



SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC)
MEETING MINUTES
August 6, 2025

Those Present: **Regional/Cities:** City of Bainbridge Island – Laura Ryser, City of Bremerton – Melinda Monroe, Central Kitsap – Krisha Begalla, North Kitsap – Lori Cloutier, South Kitsap – Eric Lenius; City of Poulsbo – Shannon Wood; **Agriculture:** Paisley Gallagher; **Organics:** Bob Gilby; **Commercial:** Bill Rich; **Industry:** Waste Management – Brian Lloyd, Han Kirkland, Bainbridge Disposal – Heather Church; **Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe** – Chloe Donaldson

Those Absent: **Regional/Cities:** City of Port Orchard – Stephanie Bailey, **NAVFAC** – Charles Larson, **Suquamish Tribe** – Shane Crowell

KCPW SWD: Kevin Bevelhimer, Caitlin Newman, Barbara Bricker, Rachael Janda, Rick Gilbert, Hannah Vinyard, Tamara Krueger, Sarah Champ

KPHD: Absent

Ecology: Audrey Taber

Public: Diane Landry

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Agenda approved as presented

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – June 4, 2025, meeting minutes approved with the change of Bob Gilby’s roundtable contribution wording, from “Wenatchee” to “Puyallup”.

CORRESPONDENCE – No correspondence

KCPW

Caitlin Newman did a review of the Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan Chapters 1 and 6. The chapters were sent to SWAC members ahead of time for their review and input.

Chapter 6 – Hazardous Waste

Caitlin reviewed the new graphs used to show the trends, over the years, of moderate risk waste collected at the Household Hazardous Waste facility.

These chapters were sent to Ecology for preliminary review. Caitlin added a section for oil and antifreeze.

Chapter 1 – Background

Caitlin explained that while writing this chapter, she included the values of the cities as they will be asked to adopt this plan. She reviewed many other comp plans for inspiration.

She also explained the process for future amendments and updates to the comp plan that are listed in this chapter.

Questions and Comments:

Bob Gilby asked about including organics in the plan.

Caitlin answered that there is a chapter about organics to be reviewed later.

Paisley asked if the plan would include guidelines for Kitsap County and cities to follow?
Ex: Voters Ballots containing the plastic windows etc. that are not recyclable.

After some discussion Caitlin explained that the comp plan was a general overview of the County's goals and that SWAC was the place for specific suggestions and discussions of future projects for Cities and the County to take guidance from.

Bill recommended adding translation into Tagalog as our area has a large Filipino community.

Caitlin responded that she would be adding that to the recommendation table.

Capital Projects Update

Kevin Bevelhimer gave the updates.

Silverdale Redevelopment – Being the first project in Kitsap County to incorporate the new Apprentice Utilization Program into the bid requirements has slowed progress, getting the language correct is taking some extra time. Work on the project should begin

in early spring. Staff are working through some challenges to operations during this time.

Second Compactor at OVTS – Work is progressing. There will be a complete power shutdown at OVTS during installation for about a week. Operations will continue with the use of generators during that time.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

Audrey Taber – Shared some links for Ecology

Battery Stewardship Program Rulemaking: [WAC-173-905 - Washington State Department of Ecology](#).

Hearing #1 on August 28, 2025, from 1:00-4:00PM: [Register for Meeting](#),

Hearing #2 on September 3, 2025, from 6:00-9:00PM: [Register for Meeting](#).

Public Comment Portal: <https://swm.ecology.commentinput.com?id=84Dx26bpJ9>.

Litter Tax update: For more information, please visit our webpage on [Washington's litter tax](#) and read our [focus sheet](#) and [draft legislative language](#). You may submit written comments online through August 8: [Modernizing Washington's Litter Prevention and Cleanup Funding- Proposed Agency Request Legislation](#)

Updates to Organics management for local governments website: [Organics management for local governments - Washington State Department of Ecology](#)

Hannah Vinyard - Presented Fix it Fair successes. Three Fix it Fairs so far this year (Bainbridge, Silverdale, Bremerton) resulted in 168 items brought in by 135 community members. 108 of those items were repaired. 37 of the items are repairable, but not at the event due to missing parts. Resulting in 435 pounds of waste diverted from the landfill. There are three more events to come this year.

Tamara Krueger – Shared about the organics and compost program survey conducted by the Waste Reduction and Recycling team. The survey was inquiring about the use and results of the compost bins sent out upon request. About 600 containers have been distributed and they were sent the survey. 261 replies received so far to the survey. We continue to get requests for compost tool kits.

Sarah Champ – Whaling Days was a successful event promoting the Secure Your Load for Safer Roads campaign. It was the Solid Waste Division's first parade, with a truck and trailer displaying a correctly secured load. Tool kits for securing loads were handed out at the booth and staff engaged in discussions with over 1000 people.

SWAC decided to have monthly meetings for the next few months to have study discussions covering a couple chapters of the Solid and Hazardous Waste Management plan at each meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 3, 2025