

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

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

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

SWAC Members Absent: Chad Gordon

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

Others Present: Commissioner Rick Yzaguirre & Larry Maneely, Ada County, Dave Neal, Operations Department, numerous guests (see sign in sheet)

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

Roll Call was taken by SWAC Chairman Steve Cory.

III. Agenda Approval

SWAC members approved today's (April 8, 2015) agenda.

IV. Approval of Minutes

SWAC members approved the January 8, 2015 meeting minutes.

V. Capital Projects Presentation – Dave Logan

Dave Logan presented information regarding the following future landfill capital projects:

- **Recycling Structure** – This building would provide landfill customers a place to drop off recyclable material and hazardous wastes.
- **“Z” Wall Waste Transfer Facility** – This facility would be intended to provide non-commercial landfill customers a place to drop off wastes in an area located away from the active landfill. This site would consist of a fairly large, elevated, and paved “pad” located next to a low “Z” shaped retaining wall. The “Z” shaped retaining wall would be designed to allow the positioning of multiple low profile roll off containers. Waste hauling customers could then back their vehicles up to the “Z” wall and unload wastes into one of the roll off containers. These containers (40 – 60 cubic yards) would then be transported to the landfill by commercial roll off trucks.
- **Design and Construction Stage 3, North Ravine Cell** – The North Ravine Cell Landfill (NRC) has a permitted buildout “footprint” of approximately 261 acres. Due to financial and other constraints, this facility is being constructed in stages of 30 to 40 acres. Design for NRC’s Stage 3 will take place during Fiscal Year 2016 and construction should take place during Fiscal Year 2017. Design and construction costs for NRC Stage 3 are estimated to be in the \$8,000,000 - \$10,000,000 range.

VI. Potential Compost Project At The Ada County Landfill – Dave Fisher

Dave Fisher presented the following information regarding the potential for a composting project at the Ada County Landfill:

- The city of Boise asked Republic Services to investigate the feasibility of a curbside organics collection / compost processing program.
- Republic Services and the city of Boise consider the Ada County Landfill to be the preferred site for processing organics collected because of the onsite environmental controls (liner, leachate collection, and leachate processing).

- Republic Services is the landfill compaction/cover contractor. In order to fulfill its' contractual obligations, Republic Services maintains staff and heavy equipment at the landfill. Some of the staff and equipment used for landfill operations could also be used to operate a compost processing program.
- Republic Services and the city of Boise do not envision the acceptance of commercially generated food waste at the compost processing site.
- Republic Services understands that there have been “odor issues” with some of the existing compost processing facilities but feels that a properly managed processing facility that only accepts organic (yard and garden waste) material from residential sources would present a minimal odor risk.
- Even though the city of Boise considers the Ada County Landfill property to be the preferred site for compost processing, it is considering other sites.

Questions and concerns were expressed by several individuals present about the potential for neighboring properties / individuals being impacted by offensive odors from the proposed composting project. Some individuals cited examples of lawsuits being filed against owners of some of the existing compost processing programs for offensive odor / neighborhood impact issues. There were expressions by some present that some of the offensive odor impacts that have taken place have affected individuals living several miles from compost processing facilities.

VII. Retailing Wood Chips At The Landfill – Dave Logan

Dave Logan stated that MM Demolition, Ada County’s waste wood contractor, has requested that it be allowed to retail wood chips at the landfill. Dave indicated that MM Demolition’s request is being considered.

VIII. Other Business

None

IX. Next Meeting Date

The SWAC determined that the next regular meeting will take place Wednesday, July 8, 2015, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

X. Adjournment

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