

SWAC Meeting Notes – November 21, 2008

Meeting started at 11:07am

Meeting ended 1:50pm

Present: Barbara Bell, Paul Buklarewicz, Christine Dochin, Mike Gleason, Nimr Tamimi, DOH Rep: Lane Otsu

Absent: Jes Foster, Mike Gleason, Mike Kaha, Alex Leonard, Steve Okoji, Shon Pahio, Russell Ruderman

Staff Present: Nelson Ho, Mike Dworsky, Terin Gloor, Linda Peters, Chris Chin-Chance, Keyra Tejada, Tiffany Pacheco

Consultants: Dan Pitzler, Ron Terry

Approval of October 20, 2008 Minutes:

Motion by Christine Dochin, second by Paul Buklarewicz

Adjournment:

Motioned and seconded.

Agenda

In accordance with the agenda, this meeting included the following topics:

- Introductory remarks
- Statements from the public on agenda items - no statements
- Approval of minutes from October 20, 2008 meeting
- New Business
 - CH2M HILL presentation of the draft Household Hazardous Waste and E-Waste section and the Special Wastes section of the ISWMP update
 - Results of SWAC ranking of Collection and Transfer options
 - Format and content of information to be presented at public meetings during December
 - Presentation of evaluation process for residuals options (multi-criteria decision analysis and analysis of risks)
 - Discussion of goals for the current update to the ISWMP
- Announcements - none
- Adjournment

Discussion

Discussion about HHW, E-Waste and Special Wastes Presentation

- Lane provided an update on the status of Act 13, that will require manufacturers to take back certain electronics at the end of their useful life
 - The bill was vetoed by the governor, then overridden by the legislature
 - SHW branch has assembled a team to plan for implementation (process, coverage)
 - Law covers computer monitors, printers, CRTS, LCDs
 - Manufacturers must register, pay a \$5,000 registration fee by 2009, and have plans implemented by 2010
 - Television manufacturers have a bit more time to implement their program
- One challenge faced here is that many take-back programs don't apply in Hawai'i e.g., Radio Shack with batteries.
- E-waste requires a covered facility to ensure that invasive species don't get into the materials (as happened with a load from Recycle Hawai'i earlier this year).
- Linda clarified that there were 6 County's HHW events this past year at 4 facilities.
- Another challenge is when you have a one-day event, some people will continue to bring materials after the day of the event.
- Plan should emphasize what is REMAINING and not changing (perhaps in executive summary).
- Terin described how they envision collecting special wastes at remodeled transfer stations. The area is being designed as a 3-sided structure for dropoff of materials that don't require Haz-mat training (such as e-waste, batteries, fluorescent bulbs).
- Barbara mentioned that at one time they had investigated working with local fire departments for HHW collection.
- Changing permits at transfer stations from convenience centers to transfer stations is in progress.
- Christine related a colorful story of how they dealt with a particular special waste: a load of pigs disposed of at the West Hawai'i Landfill.
- Is Fats, Oils, and Grease a special waste? Apparently not in the state regulations, but they do require special handling at landfills.
- Resorts are a large source of medical waste. Christine noted that there is only one autoclave facility in the County for treating medical wastes. Mike mentioned that there may be a need to know more about medical waste handling methods to see if they could be improved.
- Are there any good methods for using ground tires in road base. It appears that this has proved challenging for many jurisdictions - highway departments have been reluctant to specify it and any processing requirements would be quite strict.

Discussion about Ballot Results for Collection and Transfer Options

- Dan reported that there was a wide range of opinions by SWAC members, but the general conclusion is that transfer station options were preferred to all of the collection options.
- Barbara suggested that maybe the time is not right at this point for implementing curbside collection.
- Christine: in future, increased population density may make it more feasible.
- Barbara, Linda, and Mike felt that licensing haulers would be a good initial step – perhaps for commercial collection as well.

Discussion about Upcoming Public Meetings

- Barbara suggested that we should give public ballots at the start of the meeting – Dan said that was the plan.

Discussion about Goals for the ISWMP Update

- What kind of goals are appropriate? Dan provided some examples from other plans. It was suggested that they could serve like the “purpose and need” statement from an EIS.
- Purpose of the goals would be to help us narrow the alternatives by bringing in values.
- Mike pointed out that goals should not be written a way so as to preclude alternatives.
- Goals and the plan should be countywide.
- Goals shouldn't be too specific, rather broad policy objectives.
- It was agreed that Barbara and Dan would work on a draft mission statement and goals to be discussed at the December SWAC meeting.