

**ADA COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 18, 2018  
11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.**

**Location:  
Ada County Operations Department Conference Room  
200 West Front Street  
Boise, Idaho**

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Roll Call**

**SWAC Members Present:** Steve Cory, Lynn Moser, Kevin Wallis, Dave Fisher, Richard Llewellyn, Ramona Martin

**III. Agenda Approval**

The SWAC approved today's (April 18, 2018) agenda.

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

The SWAC approved the January 16, 2018, Regular Meeting Minutes.

**V. Old Business**

None

**VI. Options for Curbside Recycling – *Dave Fisher***

The SWAC reviewed (for most members this was a re-review) Republic Services' recommended options for curbside recycling services provided to residential trash customers (unincorporated Ada County). The options presented were:

- Suspend curbside recycling; reduce the monthly "reimbursement" rate being paid to Republic Services by \$1.00.
- Require residential trash customers to exclude mixed paper from set out recyclables; increase the monthly "reimbursement" rate being paid to Republic Services by \$0.90.
- Allow residential customers to continue to set out all material currently being collected for recycling; increase the monthly "reimbursement" rate being paid to Republic Services by \$1.25.

The SWAC determined that recommending one of the proposed curbside recycling options to the Board of County Commissioners would not be appropriate based on the limited data that had been provided to the SWAC by Republic Services. The SWAC requested that Republic Services provide additional, in depth data regarding the monthly costs incurred in providing monthly curbside residential recycling services

**VII. Recycling Market Update – *Kendra Neely***

Western Recycling is, as are other recycling firms, having increasing difficulties finding buyers/outlets for mixed paper and cardboard. Many of Western's outlets have completely stopped accepting mixed paper while others who are accepting it are offering to buy this material at prices that are much lower than "normal". The price being paid for cardboard has also dropped dramatically.

Getting the material moved (freight) from Western Recycling facilities to buyers has been difficult. Freight rates for recyclables have increased by about 10% during the past few months.

Western Recycling will be considering technological upgrades to its mixed paper sorting process. Quotes will be solicited for an optical sorter. Western Recycling will analyze all costs associated with the acquisition and operation of this piece of equipment in order to determine whether or not owning one makes financial sense.

**VIII. Other Business**

The SWAC determined that a special meeting was required in order to review in depth costs associated with monthly residential curbside recycling service. The SWAC will, based on this data along with other previously presented data, make a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners regarding one of the three curbside recycling service options that have been presented by Republic Services.

**IX. Next Meeting Date**

The SWAC selected April 25, 2018 for a special meeting date.

**X. Adjournment**

The SWAC adjourned at 1:00 p.m.