

Solid Waste Advisory Committee September 1, 2004

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.*

Call to Order: Sherrel Rhys – 9:47 am. Doug was not able to attend due to work related problems.

Committee members in attendance: Barb Butler - City of Billings; Sherrel Rhys – Jefferson County; Tom Barth – Fallon County; Clay Vincent – Hill County; Max Bauer – BFI Missoula; Bob McWilliams- Beaverhead County and Rick Thompson – DEQ.

Others in attendance: Barry Damschen, Brian Spangler, Will Selser, David Seeberger, Lori Hall, Bonnie Rouse, Mike Vogel, Ed Thamke, David Aguirre and Mark Nelson.

Review and acceptance of minutes from June 2, 2004. All was approved.

Solid Waste Issues From Previous Meeting: EPA's Dan Bench from US Region 8, was unable to attend to answer questions on PCB wastes.

Brian Spangler gave the P2 update. His focus was primarily on the progress of the Integrated Waste Management Plan (IWMP) and the upcoming public meetings. Lou Moore assisted with the P2 report, outlining the new recycling goals that were included in the draft IWMP. Those targets were discussed by the committee and those in attendance. Barry Damschen asked if junk vehicles would be included in the recycling goals. Lou explained that automotive scrap metal was accounted for separately by the Junk Vehicle Program. Will Selser requested a list of items that would be included in the recycling goals. Max Bauer asked if the proposed recycling targets were being set to match national standards?

Next, Rick explained the revised time tracking "pi" charts. Barry Damschen asked for a spreadsheet showing the total time spent on each facility. He also suggested that a chart be produced showing the cumulative staff time for each facility class compared to the other facilities. Sherrel Rhys asked to have a report on how each employee spends their time on each class. Rick explained that request could not be fulfilled as only cumulative staff time was tracked instead of individual time. Barry asked to why there wasn't a section of the pi chart for transfer stations. Rick explained that majority of the transfer stations are located in counties below a certain economic threshold and do not have to be licensed by the state. Rick also explained that the larger transfer stations that are regulated are by the department were tracked as Class II landfills.

Mike Vogel presented a breakdown of the typical training costs for a DEQ/MACo training event. He reminded everyone of the MOLO training scheduled for September 28

to 30 in Billings. Mike also pointed out that the present budget could fund one training course (MOLO) for fiscal year 2005.

Ed Thamke was asked to explain what it will mean for training since there is \$40,000.00 in the black for the Solid Waste Program. Sherrel stated that the money should go toward covering training for them instead of using it for the Solid Waste Program. Mike Vogel made a suggestion to allocate a percentage of the money for training in a reserve account. Ed stated that he was interested in all ideas, but is looking at realities. Rick added, that there are others department directives and obligations which does not allow all surplus solid waste funds to be used for operator training.

Will Selser stated that he thought money that comes from landfills should be used for the operators for their training not for FTEs. Max Bauer stated his concern for keeping landfill help certified.

Ed Thamke asked that this note be added to the minutes, "If there are funds left at the end of FY05 in excess, these should be allotted for SWAC."

Ed asked the Committee to put in writing what is expected on their fees and training. Ed tried to explain the process of how the Solid Waste budgets work. All agreed for a resolution for Ed to take before the Legislature.

New Issues: Other legislation that is set for this session – JV tires.

Announcements / Training Issues: S.W.A.C. will meet again on December 1, 2004 at 1:00 pm until 3:30 pm in the Director's Conference Room 111.

Agenda for the next meeting: A resolution on training for review. PCB waste; two reports on time tracking; and Legislative update.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 am.