



Solid Waste Advisory Committee Meeting
** Teams Meeting & In-person at San Juan County's
Small Legislative Conference Room (55 second Street,
Friday Harbor **

November 9, 2023, 1pm - 3pm

Attending (bold, regular font is absent)

Troy Lautenbach, San Juan Transfer Station; Pete Moe, Orcas Recycling Services; **Justin Hagge, Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District;** **David Zapalac, Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District;** **Logan Luft, San Juan Sanitation;** **Kathy Morris, Orcas Resident Member;** **Diana Wadley, Dept. of Ecology;** Rick Winnings, San Juan Resident; **Rick Carr, Lopez Resident;** Jared Lovejoy, Business at Large; **Steve Hushebeck, Town of Friday Harbor;** **Christine Minney, Council Member;** **Paul Andersson, Agriculture Member;** **Katie Fleming, San Juan County;** **Carolyn Moulton, San Juan Transfer Station;** Angela Broderick, San Juan County; Kendra Smith, San Juan County; no public attendees. **Recorder: Carolyn Moulton**

Action Minutes:

Topic	Key Discussion Points and Agreements	Actions and Next Steps
Call to Order	<u>Call to Order, attendance/roll call, record absences and quorum determination</u> - The meeting was called to order by chair Troy Lautenbach at 1:06 pm. Troy confirmed that a quorum was present. <u>Approval of the Minutes from the previous meeting –</u> MOTION: A motion was made by Logan and seconded by David to approve the August 8, 2023 SWAC meeting minutes.	MOTION: Minutes approved.
Routine	<u>Grants & Program Update</u> – Katie gave a presentation on 2023-2025 grants. She is working on the 2023-2025 LSWFA, the bulk of which will be for Hazardous Waste, particularly outer islands. Also planning for Sutton Rd. traffic patterns, and composting options. Grant completion expected March 2024. SJI Plastic Film Pilot expanded to out-of-town residents in July 2023. Collections at Marketplace have been over 1 ton – more than expected. EPR bill returning in 2024 Legislative Session. Confusion about TOFH pickup – it's 4 th Wednesday of every month. Ideally soccer ball-sized amount/household/week, esp. over holidays. Katie hopes to visit Merlin with Lautenbach's Materials Manager Kristen Hancock for more info on the actual recycling. Waste Tires: Katie still talking to ECY. Program covers a contractor picking up tires from all islands at a single location. County needs to bridge funding gap to bring tires to that location. Diana Wadley shared that ECY is seeking ways to	Informational

	help. Lots of tires do not get recycled, and funding is for recycling. Logan says 90-95% of tires look good. SWMP: Due at end of Dec., still working on. Contracting with Terrill Chang for expert review and guidance. Composting: Didn't get EPA grant. Katie and Kendra have a meeting with grantors to discuss notes. Funding built into County capital budget, still waiting for budget approval. Orcas 3 years down the road, then Lopez. Kathy attended WORC Conference. Next year's is in Vancouver in October. Farmers, ECY, WSDA folks attended and discussed biochar, forest management, wildfires, organizational partnerships, etc. SJC Fair Composting: YCC did a great job at the bins. Collection was 4820lbs (including animal bedding), up from 560lbs in 2022. <u>Transfer Station Updates</u> – <u>ORS</u>: Baler Building - Baler will be stored at Skagit Steel – building should be ready 1st quarter of 2024. Solar coming to site with help of upcoming fundraising campaign. HHW 10/21 had 21 cars and they'll do a March 2024 event. <u>Lopez</u>: David reported that annual levy passed with 84%. PW moved personnel and some equipment off-site, so now more storage space. Dave introduced Justin Hagge as new facility manager. Round of introductions for Justin. <u>SJTS</u>: Troy reported that things are slowing down. <u>Reappointments of SWAC Position reminders & Business at Large position open</u>. Pete is "termed out" of SWAC Board, but hopefully he can continue to represent. Katie has received some Business at Large applications and expects approval at Feb. 2024 meeting. Chair will be elected at that meeting.	
New Topics	<u>SJC Greenhouse Gas Emissions Report Presentation by Angela Broderick, SJC</u>. The Sept. 2023 GHG Emissions Report is SJC's first. Angela presented via PowerPoint. Slides and report will be attached to these minutes. Transportation is the biggest contributor to GHG. Policy ideas from Paul: mandatory composting, limits on burning to create more woody debris feedstock. Comp Plan Update will include Climate Change Planning Requirement. Kathy recommended <u>Farmers of Forty Centuries</u> by F.H. King. Discussion ensued about systems, education. <u>11/08/23 State SWAC Meeting Report from Troy</u>	PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION

	WRAP Act and Organics were main topics of conversation, as well as a stand-alone Bottle Return Bill. There were also discussions about contamination, education, EV batteries, and wind turbine blades. Right to Repair has momentum – Apple supports it now. Commerce newsletter details many funding opportunities. Zero Waste Washington site is a great source for legislative updates. https://zerowastewashington.org/ WSRA Policy Forum is Tuesday, Dec. 12th from 9:30-12:00.	
Continuing Topics	<u>HHW Events & Planning</u>: Did Blakely this Fall, need to do Decatur. Shaw folks brought HHW to Orcas. Orcas will do March 2024 event. SJI and Lopez will likely go back to later Spring dates. <u>Fall GICU</u> was September 30th. 164 volunteers collected 1871lbs. of litter on 50 miles of road. Heather Trim did an “escaped trash” workshop, and volunteers separated materials into buckets. Spring GICU is scheduled for April 20th, 2024. <u>Plastic-Free Salish Sea</u>: Promoting Adopt-a-Beach and Adopt-a-Road programs for ongoing stewardship.	Informational
Closing	Public Comments: There were no public comments. Kathy recommended <u>Doughnut Economics</u> by Kate Raworth - https://www.kateraworth.com/doughnut/. Diana mentioned WSRA conference in May 2024, encouraging people to present there if interested. \$4M EPA grant went to King County deconstruction facility. EPA funded NextCycle accelerator program. Troy shared info about Biochar pilot project with Skagit Soils. Discussion ensued about animal offal. <u>2024 Meetings</u>: February 8th, May 9th, August 8th, November 7th	
Adjournment	The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 8, 2024 from 1-3pm. Please mark your calendars! The meeting was adjourned at 2:45pm.	Adjourned