

# ISLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY (SWAC) COMMITTEE

## April 21, 2025

### **Members Present:**

George Place, Dar Christopherson, Sarah Bergquist, and Andrew Riggs

### **Staff Present:**

Jeff Hegedus (Public Works), James Sylvester (Public Works), Amanda Stevenson (Public Health), and Gynon Nash (Public Works)

### **Others Present:**

Katie Jerauld (Dept of Ecology), Rhianne Janovich, Katie Gwathmay, Scott Smithline, Tony Rounds, Heather Kortuem

### **Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Island County SWAC was called to order on Monday, April 21, 2025, at 10:05 a.m. via Microsoft Teams meeting, by Sarah Bergquist, Chairperson.

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

Roll call determined there was not a quorum to approve the minutes for the January 27, 2025 meeting.

### **Public Comment Period:**

None

### **Operations Update:**

Jeff Hegedus updated the committee on operations:

- The new Coupeville Transfer Station compactor is yielding a 10% increase in compaction and transportation savings. The compactor control shack has been installed, permit for HPU roof has been approved and construction will begin soon.
- Changing the name of Bayview Dropbox & Recycle Park to Bayview Solid Waste & Recycle Center, same for the North Whidbey site.
- The North Whidbey site expansion is near completion.
- The Bayview site expansion is almost complete, still need to remove a couple of old sheds.
- At the Camano site we are updating Z-wall barriers to improve safety by adding fencing and at Bin C adding an arm barrier.

### **Waste Organics Diversion:**

Kate Gwathmay, Mill Industries Inc., and colleague Scott Smithline presented to the committee an Introduction to Mill Food Recycler, an innovative approach to food waste recycling.

### **Amendment to SWAC Bylaws:**

A motion to approve adding youth representatives to SWAC was delayed until the next meeting due to lack of a quorum.

**Curbside Recycling Update:**

Andrew Riggs provided a curbside recycling update to the committee. He has spoke to the BOICC bundled service and estimated pricing. Jeff will arrange another work session discuss with the BOICC.

**Legislative Update:**

Jeff Hegedus provided the committee with current solid waste related legislative proposals, bill status and upcoming events, see agenda packet for more information.

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

Katie Jerauld, Dept of Ecology, informed the committee an organics recovery services map is available online and on July 1<sup>st</sup> an updated business organics map would be available online, she will send links to Jeff Hegedus.

**Adjournment:**

Sarah Bergquist adjourned the meeting at 11:38 a.m., the next regular scheduled SWAC meeting will be July 21, 2025, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Approved this 21st day of July 2025

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Bergquist', is written over a horizontal line.

Sarah Bergquist, SWAC Chair