

**Clallam County Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)  
January 25, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

**Abbreviations:**

City of Port Angeles (CoPA); City of Sequim (CoS), Clallam County: ClaCo; Environmental Health (EH) City of Forks (CoF); Waste Connections (WC) , Ecology (ECY), Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe (JSKT) Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP)

**A. ROLL CALL:**

**Members:**

Brian Tate, Waste Connections alt  
Meggan Uecker, CoS alt  
Steve Gray, ClaCo rep  
Clea Rome, Ag alt (WSU)  
Charlie McCaughan, CoPA rep  
LaTrisha Suggs, CoPA alt

**Staff/Interested Parties:**

Eli Owens, ClaCo EH  
Joey Deese, Site Manager, WC  
Ron Garcelon, ClaCo Utilities Program  
Manager  
Elizabeth Stanley, ClaCo Attorney  
Laura Busby, ECY interim Planning Lead  
SW Region

**B. REQUEST OF MODIFICATIONS/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:** None

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes for 9/28/22 & 10/26/22, Charlie McCaughan motioned, Meggan Uecker 2<sup>nd</sup>, Motion carried.

**E. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

1. Ron Garcelon introduced as ClaCo’s new Utilities Program Manager. Plan is for him to eventually take over SWAC liaison position for Clallam County and other solid waste management duties. (Steve Gray is Public Works Deputy Director). Ron also manages Clallam Bay/Sekiu & Carlsborg Sewer Systems.
2. Joey Deese is new Waste Connections Site Manager. Moved from Waste Connections position in Pacific County; previously worked for Waste Connections in Clallam County. Will replace Chad Young as Waste Connections representative.
3. Discussion regarding WRAP Act and E-Waste occurred after Agenda Item H—see Section J: Additional Discussion below.

**F. CONTINUING MATTERS**

1. Clallam County LSWFA 21-23 grant revision approved, signed. Includes tasks for WSU Organics Study & food waste prevention activities and Organics Procurement draft ordinance.

**G. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS**

1. *Nominations/elections of Chair & Vice-Chair:* Tabled since current position holders absent. Meggan asked that updated list of positions/expiration dates be provided to SWAC so nominations can occur from accurate full slate of members.
2. *SWAC Bylaws Amendment:* Steve Gray presented red-lined SWAC bylaws update crafted by SWAC bylaw update subcommittee (Steve G., Meggan, Jensen). Changes proposed:
  - a. Updated RCW reference (now RCW 70A.205.110) that establishes SWACs under the Purpose Section.

- b. Updated Composition and Terms of New Members Section as follows: One individual ~~from a representing~~ Tribal governments in Clallam County. Ad-hoc representation of all Tribal governments in Clallam County will be recognized at requisite occasions.
- c. Updated Alternates Section as follows: The above ten representative SWAC positions may also have an alternate appointed by the Clallam County Board of Commissioners. All appointments must be done consistent with Clallam County Administrative Policy 952-Boards and Committees. ~~Each member appointed to the SWAC may designate an alternate. Alternates must be designated in writing by a letter addressed to the chair.~~ Alternates will have the full voting rights of the appointed member at any meeting for which the appointed member is not in attendance.
- d. Updated Amendment Section as follows: These by-laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the SWAC by a ~~two-thirds~~ majority of the members (or their alternates) present, except, in no case shall an amendment be approved with less than five members or alternatives voting “aye.”

Clea Rome made a motion to accept tracked changes and approve bylaw update. Charlie McCaughan 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

### 3. **WSU Organics Report:**

- o Clea Rome introduced the WSU Organics Report project as a continuation of the WSU-County partnership ongoing for many years in organics management and waste reduction arena.
- o Meggan Uecker, representing as WSU contractor for the Organics Report (not CoS alt) presented slides (**attached to minutes**) describing:
  - o Report’s purpose primarily to address 2021 SWMP goal to reduce organics in the Clallam County waste stream by 10% by weight by 2025.
  - o Relevant laws/plans including 2019 WA state Food Waste Reduction Act, CoPA Climate Resiliency Plan and 2022 Organics Management Law
  - o Methodology utilizes SWMP Table 8-4 for organic tonnage estimate in Clallam waste stream (2015-2017 data). Potential to update using 2020 data being considered. Organics as defined in ECY’s waste characterization study include yard waste, food waste and pet manure to equal the 22%. Other organics like clean wood and paper waste will be included in analysis for role in organics management systems like composting.
  - o Recommendations in SWMP, and other best municipal practices being analyzed and expanded to help signatories and partners understand steps to achieve goal.

### H. NEXT-MEETING/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSION:

1. Chair/Vice-Chair nominations & elections
2. Organics Report Update
3. Organics Procurement ordinance update
4. CoPA operations update

### I. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

## **J. ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION (Agenda E3 Continued)**

– (E continued)

1. LaTrisha Suggs noted the WRAP Act that was introduced in the state legislature this session; supported by Association of Washington Cities. Addresses recycling system improvements, bottle bill.
2. Anecdotal reports that Goodwill refusing e-waste.
  - Meggan Uecker encouraged folks to report that to ECY E-Waste program if they hear of Goodwill refusing to accept e-waste.
  - The County IT Department pallets e-Waste and calls for pickup.
  - Joey Deese shared Pacific Co. transfer station used to collect e-Waste. Meggan Uecker noted that various sites including transfer stations can be E-Waste sites through state program, which reimburses & assists with program.
  - Brian Tate noted that jail labor programs sometimes do electronics recycling services

**K. ADJOURNMENT:** 4:27 p.m.