

**Clallam County Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)  
March 22, 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:**

Cristy Cox, Olympic Roots Farm, Chair  
Mark Ozias, BOCC  
Brian Tate, Waste Connections alt  
Steve Gray, ClaCo Dep PW Director  
Clea Rome, Ag alt (WSU)  
Charlie McCaughan, CoPA rep  
Arleen Jenson, Ag rep  
  
Steve Johnson, Business Rep

**Staff/Interested Parties:**

Eli Owens, ClaCo EH  
Ron Garcelon, ClaCo Utilities Program  
Manager  
Joey Deese, Site Manager, WC  
Elizabeth Court, ECY  
Mike Healy, CoPA  
Sarah VanAusdale, CoS PW Director  
Benjamin Astrachan, WSU

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

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes for 01/25/2023, Charlie McCaughan motioned, Steve Gray 2<sup>nd</sup>, Motion carried.

**E. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

1. Steve Gray noted the proposed transfer station in Carlsborg is not moving forward.
2. Eli Owens announced a planned HHW event in Forks, WA for near the end of April. Mr. Owens stated they are waiting for some signatures to finalize the event. Event would not accept anything Paint Care would cover.
3. Cristy Cox shared information on a repair clinic planned in Jefferson County, funded by DOE.
4. Clea Rome shared WSU Extension is co-hosting the Tilth Alliance conference this fall, this is a conference for organic farming.

**F. CONTINUING MATTERS**

1. Cristy Cox was nominated for Chair by Steve Gray, seconded by Charlie McCaughan, Motion passed.
2. Charlie McCaughan was nominated for Vice Chair by Brian Tate, seconded by Steve Gray, Motion passed.
3. a) Clea Rome presented update on Organics study and Waste Reduction work done under contract with Clallam County with LSWFA grant funding. The Organics Study work will not be completed due to unforeseen circumstances. The Food Waste Reduction work will continue as planned.  
b) Benjamin Astrachan presented the committee with information on food waste reduction progress including: Hot food recovery program with the Port Angeles Food Bank. He is planning a visit to Thurston County Food Bank to explore their system, Port Angeles Food Bank is currently planning on hiring a cook for their kitchen. Visiting an elementary school weekly to facilitate composting program. Benjamin will be tabling at the Port Angeles Farmer’s Market and various other education outreach with the general

public during “Food Waste Prevention Week”. Backyard composting education collaborating with Master Gardener program.

c) Commissioner Ozias asked if the number of pounds of food diverted from the waste stream is being tracked. Benjamin stated the amount of grocery rescue food is tracked and reported to WA DOE. This includes edible food and non-edible food sent to farms for livestock consumption.

d) Cristy Cox asked if the Organics Study be continued using another source/contractor. Clea and Steve Gray both stated the funding for this task ends in June and neither WSU Extension or Clallam County Public Works are able to complete the work at this time.

4. Ron Garcelon discussed the preliminary draft of the Compost Procurement Ordinance.

a) Ron discussed the requirements for the ordinance and the general framework of the preliminary draft compost ordinance.

b) The CoPA was asked about current compost facility operations. The CoPA stated the yard waste is chipped and transferred to a compost producer. Mike Healy said he would have to get back to us on which compost producer it was the CoPA is transferring the yard waste too.

e) Commissioner Ozias brought up the subject of using biosolids in compost for discussion.

f) It was decided to table further discussion until all members, including remote members, could have a copy of the preliminary draft ordinance.

5. The CoPA discussed the purchase of glass recycling bins. Mike Healy said the glass recycling bins have to be built and he expects an ETA of 72 days after order placement.

6. ClaCo is currently seeking renewal of lease for Blue Mountain Transfer Station site.

## **G. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS**

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

1. Compost Procurement Ordinance
2. Joint meeting with Jefferson County SWAC

## **I. PUBLIC COMMENT – None**

## **J. ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION**

1. Discussion was had regarding the possibility of a local waste-to-energy facility.

## **K. ADJOURNMENT: 4:18 p.m.**