

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

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

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

SWAC Members Absent: Chad Gordon, Richard Lockett

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

Others Present: Catherine Chertudi (city of Boise), Dave Neal (Operations Department)

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
Roll call was taken by SWAC Chairman Steve Cory.
- III. Agenda Approval**
SWAC members approved today's (July 8, 2015) agenda.
- IV. Approval of Minutes**
SWAC members approved the April 8, 2015 minutes.

V. Neighboring County Waste Disposal Issues Presentation – Dave Logan

Dave Logan presented the following information regarding this agenda item:

- Ada County may be asked to accept out-of-county waste in the event that neighboring counties face unforeseen emergencies with their sanitary landfills (some counties have “in county” landfills while some counties ship their waste out-of-county to county owned or privately owned landfills).
- The following are some of the probable “emergencies” that neighboring counties might experience that would result in their asking Ada County to accept their waste: natural disasters and emergencies (fire, flood, earthquake, etc.), human caused (private landfill closure, etc.), other.

SWAC Discussion:

- Dave Fisher stated that most counties accept out-of-county waste. Dave mentioned that counties receiving out-of-county waste typically charge a “host fee” of 20% – 25% to accept this waste. This fee is in addition to the receiving county’s normal base tipping fee.
- Some SWAC member expressed a desire that if Ada County agrees to accept out-of-county waste that a time frame for acceptance of this waste be part of any agreement.
- There was general SWAC agreement that any county approved to send waste to Ada County would have to establish a waste screening program in order to prevent hazardous or otherwise prohibited waste to the Ada County Landfill.
- SWAC members wondered if there ought to be mutual aid type agreements in place with neighboring counties in order to insure that Ada County’s waste could be shipped to another county or that other counties could ship their waste to Ada County on a short term basis due to unforeseen natural disasters.
- SWAC members suggested that an application form be developed by Ada County staff, with the SWAC’s input, that could be used by counties seeking to ship their waste (non-emergency situations) to the Ada County Landfill.
- SWAC members suggested that any request to ship waste to Ada County should be sent by the requesting county’s Board of County Commissioners to the Board of Ada County Commissioners. This document should have a comprehensive explanation for requesting permission to deliver waste to the Ada County Landfill.
- SWAC members are in general agreement that the delivery of out-of-county waste to the Ada County Landfill would be acceptable, under certain conditions, but suggest that any waste delivered be limited to waste generated in neighboring counties.

VI. State Fuel Tax Increase Potential Impact on Waste Collection Rates – Dave Neal

Dave Neal provided the SWAC a handout and presented the following information regarding this agenda item:

- State fuel taxes increased July 1, 2015. The fuel taxes now amount to \$0.32 per gallon for liquid and gaseous (equivalent per gallon) fuel used in over-the-road motor vehicles.
- Per the Ada County/Republic Services Waste Collection Services Agreement, Ada County, through its' Billing Services Division (collects trash fees, keeps billing fee, and distributes remainder to Republic Services and the landfill), is obligated to reimburse Republic Services for expenses incurred due to the fuel tax increase.
- Options:
 1. Billing Services Division's Enterprise Fund absorb the annual expense **(\$35,160)**.
 2. Add \$0.16 per month to all commercial (501) and residential (18,089) customer's trash bills. This increase would generate approximately **\$35,692** per year (\$962 commercial customers / \$34,739 residential customers).
 3. Increase all trash bills by 0.75%. This would generate approximately **\$35,400** per year (\$7,545 commercial customers / \$27,855 residential customers).

SWAC Discussion:

- Option # 1 was briefly discussed and dropped from consideration. The SWAC felt that the Ada County Billing Services Division's Enterprise Fund should not absorb this expense.
- Option #2 was briefly discussed and dropped from consideration. The SWAC deemed this funding method to be unsatisfactory due to huge price differences in monthly trash service fees (due to different levels and types of service) paid by commercial and residential customers. If this funding method were used, residential customers would experience an approximate 1% increase cost for trash service while commercial customers would experience a much smaller percentage increase (as low as .009%).
- Option #3 was discussed and determined to be the most equitable method of providing funding to cover the costs associated with the fuel tax increase. ***A motion was made and the SWAC voted unanimously to recommend this funding option be approved by the Board of Ada County Commissioners.***

VII. Landfill Gas Generation and Energy Production – Selena O’Neal

Selena provided SWAC members a handout and made a brief presentation regarding Ada County’s current and estimated future landfill gas (LFG) generation rate. In addition, Selena provided the SWAC information regarding the ongoing LFG to energy (electricity) project located at the landfill. Selena’s presentation and handout also indicated when additional electrical generation capacity could possibly be added to the LFG to energy project.

- Current LFG generated at the Ada County Landfill – 3,000+ standard cubic feet per minute (scfm).
- 2 generators, using 1,250+/- scfm of LFG for fuel have been generating 3.2 Mw of electricity at the landfill for many years. This electricity is being sold to Idaho Power. A sufficient quantity of LFG is currently being extracted from the landfill to fuel 2 additional generators.

VIII. Other Business

- Dave Logan told the SWAC that he was retiring and that his last work day with Ada County will be August 28, 2015. SWAC members wished Dave well.
- Steve Burgos asked “where the County was” regarding composting. Dave Logan stated that Ada County was waiting for the city of Boise to provide additional information. Karen Danley mentioned that a compost project located at the Ada County Landfill would still be opposed by some of the Landfill’s neighbors. Karen also mentioned that a compost facility located in California, in addition to the ones that she had previously mentioned, was being sued (odors?).

IX. Next Meeting Date

The SWAC determined that the next meeting will take place Wednesday, October 7, 2015, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Location: Ada County Operations Department Conference Room.

X. Adjournment

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

