

Solid Waste Advisory Committee

May 15, 2003

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: Doug Sparrow – 1:09 pm, Helena, Montana.

Committee members in attendance: Barb Butler – City of Billings; Doug Sparrow – City-County Sanitation; Clay Vincent – Unified Disposal (Havre); Sherryl Rhys – Jefferson County; Bob McWilliams – Beaverhead County; and Rick Thompson – DEQ.

Others in attendance: Jon Dilliard, Judy Hanson, Will Selser, David Seeberger, Lou Moore, David Prunty, Mike Vogel, Mike Hegedus, Barry Damschen, Ralph Hamler, M. Kottwitz, and Jan Stetzer.

Review and acceptance of minutes from April 2003.

Solid Waste Issues From Previous Meeting:

This was a specially called meeting to discuss the increase in fees for all facilities.

Rick Thompson proceeded to explain the changes on Scenario #3, using a 35% increase. The fees were based on all expenditures including being fully staffed. After much discussion of a scenario including composters, tonnage fees if associated with landfills, differences in charges for Class II and Class III landfills, whether a large increase now or later, and questioning the number of employees for the department, two new scenarios were presented. One scenario was a 10% increase and the other was 20% increase.

Motion: Doug made the motion to vote on the 10% base and \$.40 a ton increase. The vote was taken and did not pass.

Motion: Sherryl made a motion to discuss a 15% base increase and \$.37 a ton increase. That was seconded by Clay. After much discussion, this was changed.

Motion: Sherryl made the motion to vote on the 20% base increase and \$.40 a ton and come back in two years. With a show of hands this scenario passed.

Jon Dilliard made a commitment for providing a list of employees and their duties with times spent on each class of landfills.

Announcements / Training Issues

Mike Vogel gave the list of upcoming events here in Helena.

S.W.A.C will meet again on Wednesday, July 9, 2003, from 9:30 am –12:00.

Agenda for the next meeting

Breakdown of employee positions and time spent on each landfill.

Adjourned: 4:05 pm.