

**ADA COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 8, 2015**

Location: Ada County Operations Department Conference Room
200 West Front Street
Boise, Idaho 83702

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

SWAC Members Excused: Steve Sedlacek, Chad Gordon

Staff Present: Dave Logan, Selena O’Neal, Ted Hutchinson

Others Present: Commissioner Rick Yzaguirre, Larry Maneely, Ada County, Dave Neal, AES

I. Roll Call

The meeting (1st official SWAC meeting) was called to order by Dave Logan, roll call was taken, SWAC members were informed that the nomination and election of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman would be the first order of business.

II. Election Of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Steve Cory was nominated by Dave Fisher to become Chairman. Dave’s nomination was seconded, the vote was taken, and Steve was unanimously elected Chairman (*1 year term ending January 8, 2016*).

Steve Burgos was nominated by Dave Fisher to become Vice Chairman. Dave’s nomination was seconded, the vote was taken, and Steve was unanimously elected Vice Chairman (*1 year term ending January 8, 2016*).

III. Presentation: Historical Update – Solid Waste Collection and Disposal in Unincorporated Ada County – Ted Hutchinson

Ted’s presentation included a map tour of County owned landfill property and graphs indicating annual landfill customer totals.

IV. Presentation: Historical Update – Landfill Rate of Fill – Ted Hutchinson

Ted presented a graph indicating the annual (1996 – 2014) volume of airspace “consumed” at the Ada County Landfill.

V. Presentation: Landfill Closure Projects – Dave Logan

Dave presented all of the particulars (acreage, costs, landfill gas control benefits, etc.) included in the Hidden Hollow Landfill Phase II Closure Project. This presentation indicated that this landfill has been filled to over 90% of its' design capacity. All of the filled area has been covered by an engineered soil cap that meets or exceeds regulatory requirements for permanent landfill closure.

VI. Presentation: Landfill Gas Control and Energy Projects – Dave Logan

Dave presented an overview regarding the landfill gas scrubber, the landfill gas flare, and the landfill gas-to-energy project. There were questions from members regarding landfill gas production totals (4,000 +/- scfm), and the total amount of energy currently being produced (3.2 Mw).

VII. General Business: Group

- Members were updated regarding the upcoming (FY 2016 & 2017) plans for expanding the North Ravine Cell Landfill.
- Members were updated regarding the possible future construction of a recycling/hazardous waste drop off structure.
- The group discussed a possible landfill compost project. Karen Danley suggested the committee consider a different location for the compost experiment based on the odor risk it will be for the landfill neighbors which includes four schools (Rolling hills, Shadow Hills, Riverglen Junior High and Hidden Springs) and residences within four to seven miles of the landfill. Karen presented articles where composting facilities have been relocated due to odor complaints, landfill neighbors suing the landfill, and commissioners returning their composting facility to accepting only lawn trim and no longer accepting food waste. The Ada County Landfill is extremely close to schools and residences considering the other landfills were 4-7 miles away from schools and residences. Based on the proximity of the Ada County Landfill to current residences and schools and current odor problems, Karen has requested a different location for the composting facility as she does not foresee landfill neighbors being supportive of the composting project.
Karen did thank the Board of County Commissioners and County staff for controlling landfill gas odors.
- Ted Hutchinson provided SWAC members and others in attendance copies of the recently completed *Waste Stream Analysis* and the Solid Waste Department's *Fiscal Year 2014 Year End Report*.

VIII. Other Business

None

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Minutes revised 4/3/14.