



## SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC)

LOCATION: Conference Call/On-line

McMinnville, OR 97128

Minutes: January 18, 2023

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**SWAC Members present:** Dave Larmouth, John Arand, Marcia Mikesh, Gerry Hunter, Jennifer Redmond-Noble **SWAC Members (late due to Zoom not working):** Nick Godfrey

**Staff:** Ashley Watkins, Stephanie Curran

**Public:** Margaret Cross, Ramsey McPhillips

**1. Welcome, Call to Order and Roll Call**

**2. Review and approval of minutes**

- a. 10/27/21: sent back
- b. 10/19/22: Postponed until next meeting as unedited minutes were sent to SWAC members.

**3. Code Enforcement 2022 Review/Abatement Update**

County code enforcement officer, Mike Kemper, is getting ready for court on the abatement case discussed at last meeting.

**4. The Plastics Project Presentation**

Jerry White talked accompanied by Linda Werner and Molly Christensen. This non-profit was formed in 2021 to collect plastics that can't be recycled curbside. The goal is to intercept it before it gets to Recology for processing. This year they are looking to increase their volunteer base so they can increase the amount of plastic recycled and do more public education. There are three events scheduled in 2023: February 11th, June 10th, and October 14th at the First Baptist Church in McMinnville. They partner with James Recycling in Portland and 100% of what is collected gets recycled.

**5. Review of Bylaws- Final review**

Both county lawyers Christian Boenisch and Jody Gollehon gave input on bylaws. SWAC discussed minor wording changes. Marcia made a motion to approve with changes, Gerry seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**6. SWAC Summary Report of 2022**

Ashley went over the 2022 SWAC report she compiled for the Board of Commissioners. Discussion of adding that the EPA settlement with Riverbend Landfill that started in 2021 and County was not notified until 2022 that there was a violation/issue. Ashley stated this issue already preserved in emails. SWAC suggested adding tonnage from the Hazardous Waste collection events and information about the expansion of the Newberg Landfill to report. Jennifer made a motion to approve report with suggested additions of HHW event and Newberg Landfill extension information to give to the Commissioners, John seconded; motion approved unanimously.

**7. Vote in new Chair/Vice Chair**

Jennifer nominated John Arand as chair, all approved. Jennifer nominated for vice chair, all approved.

**8. Hauler/Licensee Updates**

Dave Larmouth gave update for Recology and Western Oregon Waste. Nick Godfrey and Gary were unable to log onto Zoom to give their updates. Discussed their increase since Riverbend Landfill unexpectedly closed last year.

**9. Public Comment**

Margaret Cross thanked Ashley for all her hard work and effort since leading SWAC and wanted it in the record what an amazing job she is doing. Wants the SWAC members to be more proactive in terms of new legislation and new recycling techniques.

**10. Adjourn:**

5:13 p.m.