

**Benton County
Solid Waste Advisory Committee
(SWAC)**

**Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2023, 10:00 AM**

In attendance:

<u>SWAC Members:</u>		<u>remote or in-person</u>
Benton County:	Will McKay	absent
City of Benton City:	Jessica Wadsworth	absent
City of Kennewick:	Chuck Torelli (Secretary)	in-person
City of Kennewick	Jim Millbauer (alternate)	absent
City of Prosser:	Don Aubrey	absent
City of Richland:	Theresa Richardson	in-person
City of West Richland:	Richard Bloom (Vice Chair)	in-person
Basin Disposal:	Darrick Dietrich	absent
Basin Disposal:	Rebecca Francik (Chair)	in-person
Public Citizen:	Khris Olsen	absent
Waste Management	Tami Yager (alternate)	in-person

Additional Attendees:

Cristina Woods, Benton County	in-person
Chris Loid, Benton County	in-person
Shela Berry, Benton County	in-person
Roscoe Slade, City of West Richland	absent
Mark Nielson, Benton Conservation District	in-person
Michelle Mulrony, Dept of Ecology	absent
Wendy Mifflin, HDR	in-person
Jim Coleman, Benton Franklin Health District	remote
Kevin Fuerst, Waste Management	absent
Martin Nelson, City of Kennewick	in-person
Matt Mahoney, Benton County	in-person (partial)

Meeting start time: 10:02 a.m.

Discussion items

1) Introductions

Everyone attending virtually and in-person introduced themselves and stated what agency they were from.

Vice Chair Bloom indicated he is working on a tour of the Hanford moderate waste facility. He suggests that Chris Loid and Matt Mahoney may benefit – lessons learned - from a tour.

2) Approval of January 11, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Chuck Torelli made a motion to approve, seconded by Tami Yager – MCU

3) Public Comment – (None)

4) Moderate Risk Waste Facility (MRWF) update

Cristina Woods indicated that keys have been provided, staff have been hired and are in training, and that an estimated opening date has yet to be established. Permits will be required through Benton-Franklin Health District.

Vice-Chair Bloom indicated a desire for a tour of the facility. Chris Loid indicated that would be possible.

Shela Berry provided a preliminary MRWF operating budget, for committee review and information. Estimates and/or projections have been obtained from other regional facilities of similar type with additional information provided by Clean Harbors.

Committee members followed with some discussion with question/answers on select topics including paint care, batteries, signage, EV vehicle batteries, grant duration (2 year), potential for renewal, and other topics.

5) 5-Year Solid Waste Plan – Discuss DRAFT Chapter 8 and Chapter 5

DRAFT Chapter 8 –

Wendy Mifflin detailed the Chapter 8 elements, by section, solicited input from SWAC and reviewing comments received by SWAC members. SWAC members and other agency representatives reviewed all comments, with any additional input requested to be sent to Wendy.

SWAC member consensus was that Chapter 8 should move forward, with modifications as discussed. Members agreed unanimously.

DRAFT Chapter 5 –

Wendy Mifflin explained that quite of bit of content was provided in Chapter 5, understanding it would require significant SWAC input, to determine the direction of the content and how it appears in the plan.

Wendy Mifflin detailed the programs detailed within Chapter 5, by section, and solicited input from SWAC. Mifflin explained that some portions are regulatory in nature and that they are required to appear within the plan.

Jim Coleman indicated that Benton-Franklin Health District is in development stages of a Climate Change position that could supplement the Climate Change information discussed in plan.

Existing Programs and Services were discussed, with SWAC members providing input on assorted locations and services listed in plan. Members indicated they'd provide other input via email.

Subsequent portions of Chapter 5 were detailed by Mifflin, with SWAC indicating feedback would be provided. Particular focus and input was encouraged upon Table 5.2, to ensure those waste streams indicated handled are accurate.

Wendy Mifflin suggested and consensus was reached that this Chapter would be brought for further review, after all input is received.

Matt Mahoney indicated that as the department gets Solid Waste headed in right direction and this plan progresses, Cristina would be relieved of SWAC duties and be "go back to being an engineer."

Chapter review progressed through "5.2.10 Processing Facilities", when determining that this chapter review would pick up at for next meeting. Wendy requested SWAC members provide their feedback within 10 days, to allow preparation for the March meeting. Matt Mahoney encouraged members to provide feedback to county, who could then distribute to the SWAC membership.

Discussion was held about potential to shift the March meeting to another date. March 15th was agreed upon.

Other

Wendy – Next Chapters are Organics and Administration Financing Implementation.

Next meeting will be March 15, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting end time: 12:06 p.m.