

Walla Walla County Solid Waste Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 20, 2024

Note: Recorder used to record the meeting minutes malfunctioned, so these meeting minutes are a basic overview of what was discussed

Call to Order and Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 4:45 p.m. by Chair, Rebecca Francik.

SWAC Attendance

Members present:

Rebecca Francik
Richard "RL" McFarland
Rick Dawson
Dave Dressler
Andrew Dressler
Carlan Bradshaw
Sandy Shelin

Members absent:

Randy Hinchliffe
Monte Willis
Linda Vannoster
Robert McAndrews

Staff:

Leah Rohan, Environmental Engineer
Ki Bealey, Public Works Director
Erin McCabe, Administrative Specialist I

Guests/Audience

Steven Gimpel
Dwight Miller
Chris Lueck

Welcome

Rebecca welcomed everyone in attendance and introductions were made.

Approval of minutes from November 16, 2023

RL moved to approve the minutes from November 16, 2023, meeting. Rick seconded. Motion carried.

Business

- **Solid Waste Management Plan Update**
 - Ki described the complications with developing a SWMP when a City owns and operates the landfill and is leading the update of the plan. In most other counties within the State, the county is the lead.
 - Dwight Miller of Parametrix presented on the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) status and schedule for completing the plan (presentation attached).
 - A discussion was held regarding the comments provided on the SWMP by the SWAC
 - SWAC will have until June 27th to provide any additional comments on the plan based on the discussions held at today's meeting.

Wrap Up

- **Public Comments:** None
- **Topics for the next meeting:**
 - Public Hearing for SWMP: ~~July 23~~ August 13, 2024 at 6:30 PM (since the SWAC meeting, this public hearing has been rescheduled to August due to the amount of SWAC comments received on the draft)
 - Next SWAC meeting will be August 1, 2024 at 4:45 PM in the City Hall Council Chambers and via Zoom. Topics requested to be discussed include:
 - Priority of Landfill capital projects.
 - Made to be Remade Ad topic will be rescheduled to this meeting
- **Around the table announcements, etc.**
 - Sandy requested that meeting minutes have more detail so that when they are reviewed at a later date that you are able to determine what was discussed

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Parametrix

COMPREHENSIVE SOLID WASTE AND MODERATE RISK WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN



June 20, 2024 – SWAC Public Meeting and Presentation

Presented by Leah Rohan (City of Walla Walla Public Works Department) and Dwight Miller (Parametrix)



AGENDA

- SWAC Coordination and SWMP Schedule Review
- Mission Statement and Objective
- Plan Updates Overview
- Final Steps in Plan Update Process



SWAC AND ECOLOGY COORDINATION

- Walla Walla County SWAC acted as liaison to its constituencies and assisted in public involvement.
 - Review of previous plan, including revisions to objective, goals, and recommendations
 - Full review of Final Draft 2024 Plan
 - Recommendation of adoption of Final 2024 Plan by Walla Walla County and its municipalities.
- SWAC will continue to evaluate implementation of recommendations and programs following publication
- If necessary, SWAC will participate in Plan amendments

TIMELINE OF SWMP DEVELOPMENT AND SWAC INVOLVEMENT

June 21, 2021: Original contract signed

July 8, 2021: Kickoff meeting with City and Parametrix. Data gathering started.

September 2021 through April 2022: Monthly SWAC meetings discussing SWMP goals and recommendations (those sections requiring input from SWAC).

April 28, 2022: Landfill Master Plan kickoff meeting (City and Parametrix)

August 3, 2023: Presentation to SWAC on landfill master plan, during this meeting the SWAC made a motion to approve the capital projects identified in the landfill master plan. Also provided a status of the SWMP and the next steps now that the landfill master plan was complete

September 2023: Landfill Master Plan finalized

November 16, 2023, SWAC Meeting: Re-started SWMP discussions with the SWAC including a presentation reminding SWAC where we left off, overview of plan recommendations, and update to those recommendations.

December 20, 2023: Parametrix provided draft SWMP for City staff review.

March 12, 2024: Parametrix completed reviewing City staff comments on the draft. Discussions had regarding City comments. Parametrix worked collecting updated data now available since plan had been put on hold

May 6, 2024: Parametrix provided final draft to City

May 7, 2024: Draft SWMP provided to SWAC for review



PLAN UPDATES

- General Plan Updates
- Recommendation Updates
- Legislation Updates and Mandates
- Recycling Market Updates
- Sudbury Road Landfill Facility Master Plan

