

Department of Environmental Quality
Solid Waste Advisory Committee – hybrid meeting agenda

ZOOM

January 23rd, 2025

1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

- ❖ Call to Order – Fred Collins
 - Meeting started at 1:48pm
- ❖ Introductions
 - Fred Collins - Solid Waste Section Supervisor - DEQ
 - Dusti Johnson – Solid Waste Materials Management Specialist - DEQ
 - Nolan Lister – Public Information Officer - DEQ
 - Brady Christensen – Material Management Specialist JV Program - DEQ
 - Andrea Staley – Solid Waste Program - DEQ
 - Garrett Masin – Enforcement Program - DEQ
 - Jim Simon - Gallatin County Solid Waste Director
 - Patty Howard - Logan Landfill
 - Kathi Hooper - Lincoln County health department
 - Madeline Marchiafava Solid Waste Hydrologist - DEQ
 - Amanda Henderson – Program Support Specialist - DEQ
 - Nick Hoem - Beaverhead County
 - Jacki Pierson - City of Helena L&C County landfill
 - James Gibson – Valley County Landfill
 - Jeremy Welch – Republic Services
 - John Foreman - City of Helena
 - Lillian Kurzhal - Waste Management Specialist - DEQ
 - Joel Ebert – Solid Waste Management Specialist – DEQ
 - Kyle Foreman - City of Billings Solid Waste
 - Megan Wingard – Solid Waste Materials Management Specialist – DEQ
 - Micheal Hurff – City of Hardin Landfill
 - Stacey Wells – Clean Solutions
- ❖ Approve minutes from October 17th, 2024, meeting
 - Jim looked at minutes, didn't see anything of concern as he wasn't at the meeting. Motion to approve, seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
- ❖ Solid Waste Section Updates
 - Staff assignments, hiring, office changes – Fred Collins
 - Tim Stepp, engineer, retired in December. Looking at engineer hiring in February 2025. Direct engineering projects to Solid Waste inbox.

- Fully staffed otherwise
 - Solid Waste Program moved offices to 1225 Cedar St Helena MT 59601
 - Jim Simon has a question about Tim's review of a project closure
- Trainings – Fred Collins
 - Blue Ridge Services winter webinars. Industrial storm water training June 2025 – in person?
 - Fred will fill calendar of trainings in Feb. 2025.
 - Dusti and Fred will try to do a composting training. Butcher waste.
 - Reach out to Fred with ideas for training to get it on the calendar.
- Project statuses – Fred Collins
 - Lincoln County license expansion went out.
 - Deer Lodge expansion EA to be published in February.
 - Flathead county expanded EA drafted, to be put in the new format, then sent to MEPA/legal team. Second or third week in Feb for publication.
 - Transfer station license application in from Gallatin County. End of 2025 at the earliest. Preliminary work at site, survey, traffic survey etc.
- Inspections – Madeline Marchiafava
 - 63 inspections completed in 2024, almost double of 2023
 - 19 minor violations and 5 major violations
 - Violations include windblown litter, fences need to be cleaned, dust.
- Materials Management Program – Brady Christiansen and Dusti Johnson
 - Brady Christensen – JV licenses renewals, waiting on payments for 2. 124 will be licensed in 2025. Some have closed and 1 will not be renewed due to noncompliance.
 - Dusti Johnson – focused on grant, a year and a half into a grant. Megan has been helping a lot. Still looking into the battery situation. Still doing collection events – funding is an issue but hope to acquire more grants. Quite a few projects listed, Dusti will put it in next SWAC meeting. Compost training.
- Enforcement – Garrett Masin
 - Complaints 24 complaints. 6 asbestos, 1
- Andrea 161 license renewals to send out.

❖ Other Items

- Legislative Updates – Fred
 - Vehicle titling that won't affect us too much, Fred will reach out if anything comes up. Rick is keeping an eye on things.
- PFAS Updates – Madeline
 - No regulatory requirements
 - Drafts will be sent out for public comment
 - Waste water treatment plants biosolids
 - EPA recommends monitoring sludge pretreatment
 - Revisions to effluent limit guidelines
 - 9 more PFAS added to list
 - Fred will reach out with legislative action on PFAS.
- Lithium-ion batteries
 - Jacki – busy! Call To Recycle One Drum recycle kit with 4 55-gallon drums with bioresistant granules, batteries go in, and layer goes over. 3rd barrel filled since October 2024. Utility bills insert in Nov 2024 for Lithium-ion awareness and sustainability newsletter. Fred asked what batteries have been coming in the most, Jacki says rechargeable drill/hand tool batteries, and cell phone and laptop batteries. Kyle asked how much disposal is costing Helena - \$1500 and costs \$600-700 to ship out. \$2200 altogether. Detailed reports will come in as soon as barrels ship out and get recycled. All 4 drums will go out at the same time.
 - Dusti – reiterated what Jacki said. Batteries aren't considered Universal Waste. Hazardous Waste should come to the next meeting and talk about recycling/disposal of batteries. Landfills > recyclers > broken down (Universal waste)
 - Regulatory considerations?
 - [Call 2 Recycle](#)
 - CWD updates
 - Fred – talked with Bevin McCormick regarding CWD, no legislative action as of this time.
- Open SWAC positions
 - New chair nomination. Fred asked Jim, Jim declined. Dusti nominated Jacki Pierson; Jim seconded. Moved to next SWAC meeting in April.
 - Small Western Class II Landfill (e.g., Deer Lodge) Fred will reach out in invites for next SWAC meeting.
 - Public Intermediate Class II Landfill (e.g., Valley County Landfill, Beaverhead County Landfill)
- ❖ Round Robin
 - Jim – Finished construction and lining of Class 5 landfill, compost improvements, CASP system going out to bid Feb 2025, transfer station

moving forward. 406 Recycling in Helena is shutting down and will affect recycling in Gallatin County. Looking for alternative vendor.

- Nick – putting in a scale, just waiting for automation. Getting it figured out.
- Jeremy – starting work on the next footprint in late '26 or early '27.
- John – working on the lithium batteries
- Kyle – Summer – expanding gas collection system, trial with fogs greases and wastewater
- James in Glasgow – called on but mic didn't work
- Stacey – continuing testing after their event.
- Michael – Hardin – canister site landfill out to bid \$110K, bids came back at \$460K and had to go back to drawing board.

❖ Call for agenda items – Legislative updates, PFAS, SWAC

❖ Set Next Meeting Date –

- Tentative – April 10th, 2025 (hybrid meeting). Jim firsts, Fred seconds.

❖ Adjourn - Adjourned at 3:03pm.