

**ISLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY (SWAC) COMMITTEE**  
**January 30, 2023**

**Members Present:**

Melanie Bacon (Ex-Officio), George Place, Joe Grogan, Randi Perry, Dar Christopherson, Sarah Bergquist, Liz Ketcheson, Scott Sebelsky, Andrew Riggs, Marcella Manibusan, and Tony Rounds.

**Staff Present:**

Jeff Hegedus and Gynon Nash

**Others Present:**

Elizabeth Cort (Dept of Ecology) and Olivia Carros (Dept of Ecology),

**Call to Order:**

The regular meeting of the Island County SWAC was called to order on Monday, September 19, 2022, at 10:01 a.m. via Microsoft Teams meeting, by Sarah Bergquist, Chairperson.

**Roll Call, Determination of Quorum, and Approval of Minutes:**

Roll call determined the correct amount of a quorum. The minutes for the September 19, 2022 SWAC meeting were approved as written.

**Public Comment Period:**

None

**Operations Update:**

Jeff Hegedus updated the committee on operations:

- Provided update on rail strike
- Provided tonnage summaries for 2022 compared to 2021 and 2020.
- Continued focus last year on equipment repair and replacement.
- This month moved fence at the Bayview site adding 35 feet to the site, this year working on redesign for effective operations.
- This year plan to replace Oak Harbor cashier office and conduct site study at Camano.
- Bio-Solids/septage update.

**Waste Organics Management:**

Elizabeth Cort presented a Power Point presentation regarding the 2022 Organics Management Law. Following the presentation there was a brief discussion of feasibility and the challenges of organic waste. It was decided to look at an Organics Management sub-committee at the next SWAC meeting.

**Solid Waste Rate Increase:**

Jeff Hegedus discussed the rate increase the was recommend at the last SWAC meeting. The 4.6% CPI/Garbage & Solid Waste Index increase was approved by the Board on Nov 11, 2022, and went into effect on Jan 1, 2023, Adjustments can be made annually, and a rate study will be conducted every 5 years. This excludes septage.

**Coupeville Transfer Station Study:**

The Coupeville site study has been recently completed by SCS Engineering. The study recommends

planning for peak periods and includes 3 options which are replacing the compactor only, replacing the compactor and expanding the transfer station floor, and replace the transfer station with a new building. Members are encouraged to review the study.

**Contamination Reduction Outreach Plan (CROP) Implementation:**

The CROP plan has been approved and the WSU contact has been amended to include CROP support. Olivia Carros recommended Year One of the plan become 2023, members agreed. At the next SWAC meeting WSU and the CROP subcommittee will provide update.

**Waste Wise Program Update:**

Sarah Bergquist reported that the Waste Wise program is working on the follow projects: CROP plan, a community wide waste audit to be performed in March and again in September, volunteer wine cork and plastic film diversion programs, 3 educational brochures are in the works, along with 5 educational videos. Sarah shared the 2 completed videos regarding plastic pollution in the Salish Sea and polystyrene.

**Open Session, Announcements, Agenda Items:**

Sarah call for nominations for Vice Chair, after receiving none the discussion was moved to the next SWAC meeting.

Dar Christopherson thanked Andrew Riggs, George Place and Jeff Hegedus for all they do in their respective programs.

Andrew Riggs announced that Island Disposal recently rolled out a single stream recycling program for business, using 96-gallon containers. The program started with businesses in Freeland and Langley and is now offered island wide.

**Adjournment:**

Sarah adjourned the meeting. The next regular scheduled SWAC meet will be April 17, 2023, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Approved this 17 day of April, 2023

*Sarah Bergquist*  
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Sarah Bergquist, SWAC Chair