

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

**Location:**

Ada County Operations Department  
1<sup>st</sup> 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, Lynn Moser, Richard Lockett, Kevin Wallis, Dave Fisher, Karen Danley, Steve Sedlacek

**SWAC Members Absent:** Chad Gordon, Dave Dean

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

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

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Roll Call**
- III. **Agenda Approval**  
SWAC members approved today’s (April 6, 2016) agenda.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes**  
SWAC members approved the January 6, 2016, meeting minutes.

**V. Landfill Rate-of-Fill and Estimated Fill Date**

Ted Hutchinson presented information regarding the rate that space is being “consumed” at the Ada County Landfill and provided the estimated date that the Ada County Landfill is anticipated to fill to capacity. As Ted mentioned, annual landfill space consumption is not simply tied to area population growth. Economic conditions, especially those affecting new and existing residential and commercial construction, can dramatically increase or decrease the annual amount of waste being delivered to the landfill. During the past ten years (2005 – 2015) the landfill annual rate of fill has ranged from a high of approximately 900,000 cubic yards (2008) to a low of approximately 400,000 cubic yards (2010). For the last full fiscal year (2015) the amount of space consumed at the landfill was approximately 670,000 cubic yards.

Using the most up-to-date area growth and economic information, Ted estimates that the Ada County Landfill will fill to capacity around 2085.

**VI. Landfill Space Replacement Costs**

Ted Hutchinson gave a comprehensive presentation regarding the cost to replace or develop capacity at the Ada County Landfill. These costs can change from one stage of landfill construction to another due to: new infrastructure construction requirements (i.e. roads, leachate management systems, storm water managements systems, plus upgrades to existing infrastructure), soil excavation quantity requirements (some stages of landfill cell construction require the excavation of significantly more soil, per cubic yard of landfill space developed, than other stages of landfill cell construction), etc.

To date, development expenditures have averaged approximately \$6.40 for each cubic yard of capacity constructed in the newest section of the Ada County Landfill (North Ravine Cell, Stages 1 & 2).

**VII. Cooperative Education Process to Reduce Contaminants in Recyclables and to Increase Quantity of Recyclables Collected**

Steve Cory presented a variety of ideas for consideration that, if adopted, would encourage this area's communities to coordinate with each other in order to enhance public outreach efforts in regards to minimizing the contamination of recyclables that are placed curbside for collection. In addition, Steve encouraged the same type of coordinated effort in order to attempt to increase the quantity of recyclables that are set out for collection. During this presentation, it was noted that Republic Services, being the largest collector of recyclables in this area (Mountain Home to Caldwell), might want to take on the role of "recycling program facilitator" in order to encourage the various area communities to standardize recycling outreach programs.

**VIII. Other Business**

In response to a question, Steve Burgos stated that curbside green waste collection within the city of Boise was an idea that had supporters and detractors. Steve also stated that at this time, due to the limited amount of information available to him, he was unable to discuss the curbside green waste collection idea with the SWAC.

Lyn Call shared that Ada County Billing Services had placed an insert in the most recent trash bill mailers (unincorporated Ada County customers). The insert highlights services available to trash customers and provides guidance regarding material that should be set out for recycling.

**IX. Next Meeting Date**

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

**X. Adjournment**

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