

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

SUMMARY

April 20th, 2022, 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	in-person
City of Kennewick	Jim Millbauer (alternate)	in-person
City of Prosser:	Don Aubrey	absent
City of Richland:	Theresa Richardson	in-person
City of West Richland:	Richard Bloom	in-person
Basin Disposal:	Darrick Dietrich	absent
Basin Disposal:	Rebecca Francik (alternate)	telephonically
Waste Management:	Jeff Barcenas	in-person
Public Citizen:	Khris Olsen	in-person

Additional Attendees:

Matt Mahoney, Benton County	in-person
Cristina Woods, Benton County	in-person
Jackie Mayfield, Benton County	in-person
Laura Busby, Dept of Ecology	remote
Jim Coleman, Benton-Franklin Health District	remote
Tami Yager, Waste Management	in-person

Meeting start time: 10:00 am

Action Items:

The following appointments were made for SWAC:

- Chair: Rebecca Francik, Basin Disposal
- Vice Chair: Richard Bloom, City of West Richland
- Secretary: Chuck Torelli, City of Kennewick

Discussion items:

Ecology Agreement

A link was provided for the agreement between the Department of Ecology and Benton County Solid Waste, Resolution 2022-076.

1st and 2nd Quarter Reports

The 1st and 2nd quarter reports were discussed. Matt Mahoney from Benton County helped explained these numbers.

5-year Solid Waste Plan

It was discussed that the plan needs some updating due to law and demographic changes. Any changes need to be sure to follow the requirements and needs to meet the plans and goals of SWAC. There was discussion on the actual timeframe of the 5-year plan. It was asked if the current timeline would be 2023-2028, Laura said she would find out. Laura also advised the group that all solid waste plans throughout the state are available online to view if the committee would like to look at other jurisdiction's plans.

Also discussed was the county's plan to hire a consultant to work on the solid waste plan. Matt Mahoney advised there were 3 interested parties and as of the current date no decisions had been made. He also advised the cost of the consultant would be paid from the Benton County budget.

MRWF Retrofit Update

Cristina from Benton County provided the group with a map of the location of the facility. Some members requested copies of the plans and Cristina advised she would get those sent out to the members. The estimated completion of the project is September/October of 2022. Matt Mahoney stated the goal is to get the facility open to the public as soon as possible. A brief discussion was held on the options for a grand opening event. Matt stated the department would be working closely with the Health Department to get all the necessary permits to operate.

It also was requested that a tour be arranged for the members to view the new facility along with some other possible locations. Some locations mentioned were the Prosser and Benton City drop boxes and the Richland landfill. Richard Bloom also suggested he may be able to arrange a tour of Hanford's Consolidated Waste facility.

HHW event April 30th

The upcoming HHW event that will be at the fairgrounds was discussed. The items that would not be accepted were also discussed. Chuck Torelli expressed that it would be helpful to have a map on the website of the flow of traffic for the citizens. Cristina Woods with Benton County explained the set up for this year's event.

Waste oil at Prosser and Benton City drop boxes

Jim Coleman explained the issues occurring at the two locations with oil drop offs. Pictures of the Benton City location were provided to show what the current drop off location looks like. Some suggestions were made such as covering the Benton City location, getting cameras installed, securing the site, having an employee man the location, and changing the oil container to totes. Matt Mahoney is going to work on getting the costs associated with cleaning up these sites.

Next HHW event and next SWAC meeting

Tami Yager with WM stated she would share a link to a video regarding recycling. Here is the link she provided: [WM Video Smart Center Regional Version on Vimeo](#).

Some ideas were also brought up regarding future HHW events once the facility is open. Some options discussed were continuing the remote events, and only holding the events in Prosser and Benton City.

Richard Bloom will be working on setting up transportation and selecting a date for the tour of the facilities.

At the end of the meeting, Rebecca Francik requested that each member send in a short bio from each SWAC member to be included in the meeting minutes.

Jeff Barcenas

I am a Senior Manager for WM in Kennewick (formerly known as Waste Management). I currently lead a team of 25 employees that provides solid waste and recycling services within the City of Kennewick and unincorporated areas of Benton County. I graduated from Columbia Southern University, with a bachelor's degree in human resource management. I am currently working on a Master of Science degree in Organizational Leadership at Southern New Hampshire University's online program. I have 20 years of solid waste industry experience working for the private sector in Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

Jim Millbauer

Mr. Millbauer has called Kennewick home since 1987 and was elected to the Kennewick City Council in 2019.

He has been an UA Local 598 pipefitter for 42 years, and for the last 21 years, has proudly served and represented hard working men and women at Hanford as a Project Steward. His career is a reflection of his values and strong belief in the importance of serving others. For this reason, he volunteers on a variety of boards and organizations such as United Way, Bikes for Tikes, and After School Matters.

His focus is to create more opportunity for economic development, make public safety a priority, and work together on building a better community, through projects that support responsible growth.

Mr. Millbauer has three children and five grandchildren, all of whom call Kennewick home.

Tami Yager

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Tami has worked in the private sector solid waste industry for 13 years, most recently leading a Waste Management (WM) team responsible for fulfilling municipal solid waste contracts in south, central, and eastern Washington and Idaho. Tami has over 20 years of experience working for city/county government covering economic and community development, solid waste and emergency management. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from George Fox University and a Master Degree in Public Administration from Portland State University. Tami serves on the Greater Spokane Valley Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

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Chuck Torelli

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Charles (Chuck) Torelli has lived in Kennewick since 1985. His three children were all raised in Kennewick as were three (out of ten) of his grandchildren. He is married to Beverly Johnson-Torelli who retired from the Kennewick School District as Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources.

Chuck retired from Hanford in 2011 after a thirty-four-year career. Thirty-one years were spent at the Plutonium Finishing Plant in capacities ranging from Plant Engineer to decommissioning Superintendent.

Service – Chuck was selected to serve on the Kennewick City Planning Commission in 2017. He was then appointed to the Kennewick City Council in early 2019. Chuck was then elected to the position in November of 2019. He also served on the board of the Benton-Franklin League of Women Voters, is a member of the East Benton County History Museum and Historical Society, is a board member of Community Action Connections (independent of his council position) and was a past board member of the SHAKE (provides school supplies for local school districts).

Meeting end time: 11:36 am