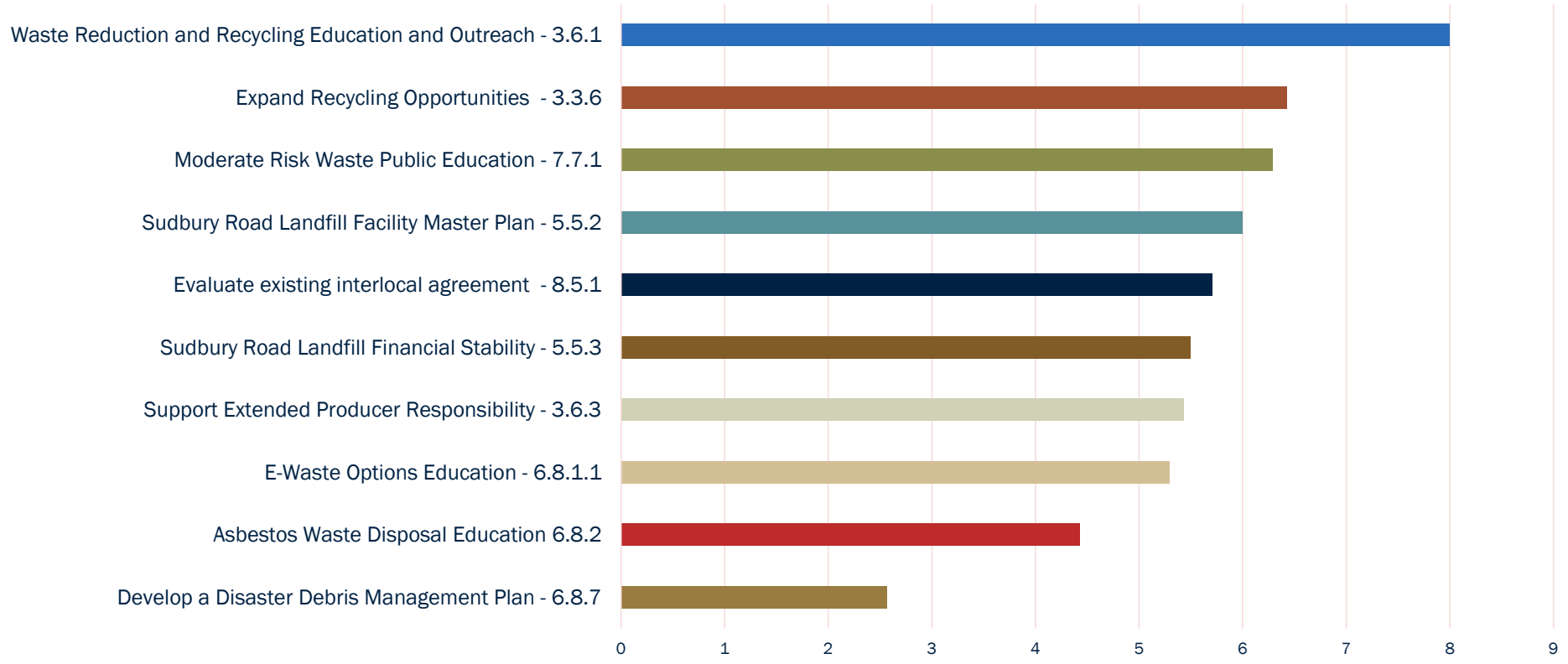


GENERAL PLAN UPDATES

- New 20-year landfill waste projection based on future population growth estimates, increased recycling, and composting.
- General updates to facility and operations descriptions
 - Revised Hours
 - Additional facilities added
- Integrated of the 2021 Waste Characterization Study
- Updates to disposal and recycling rates
- Overhaul of the format for readability
- WUTC Cost Assessment



RECOMMENDATION UPDATES





LEGISLATION AND MANDATES

- House Bill 1799 Washington State Organics Management Law (HB 1799) phased implementation began in 2023
 - HB 1799 defines “Organic Materials” as the following:
 - "Organic materials" means any solid waste that is a biological substance of plant or animal origin capable of microbial degradation.*
 - Compost Procurement Ordinance codified in Walla Walla County Code and City of Walla Walla Municipal Code
 - County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plans (RCW 70A.205)
 - Priority Areas for Organic Materials Facilities
 - Volumetric Capacity
 - Consistency with RCW 70A.205.540 regarding organic collection requirements



LEGISLATION AND MANDATES

- Contamination Reduction and Outreach Plan (CROP) – The City of Walla Walla CROP was finalized in 2021
 - Overview of current recycling contaminants
 - Impacts of recycling contaminants on the system
 - Schedule to implement the proposed actions within the CROP

CHANGES IN RECYCLING AND PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

- China National Sword Policy
 - Recycling surcharge
 - Reintroduction of plastics recycling in early 2024
- Glass recycling options with private recyclers
- Product stewardship programs such as PaintCare



Beginning Jan. 1, 2024



ACCEPTABLE RECYCLABLES

All items must be clean and dry.

PAPER

- Newspaper/ads/inserts
- Corrugated cardboard
- Mail
- Cereal, cracker, and shoe boxes (non-freezer chipboard)
- Office paper and file folders
- Magazines, catalogs, and phone and paperback books

METAL

Clean tin and aluminum cans (no lids)

PLASTIC — new for 2024

#1, #2, and #5 WITH NO LIDS!



Bottles (8 oz. and larger)



Jugs (milk, laundry, etc.)



Tubs (dairy, coffee; no clear tubs)



Buckets and ridged flower pots (no lids, no handles)

RECICLABLES ACEPTABLES

Todos los artículos deben estar limpios y secos.

