

**Clark County  
Solid Waste Advisory Commission  
Regular Meeting**  
Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015

Clark County Elections Building  
1408 Franklin Street  
Vancouver, WA

**SWAC Members Present:** Allan Jeska, Don Ebbeson, Stephen Schrag, Bill Turlay, Simone Auger, and Steven Willis

**SWAC Members Excused/Absent:** Rem Wilson, Brandon Vick, Richard Baker

**Staff Present:** Pete Dubois, Kim Harless, Andrew Loescher, Sarah Keirns

**Others:** Scott Campbell, Waste Connections; Rich McConaghy, City of Vancouver; Chris Ripley, CertaSeal; Kris Iverson, Stericycle; Jim Mansfield, Stericycle; Jaime Sue Williams, Stericycle; Suzette Pump, Stericycle; Marie Clarke, American Coatings Association; Jeremy Jones, PaintCare

**I. Roll Call, Approval of Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by Don Ebbeson. Allan Jeska made a motion to approve the August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 minutes as written. Bill Turlay seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**II. Updates**

**County Public Health – Chuck Harman**

Excused, No update

**County Environmental Services – Pete Dubois**

- New Hires:
  - Angela Maduta, Office Assistant
  - Andrew Loescher, Communications Marketing Coordinator
  - Two more positions to fill
- HHW Collection Events on Sept 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and October 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Medications Take-Back Event on Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>

**City of Vancouver – Rich McConaghy**

- Leaf Disposal Coupons to go out in October, good from 10/01 to 12/31 of this year
- Beyond Bags plastic wrap recycling outreach; WRAP
  - Funded by ACCFRG
  - Presentation at City Council
  - Kickoff event this Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup>
  - All 12 Clark County Safeway stores are participating in the pilot program
  - Bags are a huge contamination issue; 30-40% is wrap
  - All can be recycled and goes to Trex that make composite decking

**Department of Ecology**

Not present; no update

**Waste Connections – Scott Campbell**

Waste Reduction Education Team had a busy summer at numerous events throughout the county.

### **III. PaintCare Advocacy – Marie Clarke, American Coatings Assoc.**

- Current paint take-back program in Clark County: 7 local paint stores, 9 collection events
- PaintCare has been in OR for 5 years, and has passed in 8 states and D.C.
- PaintCare is a 501c3, Paint and Coating Manufacturers is a 501c6
- Key elements of PaintCare legislation and program:
  - Consumer education and marketing done by PaintCare
  - No mandatory take-back for retailers
  - The burden of cost is shifted from solely local governments through a fee on new paint
  - Training for retailer take-back locations, not a self-serve program
  - PaintCare doesn't own facilities, it is just the funding mechanism
    - Would work with the existing infrastructure
    - PaintCare could do collection events, marketing, and outreach.
- Oregon program highlights:
  - Started in July 2010, permanent in July 2013
  - Over 160 collection sites
  - 3.5 million gallons collected
  - Metro saved 1 million plus every year just from disposal costs.
- 2015 Washington State PaintCare Bill in review:
  - Passed the House, made it to the Senate Energy, Environment, and Telecommunications Committee, but it ended there
  - Sponsors will introduce the PaintCare bill again in 2016
- Discussion:
  - Bill Turlay asked about why the bill failed to get out of committee
    - Pete DuBois responded that the holdup was about the bill's language on Ecology's control, cost concerns, and concern if the fee was too much
    - Marie Clarke commented that fees could go down once the old legacy paints have been collected, and mostly new paint is entering the circulation
  - Once the bill is passed, PaintCare implementation takes about a year
  - Lifecycle of a can of paint:
    - Customer drops off the paint at a drop-off location
    - Trained staff identify the paint, and make a call when collection bin is full
    - Contractor picks it up, and sorts the paint by type
    - Processor gets the paint, recycles it, processes it, and then sells it
    - Recycled paint can also be used for free to cover graffiti, and other public good projects are being discussed by PaintCare

### **IV. PaintCare 101 – Roy Weedman, Oregon PaintCare Program Manager**

Contributed during Marie Clarke's presentation and the discussion. Roy did not separately present.

### **V. PaintCare launch in Minnesota - Jeremy Jones**

Covered through presentation by Marie Clarke. Jeremy Jones could not attend.

### **VI. Other Business**

Discussion about the Stericycle contract that is expiring soon and cannot be extended. The paint take-back element in the RFP will be separated from the HHW collection events; the Paint Take-Back program and HHW collection events will be separate RFPs.

### **VII. Comments from the Public on Non-Agenda items**

No comments from the public.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm.