

## **Solid Waste Advisory Committee**

### **July 9, 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 – 1:35 pm, Helena, Montana.

**Committee members in attendance:** Barb Butler – City of Billings; Doug Sparrow – City-County Sanitation; Clay Vincent – Unified Disposal (Havre); Sherrel Rhys – Jefferson County; Bob McWilliams – Beaverhead County; Max Bauer – BFI Missoula; Joe Aline – Shumaker Trucking & Excavating; and Rick Thompson – DEQ.

**Others in attendance:** Jon Dilliard, Judy Hanson, Will Selser, David Seeberger, Lou Moore, David Prunty, Mike Vogel, Barry Damschen, Brian Spangler and Mark Nelson.

**Review and acceptance of minutes from May 15, 2003 with one correction of a total of \$.40 increase.**

**Solid Waste Issues From Previous Meeting:** This meeting also consisted of discussing fee increase for all facilities.

Rick Thompson started by reviewing fee scenario projections from last meeting . Starting with FY04 and FY05 expenditures that are fixed by the Legislature. Then referring to the pi charts in relation to where the fees are spent in time to each activity. The pi charts were not enough information for the Committee Members. The Committee made many suggestions such as – a separate composting chart; questions of STPs, if they were included in the Solid Wastes fees; what activity falls under licensing; how much time and people it takes to complete the licensing process from start to finish.

Sherrel Rhys complained of not getting replies to her letters that were sent to the Solid Waste Department in a reasonable amount of time. Will Selser made the suggestion of using emails for making acknowledgements to the facilities. Rick Thompson explained why that would not work in the fact that we need a more physical way of keeping track of the replies in knowing that the recipient received the letter.

Bob McWilliams questioned the Full Time Employees (FTE) positions as to how they are paid in line with the Solid Waste fees.

Jon Dilliard explained his percentage cut in order to help meet the budget for our Department.

Bob McWilliams questioned why there are no exact rules for landfills. Jon Dilliard explained to him that there is a changing format for the rules. It was just taking longer

than anticipated to get them completed. Jon also explained what steps these changes go through before they are taken into the rules.

**Motion:** Bob McWilliams made the motion to have in writing that the landfills are in compliance, not given verbally. Sherrel Rhys second the motion.

Max Bauer asked how long it would take to get the rule change completed. Jon Dilliard said it would take at least six months.

**Motion:** Doug Sparrow called for a vote for accepting this time for getting the rules changed. This motion was accepted.

Brian Spangler thanked Rick and Jon, the Solid Waste Department, for helping him concerning the Integrated Waste Plan.

Brian reported on his trip to the Washington DC meeting: Jobs that can be created through recycling; information on composting bins at rest stops; no grant for the mobile glass pulverizer; and collecting data from recyclers on how to move recycling forward.

**New Issues:** Rick Thompson reported on the MACo training, stating that the funding was reduced by half and now we are searching for funding.

Sherrel Rhys asked to why the Solid Waste Department was hit so hard on the cuts.

Mike Vogel asked where the funds were for MACo. Where classes information comes from and what employees are used in presenting the training. The suggestion was made to even use the private sector for the classes.

Jon Dilliard explained that it would take \$20,000.00 for the training and needing suggestions as where this funding should come from.

Max Bauer suggested that the composters be added back to the fees in order to have the \$20,000.00 funding for MACo.

**Motion:** Max Bauer made the motion to use any extra money for the MACo training. Sherrel Rhys second the motion.

**Announcements / Training Issues:** S.W.A.C. will meet again on

**Agenda for the next meeting.** Jo Dilliard committing to finding how long for getting the rules finished. Hoping to have a satisfying time limit for the Committee.

**Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 pm.