PAPEL

- Periódicos, anuncios e inserciones
- Cartón corrugado
- Correo
- Cajas de cereal, galletas y de zapatos (aglomerado no del congelador)
- Papel de oficina y carpetas
- Revistas, catálogos, guías telefónicas y libros de pasta blanda

METAL

Latas limpias de estaño y aluminio (sin tapas)

PLÁSTICO — nuevo para 2024

Nº 1, Nº 2, y Nº 5 ¡SIN TAPAS!



Botellas de plástico (de 8 onzas y más grandes)



Recipientes de plástico (de leche, detergente líquido, etc.)



Envases de plástico (de productos lácteos, de café, no se aceptan recipientes de plástico transparente)



Contenedores de plástico en forma de cubo y contenedores de plástico para plantas (sin tapas, ni agaraderas)



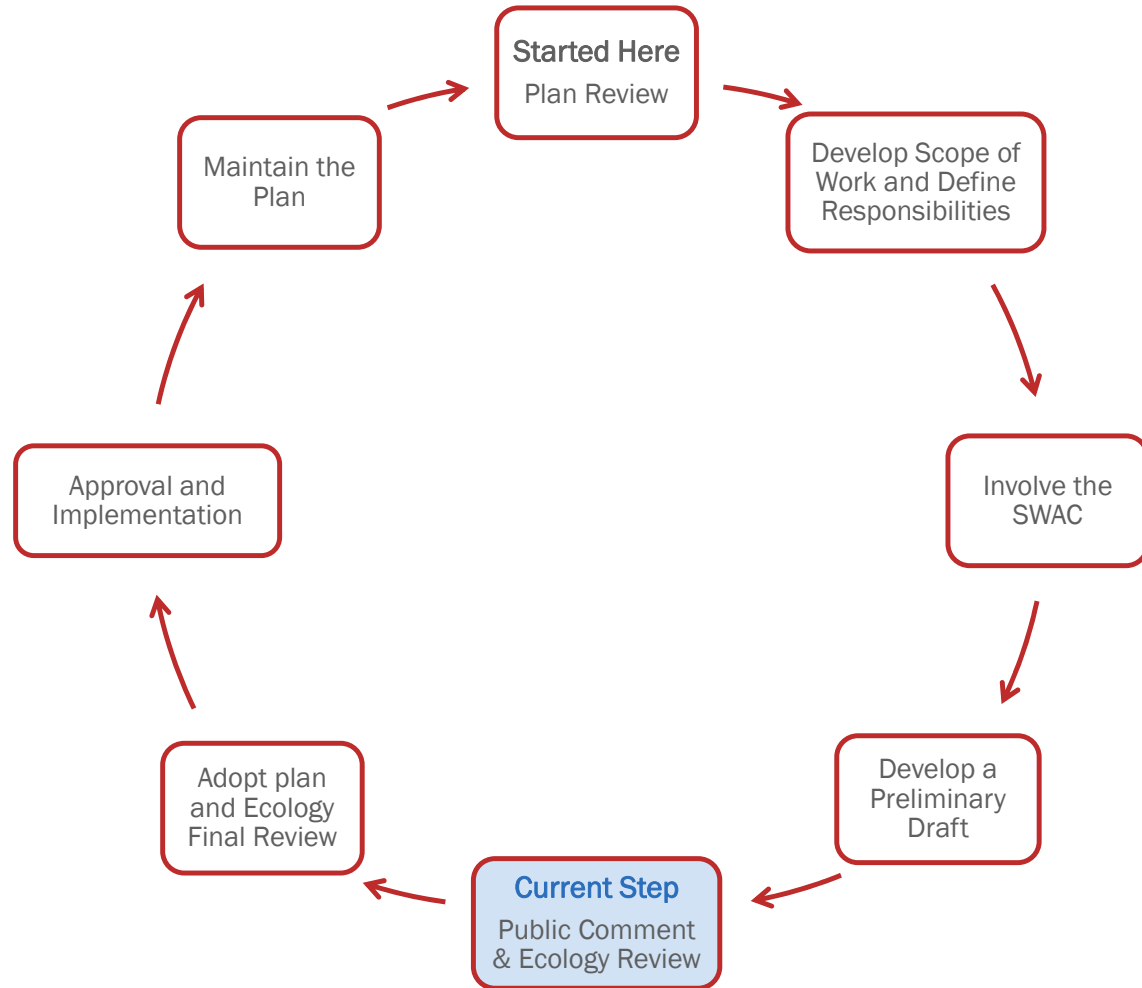


SUDBURY ROAD LANDFILL FACILITY MASTER PLAN

- Sudbury Road Landfill Facility Master Plan finalized in 2023 and includes the planning and scheduling of landfill capital improvements and operations for the next 20 years
 - Core landfill element investments (essential to continued landfill operations).
 - Landfill supporting element investments (important peripheral activities that contribute to successful landfill operations).
 - Other solid waste management program investments (discretionary).



NEXT STEPS





COMPREHENSIVE SOLID WASTE AND MODERATE RISK WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Questions?