

**ADA COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 6, 2016 MEETING**

Location: Ada County Operations Department
1st Floor, East Wing (Room #2, DL Conference Room) Ada County Courthouse
200 West Front Street
Boise, Idaho 83702

SWAC Members Present: Steve Cory, Steve Burgos, Karen Danley, Dave Dean, Lynn Moser, Dave Fisher, Kevin Wallis

SWAC Members Absent: Steve Sedlacek, Richard Lockett, Chad Gordon

Staff Present: Scott Williams, Ted Hutchinson, Selena O'Neal, Lyn Call

Others Present: Commissioner Yzaguirre, Rachele Klein, Catherine Chertudi, Fred Perez, Tom Turco, Dave Neal

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Agenda Approval

SWAC members approved today's (January 6, 2016) agenda.

IV. Approval of Minutes

SWAC members approved the October 7, 2015 meeting minutes.

V. Election of Officers

Steve Cory was elected (2nd term) Chairman of the SWAC.

Steve Burgos was elected (2nd term) Vice-Chairman of the SWAC.

VI. Update – Ada County’s Acceptance of Out-of-County Waste

Ted Hutchinson presented information regarding Ada County’s acceptance of solid waste (155 tons) that, under normal circumstances, should have been delivered to the Idaho Waste Systems Landfill (IWS) located in Elmore County.

IWS could not accept solid waste for a period of days due to a large fire that was burning within the landfill. Elmore County officials requested that Ada County accept IWS bound waste until IWS personnel could extinguish the fire. This request was approved by the Board of Ada County Commissioners and arrangements were made for the Ada County Landfill to immediately accept the waste. This was the first time that Ada County had accepted out-of-county waste.

The SWAC had, some months earlier, considered that adjoining counties may, from time to time, have to request that Ada County accept their wastes under emergency circumstances. The SWAC had recommended that the Board of Ada County Commissioners consider approval of this type of request.

VII. Historical (5 year) Curbside Recycling Results by Community

Rachele Klein and Dave Fisher presented a comprehensive review of curbside recycling results for local communities (unincorporated Ada County and the cities of Boise, Eagle, Garden City, Meridian, & Star) being provided trash/recycling collection services by Republic Services Inc. (Republic). The material presented to the SWAC included the number of households served, the average monthly and yearly quantity (pounds) of recyclables collected per household, the total quantity (tons) of recyclables collected per community, and the revenue received or expense incurred in having the recyclables processed and shipped out of area.

VIII. Curbside Recycling Outlook, City of Meridian

Steve Cory, representing the Meridian SWAC, explained that Meridian's contract with Republic allows revenue from the sale of recyclables to be divided between the Republic and Meridian. Revenue gained from this arrangement has been used by Meridian to pay for community projects. For the past couple of years, the value of recyclable material has decreased to the point that Meridian's waste/recycling hauler, Republic, has had to pay to have the recyclable material processed and shipped out of area. This drop in prices has created an unexpected expense for Republic and has eliminated a revenue source for Meridian.

With the above information in mind, the Meridian SWAC is considering the following:

- Recommending that Meridian absorb some or all of the costs associated with processing and shipping recyclables set out for curbside collection and increasing waste collection rates to cover these costs.
- Recommending that Meridian's contract with Republic be amended resulting in the elimination of curbside recycling services. This action, if approved, would reduce the monthly fee paid by Republic customers for collection/recycling services.

Steve also spoke about Meridian's continued desire to work with other communities in order to develop outreach material and programs. This type of partnering should insure that outreach efforts are more affordable and that shared ideas and concepts will result in better outreach "products".

IX. Other Business

None

X. Next Meeting Date

The SWAC determined that April 6, 2016, would be the date for next regular SWAC meeting. This meeting will be held in the Ada County Operations Department Conference Room from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.