

MINUTES
INFORMAL WORK SESSION
March 22, 2004 1:30 p.m.

Room 108, Courthouse

PRESENT: Commissioners Kathy George, Mary P. Stern, and Leslie Lewis.

Staff: Dyke Mace and Sherrie Mathison.

Guests: Doug Drennen, URS.

[Note: Meeting was noticed in the joint schedule.]

Kathy called the meeting to order.

Doug informed the group that in addition to working with the county's Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) on this plan, he met with the city managers of McMinnville, Newberg, and Sheridan on several occasions. SWAC members and the city managers were provided with copies of each chapter as it was written and were allowed to comment on the contents. Doug was pleased with the level of participation by SWAC and the cities.

Each commissioner was previously provided with a copy of the draft Solid Waste Management Plan (Draft Plan). Doug stated the Draft Plan contains a comprehensive overview of all Solid Waste programs and services in the county and is an attempt to gain consensus on the strategy for the future of these programs. The Draft Plan contains an Executive Summary and seven chapters: One - Introduction; Two - Background and Waste Stream Analysis; Three - Waste Reduction, Recycling, Composting; Four - Waste Collection and Transfer; Five - Solid Waste Disposal; Six - Hazardous Household Waste; and Seven - Administration and Enforcement. The Hazardous Household Waste Chapter will also be formatted as a separate document. A copy of the Executive Summary is attached to these notes.

Doug reviewed the findings, options, and recommendations for the chapters of the plan dealing with Chapters Three, Five, Six, and Seven. Discussion ensued regarding increasing our opportunities to recover and recycle more materials, the future of Riverbend Landfill, options to provide collection of Hazardous Household Waste, and the role of Yamhill County Solid Waste and resource requirements.

Overall, Doug believes our Solid Waste programs and services are functioning at a high level. Our recovery and recycling rates are the highest in the state, but must be considered cautiously as they include wood products taken for free by SP Newsprint (122% recycling rate). Doug also stated our fiscal management practices surrounding the closed landfills were sound.

The Draft Plan will be reviewed and considered for approval at the next SWAC meeting on Wednesday, March 24, 2004. It will then be brought to the commissioners for approval.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Notes taken by Commissioner Stern
Minutes prepared by Anne Britt