

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JULY 9, 2014

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:

Sherrel Rhys – Lewis & Clark County
Joe Aline – Shumaker Trucking & Excavating
Max Bauer – Republic Service
Barb Butler – City of Billings (Phone)
Clay Vincent – Unified Disposal
Dave Duffy – Tri County Disposal
Rick Thompson – Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
Jim Simon – Gallatin County Landfill
Mark Nelson – Lake County

Committee members not in attendance:

Larry Lakner – Beaverhead County
Chris Viets – Richland County Landfill

Others in attendance:

Candice Bell, Jefferson County SW District
Bonnie Rouse, DEQ
Riley Reise, Citizen
Kirk Treece, Republic Services
Jim Lang, City of Helena
Stephanie Beckert, Great West Engineering
Glen Rafish, Butte-Silver Bow Landfill
Mary Louise Hendrickson, DEQ
Kim Carley, Solid Waste, City of Helena
Barry Damschen, Barry Damschen Consulting
Kathy O'Hern, DEQ

Called to Order at 1:31 p.m. 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.

Sherrel asked for everyone to introduce themselves and to state who they work for as there were several new people in attendance.

• **Agenda Items From Previous Meeting**

- Federal Green House Gas Rule Making Update – Eric Merchant, AWRMB
 - EPA has proposed rules regarding methane emissions. They are looking at regulating greenhouse gases from landfills. This will

officially regulate greenhouse gases. Discussion regarding the applicability for the size of the landfills. Eric said that it will need to be looked at. Just because it exempt in the past, doesn't mean it will continue to be exempt in the future. The ARMB will look at all landfill facilities under this proposal and provide assistance in interpreting or with implementation of the new rules. Montana will develop a 111D plan that impacts landfill facilities within the state.

- Rules update – Compost – Gordy Higgins, Kathy O'Hern
 - Gordy gave a brief update on the proposed Compost Rules. The proposed rules have not been noticed as yet and are still undergoing DEQ legal review. Kathy and Gordy have been working with Bonnie's group in the Planning Division regarding the proposed compost rules. Gordy and Kathy talked about the purpose of the rules, general requirements, facilities and operations exempt from these rules, new compost definitions, specific license applications requirements for different types of compost facilities, specific license applications requirements for different types of compost facilities requirements for the operation and maintenance of compost facilities, sampling and analysis requirements, closure and post-closure requirements, proposed effective dates, notice and adoption timeframe. Gordy indicated that electronic copies of the proposed rule are available on request.
 - Gordy also talked about the bureau's new 'interested parties' database. The purpose of the database is have a robust list of accurate contact information (addresses) to send out rule notices and information to folks via email instead of by costly land mail.
- Solid Waste Training – Kathy O'Hern and Rick Thompson
 - Fiscal Year End Report for FY14
 - Four training events during the fiscal year
 - Fall 2015 Training
 - Safety fest
- **Solid Waste Program Update**
 - Licensing Activities – Mary Hendrickson
 - Just got through renewals. Mary thanked everyone for being prompt. Mary talked about the tonnage that was reported for the calendar year 2013 was 1,485,185.30 tons. This was up 221,405.59 tons over calendar year 2012.
 - Five solid waste applications that are being reviewed.
 - New and expansions
 - Seven new septic tank pumper applications.
 - Inspections – Rick Thompson
 - The SWP goal is to inspect each facility at least twice this year and has visited most facilities at least once this year.

- **Local Government and Recycling**

- LGR Update – LGR Staff

- Bonnie Rouse informed the SWAC that Dusty Johnson and Matt Elsaesser travelled to the Colorado Recycling Conference. Toured the glass bottle facility and the COORS facility.
 - Other projects being worked on by the LGR staff include:
 - Dusty is working with MDT on a pilot project for asphalt shingles.
 - Golden Triangle Hub and Spoke recycling.
 - Sandra is working with West Yellowstone School district.
 - Trying to get some schools interested in the biofuels.
 - Bonnie Rouse and John Podolinsky will be attending and presenting at the Pacific Northwest Air and Waste Management Conference in Spokane on October 27 - 29, 2014.
 - Governors Smart School Initiative targeting waste reduction in schools is being developed.
 - Yellowstone Business Partnership and Efficiency Program. DEQ LGR might be taking over this program.
 - Lou Moore has announced her retirement effective August 1, 2014.

- **New Agenda Items:**

- Lewis & Clark County/City of Helena Solid Waste Study – Sherrel Rhys
 - Sherrel informed the SWAC that the scope of the project of the project has kept growing. Neal Bolton and his staff have spent a lot of time reviewing city\county solid waste operations and the first report is due July 25, 2014.
 - Neal is presenting the report on July 23, 2014 at 4:00 at the city/county building
 - Waste-Not-Montana – Sherrel Rhys
 - Working on a recycling grant to fund Solid Waste Education Program in Lewis and Clark, Jefferson, Broadwater Counties
 - She has asked Recycle Montana to adopt the program.
 - Recycle Montana
 - Mark and Matt talked a little about what Recycle Montana does. Matt talked about the trip to Colorado.
 - Sherryl encouraged everyone present to join Recycle Montana.
 - Open Discussion –
 - Mark Nelson talked about a landfill fire in the class III wood pit.
 - Jim Simon talked about things going on at his facility.

- **Agenda Items for next meeting:**

- Green House Gas
 - Rules update

Set Next Meeting Date – October 9, 2014, in Room 111 from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:24 p.m.