

Solid Waste Advisory Committee September 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: Barb Butler, by proxy – 9:40 am, Helena, Montana.

Committee members in attendance: Clay Vincent – Unified Disposal (Havre); Sherrel Rhys – Jefferson County; Max Bauer – BFI Missoula; Roger Schmidt – Fallon County; and Rick Thompson – DEQ.

Others in attendance: Jon Dilliard, David Seeberger, Mike Vogel, Mark Kottwitz, Brian Spangler and Mark Nelson.

Review and acceptance of minutes from July 9, 2003 with one correction, Sherrel Rhys commenting that the discussion of the job descriptions were omitted.

Solid Waste Issues From Previous Meeting: Rick notified the committee that the comment period on the fee raise had ended. For the record, there had been only three comments. He stated that there would be continued studying of the fees, jobs descriptions and the costs of the activities to the department for the next two years.

Rick also presented a chart on the rules from the director's office. Pointing out the time-frame for deadlines.

Jon discussed the time-frame for adopting the solid waste rules. Rick pointed out the solid waste rules that are on the list for restructuring that have been resubmitted. Sherrel / Barb wanted a date as to when a version of the rules would be available.

Rick explained what is being planned at this time for each MACo class. Mike told of the time lines and schedules, two schools being conducted by DEQ. Mike also suggested to move the training to Spring 2004. All agreed this would be a better time..

Max Bauer made a suggestion for providing a questionnaire as for what training people would want from MACo. This in addition to what has already been set. Max thought one of the ideas on the questionnaire would be to ask where to hold the classes. He also thought holding the classes in the Spring after the rules have been completed was a good idea.

Rick suggested to keep the same format but get more of a feel as to what people would want in the Spring.

Rick gave the report of the attendance dropping for several years – tracked by Pat Crowley. It has been dropping since 1996 and has now flat-lined.

The idea of holding the MOLO Fall classes in Billings and the Spring classes in Missoula on March 4, 2004, was suggested.

New Issues: Rick gave an update on inspections and work done by the solid waste department. Explaining how he is acknowledging reports that the department receives and presenting a list as to what is responded to.

Bryan gave his report on recycling – working with Walmart on mercury thermometer disposal and costs. Looking to organize with NCRC a two-day conference on recycling.

Sherrel requesting for a two week notice when the SWAC meeting times are changed.

Rick stating that he is working on final cover alternative classes for next winter.

Jon notified the committee on the restructuring of the department. Stating that eventually he would no longer be in the solid waste program.

Announcements / Training Issues: S.W.A.C. will meet again on December 3, 2003 at 9:30 am in the Director's Conference Room 111.

Agenda for the next meeting: Reorganization of the department.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.