

**Solid Waste Advisory Committee  
September 12, 2006**

*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 called the meeting to order at 1:47 pm  
There was no quorum. There was an introduction of the committee members in attendance. The no final decisions or resolutions were made.

**Committee members in attendance:** Sherrel Rhys – Lewis & Clark County; Bob McWilliams – Beaverhead County; Steve Johnson – City of Bozeman; Barb Butler – City of Billings; Tom Barth – Fallon County; Joe Aline – Shumaker Trucking; and Rick Thompson - DEQ.

**Others in attendance:** Brian Spangler, Bonnie Rouse, Darrell Stankey, Judy Hanson, Colin McCoy, Mary Hendrickson, Mark Nelson, Tim Stepp, Mike Vogel, Susan McEachern, Will Selser and Steve Welsh.

**Acceptance of Minutes from June 1, 2006.**

**Solid Waste Issues From Previous Meeting**

**SWAC By-Laws and Member Replacement Policy**

The draft SWAC by-laws and member replacement policy was reviewed. It was agreed that the by-laws/policy should state that a quorum is not necessary for the approval of motions brought forward by the committee. Motions or other voting issues would be decided by the majority of members present. It was also decided that when an opening occurred on the committee, a notice would be sent to all solid waste facilities soliciting volunteers for the position before the next scheduled meeting. The majority of the members present at the subsequent meeting would vote on the replacement member from the pool of volunteers.

Rick stated that transfer stations and Class IV landfills should be represented and asked if anyone from this group present wanted to step up and fill the position. He also suggested that the by-laws/policy should be finalized and adopted at the next scheduled meeting.

**New Issues**

Rick gave the fourth quarter FY 2006 report on the Solid Waste Program activities.

Rick also gave the update on the Holcim EIS project. There was a public meeting schedule on September 26, 2006 in Bozeman.

## **P2 Program Update**

Correction given by Bonnie Rouse from the last minutes:

1. Whitefish did not purchase a pulverizer, a private company (New World Recycling) did the purchasing.
2. A summer completed the lab clean-out report. She reported the amount of material collected in pounds. There were seven high school lab clean-outs and a total of 2,082 pounds of chemicals was removed.
3. Bonnie reported on the recent E-Waste events and announced when and where the upcoming events would be held.

## **P2 Program Funding**

A representative of the P2 program stated that additional funds are needed to insure the continued growth in services provided by that program to public.

Judy Hanson reported on the Solid Waste Program fund balance. The question was asked if the figures reflect the shortage of FTEs in the SWP. Judy indicated that the figures she gave for FY 2007, 2008, and 2009 reflect full budget for all positions.

Rick then discussed legal fees; what causes the fees to increase and how the legal department gets involved with solving enforcement cases. Judy stated that the department has an attorney pool into which the various programs throughout the department are required to appropriate a pre-determined amount of their budget each fiscal year. The legal services provided throughout the department are subsequently charged to the attorney pool.

**Announcements:** The next meeting will be December 6, 2006 at 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm in Room 111.

**Agenda for the next meeting:** Rendering plants, audit report, licensing of e-waste, mega landfills and fly ash.

**Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm.