

**MARION COUNTY  
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

January 24, 2017

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Commissioners Board Room – Courthouse Square

555 Court St. NE

Salem, Oregon

Members Present: Bob Anderson, Bill Brauer, Joe Fowler, Todd Irvine, Will Posegate, Darby Randklev, Judy Skinner, Bonnie Sullivan

Members Absent: Thomas Smith, Brian Sund

Public Signed in: Chris Ream, Keith Bondaug-Winn

Staff Present: Brian May, Bailey Payne

BOC Liaison: Jolene Kelley

**MOTION:** Joe Fowler moved to approve the October 2016 meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Bob Anderson.

**Discussion:** Corrections for the October 2016 meeting minutes, both Judy Skinner and Bonnie Sullivan pointed out the following:

\*The PRC composting facility is trying to get rid of ~~strictly PLA, not just coffee cups that have a PLA liner,~~ **without fiber, (no straws and utensils)**. If it doesn't compost all the way it's no good and ends up in the compost and in someone's backyard. The biggest impact is cold drink cups like beer and wine clear cups. Paper products also have an impact and utensils are even more difficult. ~~Hot cups are lined with PLA Fiber and straws are always a problem.~~ This will have an impact at events that are trying to go to zero waste. The PRC composting facility will not be taking ~~anything~~ **these items** after January 1, 2017.

\*Under Solid Waste Program Discussion Topic, last bullet, the update on contractor discount is that currently the contractors get a discount when they have an Oregon Construction Contractors (CC) license number.

\*Under Council Member Announcement, bullet point #1 should read: The Statesman Journal in the Business Section talked about dalke Construction and how they are involved in remodeling a building.

\*Delete bullet point #2, ~~Sullivan Carpets has been involved in the Hopes War Pediatrics.~~

\*Bullet point #4, ~~this year's~~ calendar will be one sheet should read **2017** calendar will be one sheet.

\*Under Staff update, the word ~~URL~~ should be spelled out to read, **Uniform Resource Locator**.

\*Membership in attendance should read: **All attended** instead of ~~was very good, everyone notified.~~

Abstentions: None

Dissensions: None

Results: Minutes approved with changes.

**ADMINISTRATIVE (Information/Action):**

- 2015 Recovery Numbers Update
  - In the past DEQ provided a 2% credits in three different categories, Waste Reduction, Reuse and Composting. Design and intent was for programs in outreach and education.

- Marion County and other counties were able to qualify for these programs. The opportunity to get a 2% credit up to a 6% credit max could be added to your recovery rate.
- Marion County's recovery rate published for 2015 was actually listed for 58%, however the true ("calculated") rate was 52%
- The new aspirational goals for Marion County in 2025 are 64%. Currently Metro, Marion & Polk County have a goal of 64% rate while other counties have a lower goal to meet.
- In 2015 Marion County recovered 4 lbs. per person and disposed of 3.7 lbs. per person.
- Consumers have different habits compared to contractors, especially in times of economic surplus. Contractors recover in lean times but when they are working a lot of jobs, they tend to throw more things out.
- The recovery rate in 2016 was not as high as 2015. However, we know that the disposal side has increased substantially.
- Typically in this time of year Covanta has been bringing in import tons from the North and West to help keep it going. This year we are still diverting waste out of Covanta. In January they diverted 250-300 tons a week which is new territory for us.
- The goal from our industry stand is to get the number information from DEQ quicker in the year. DEQ now has some additional funding and additional staffing to assist with this but we are also trying to develop our own indicator system.
- Glass container – they are going from glass to packaging to plastic which means less glass is being disposed of or recovered.
- Scrap Metal – when metal prices drop and the metal scrappers are waiting for the prices to come up before turning in scrap metal.
- Adjustments were made in the overall calculations from Covanta because of the waste comp study. The items they recover we get credit for. Also the ash that comes out of Covanta can be used at Coffin Butte as alternative daily cover (ADC) which also reduces our disposal amount.
- Overall recovery rates in every county in the state when backwards in 2015 except Metro, who increased putting them in the #1 spot and putting us second. It is our goal to get back into the #1 spot.

#### **COMMITTEE BREAKOUT SESSION:**

- Residential Group – Brian May, Judy Skinner, Will Posegate, Rich Dysinger, Bill Brauer
- Commercial Group – Jolene Kelley, Todd Irvine, Bob Anderson, Darby Randklev, Chris Ream
- Education Group – Bailey Payne, Joe Fowler, Bonnie Sullivan, Keith Bondaug-Winn
- Three Questions to ask ourselves in our Breakout Session.
  - 1. How can this Subcommittee increase Marion County Recovery Numbers?
  - 2. What additional information is needed to help determine direction?
  - 3. List current Marion County Programs and discuss pros and cons of effectiveness?
- Residential Group –
  - 1. How can this Subcommittee increase Marion County Recovery Numbers?
    - Master Recycler – one in every multi-family unit
    - Go from weekly to bi-weekly in the recycling cart, is there enough material to do this.
    - Additional outreach for special recycling (red bin) – motor oil, latex paint, glass and other items
    - Advertising to Marion County and having consistent services throughout all of Marion County.
  - 2. What additional information is needed to help determine direction?
    - Garbage – analysis the garbage for what recycling is going in there. It's happening now, so let's look at the numbers to see where we can go with education?
    - Update who has what services. Getting similar numbers for the disposal sites.

- 3. List current Marion County Programs and discuss pros and cons of effectiveness?
  - How many people are participating in these programs and what kind of effective are they having.
  - What effect is happening?
- Commercial Group –
  - 1. How can this Subcommittee increase Marion County Recovery Numbers?
    - Food Waste – 20% of Marion County’s waste being disposed of is food waste.
    - 2009 DEQ numbers show a decline in the amount of food waste. What we do know is that food waste is up and we aren’t recovering to the degree that we would like to.
    - We need to find a way to make it cost effective for the consumer to recycle food waste.
  - 2. What additional information is needed to help determine direction?
    - Mandatory MRRF for dry waste. What discussion are we having with large contractors that haul off demolitions consisting up to 80-90% recyclable items that went directly to the landfill?
    - Attention on the food waste generated by the different businesses.
  - 3. List current Marion County Programs and discuss pros and cons of effectiveness?
    - Con - Space limitation on enclosures are smaller at commercial properties today because of more containers.
    - Pro – ability for flow control, to process the material.
    - Pro – County gets franchise fees.
    - Cons – what is the impact of the different programs and the benefits for the programs?
- Education Group –
  - 1. How can this Subcommittee increase Marion County Recovery Numbers?
    - How to get educational information out and who to.
      - Multi-family
      - Rural areas
      - Spanish speaking community-20% of our populations.
    - Maximize Education that is already going on.
  - 2. What additional information is needed to help determine direction?
    - Putting information in with mailings
      - Health Department
      - Tax Bill
    - Provide information when people come in for services (i.e. when contractors or customers come to get a building permit).
    - Encourage other organizations to be a sponsor.
  - 3. List current Marion County Programs and discuss pros and cons of effectiveness?
    - Next month’s information from Cathie Rhoades next month to go over the DEQ Senate Bill 263
      - Talk about different requirements

**FUTURE TOPICS/EMERGING ISSUES/OTHER BUSINESS (INFORMATION/DISCUSSION):**

- Council Member Announcements:
  - Judy Skinner will be working on the Recycle Guide through the fiscal year.
  - Judy Skinner has been named the Stayton-Sublimity Chamber of Commerce’s Distinguished Service Award for 2016 for her efforts in recycling.
  - Bill Brauer will be resigning as of December 31, 2016.
  - Christmas Party was a success. Thank you to Bob & Cheryl, they did a great job.

- Recruitment of new members will need to go through this process after attending two meetings. We have possibly two or three new members.
  - They need to complete their application and return to Lisa Miller.
  - Interview with the Interview Committee
  - Go before the Board of Commissioners

#### **STAFF UPDATES:**

- We put in a request for a proposal that was advertised for Solid Waste Consulting for Marion County. The majority of this is based on our contract with Covanta that is due to expire in 2019.
- We have our total waste numbers from around the county for 2016. The diversion of tons moved out of Covanta (due to it being full) is pushing 30,000 tons in 2016.
- Repair Fare at the Hub- More people attended this year than last time.
- On February 4<sup>th</sup> – A meeting will be held for a Maker’s Space in Salem. This area has a space that has tools and space where you can bring things to fix. Usually there is a membership fee.
- Witlocks downtown has redone their mezzanine area as a craft lounge. Unfortunately the day that they had scheduled for open house was cancelled due to weather.
- E-Newsletter program – you can sign up on the county website to get the news letters. Valley Roots, Earthwise, Master Recycler is on there and more.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- There will be a Webinar on Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup> for the DEQ Senate Bill 263. It will be from 1-3 PM. There will be a conference room at the Public Works office for those who would like to attend. Email Bailey to let him know.
- Garten, a non-profit organization has a free Community luncheon scheduled on February 24<sup>th</sup> at noon at the Broadway Café. Email Will Posegate or Galen.
- Green School Summit will be on April 14th.
- Green Awards will be March 11<sup>th</sup>; the tickets are on sale now at the Environmental Center. It will be at the Heritage Center.

#### **MEMBERSHIP/ATTENDANCE:**

- Brian Sund and Thomas Smith were absent.

#### **MEETING REVIEW:**

- More productive and stream lined.

#### **MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:40 p.m.**

If anyone would like to come to the office to listen to the recorded version of the minutes, please call 503-588-5169 to schedule a time.