for Electronics Recycling in the Hi-Line Area of Montana and handed out a flyer with more information.
 - Bonnie talked about the Economy, Energy and the Environment Conference to be held in Bozeman at the Holiday Inn from September 12 through 14, 2012.
 - ❖ Will be presenting Hub and Spoke grants summaries at the Economy, Energy, and the Environment Conference.

New Agenda Items:

- Solid Waste Training Update - FY12 Summary – Rick Thompson
 - Rick talked about the training summary and the difference in what was budgeted and what was actually spent. Talked about upcoming training and what other training is needed. Talked about adding radiation training to be included with the HazWoper.
- Solid Waste Business Plan Update – Rick Thompson
 - Rick talked about where we are on our goals for the last fiscal year and what we have for the next fiscal year and long term goals. Encouraged members to review and ask questions. Mary asked questions about the renewal forms this year and said that she doesn't anticipate making any changes to the form for the next four years.

Open Discussion:

- Sherrel talked about the closure of Junk Vehicle yard in Lewis and Clark County and the new direct haul pilot program initiated by Junk Vehicle Program. The direct haul program allows vehicles collected by the county JV Program to be hauled directly to Pacific Steel. This eliminates the need for a county grave yard and the problems associated with long term storage of the vehicles. Sherrel indicated that the pilot program was going well for Lewis and Clark County.
- Mark Nelson introduced Matt Elsaesser as the new director for Recycle Montana a non-profit organization promoting recycling in Montana. Matt gave a brief summary of the activities of Recycle Montana, and encouraged those in attendance to donate to the program.

-ASWTMO National Meeting will be in Montana next year and Ed said that he will be contacting SWAC members in Billings or Missoula when they visit and decide where they will be having the meeting.

-Max mentioned that Allied Waste will be now be known as Republic Services throughout Montana.

-Rick talked about a conference call that he, Bruce, and Carda will be in having with a county commissioner from Sheridan County regarding a state wide tire shredder. There was discussion about the different tire shredders in the state and the benefits of shredding tires.

6) Agenda items for next meeting.

-Solid Waste Issues From Previous Meeting
Solid Waste FA rules update

-Solid Waste Training Update

-Solid Waste Business Plan Update

Next Meeting will be October 3, 2012 in Room 111.

7) Adjourn at 3:15 p.m.