

INTEGRATED SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLANNING WESTERN WYOMING PLANNING GROUP

SUMMARY OF PROJECT KICK-OFF MEETING

A project kick-off meeting for the Western Regional Planning Group was conducted on August 14, 2007 at the Sublette County Library in Pinedale, Wyoming. The meeting began at 10:00 am.

The meeting was started with greetings among the attending participants followed by formal introductions.

Attendees

Mike Archibald – City of Kemmerer
Tammie Archibald – Lincoln County Commission
Marge Bedessem – Trihydro Corporation
Jeff Brewster – Westbank Sanitation Wyoming Waste Systems
Ann Buller – Editor, The Kemmerer Gazette
Bill Cramer – Sublette County Commission
Jodi Dillree – Kemmerer Area Recycling Effort
Tara Froedge – Reporter, Jackson Hole News and Guide
Sara Hale – Editor, Kemmerer Gazette
Jeff Hermansky – Teton County Engineering
Rick Hoffman – Manager, Sublette County Waste Management
Celeste Jacobson – Star Valley Disposal
Art Martinez – Executive Director, Uinta Recycling Inc.
Craig McOmie – Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality
Earl Wayne Neal – Solid Waste Supervisor, Teton County Engineering
Heather Overholser – Jackson Community Recycling
Bob Rawlings – Landfill Manager, Lincoln County Landfills
Don Robinson – Uinta County Landfills
Ken Schreuder – Trihydro Corporation
Marti Seipp – Coordinator, Sublette Citizens for Recycling JPB
Cal Tatum – Editor, Uinta County Herald
Nicole Twing – Trihydro Corporation
Jon Turner – Solid Waste Coordinator, Uinta, County Landfills/Uinta Recycling
Elisha Warren – Reporter, Pinedale Roundup
Craig Whitehead – Trihydro Corporation
(Melanie – Tri-Town Recycling)

Presentation & Discussion

Following the introductions a slide show presentation was conducted by Ken Schreuder. The slide show covered the participants in the plan which included the core working group of permitted landfills within the planning area as well as stakeholders. The

presentation continued by covering the background reasons leading up to the funded mandate by the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, Solid and Hazardous Waste Division that required Integrated Solid Waste Management (ISWM) plans be developed for every permitted landfill within the State of Wyoming.

Next, the Trihydro representatives requested the attendees present some of their ideas and desires to be addressed in the ISWM plan. It was also stated their ideas and desires would be discussed again during the individual landfill meetings to be conducted in the near future with each core group member.

The following list of key points was suggested for further study:

Objectives

- Consider on-site recycling (landfills)
- Identify cost effective markets for recyclables
- Reduce pickup requirements
- Minimize permitting requirements
- Consider centralized recycling
- Divert as much as possible from liners (recycling)
- Consider market fluctuations
- Landfill operator training
- Maximize public education (alternative)
- Divert hazardous materials from landfills (eg batteries)
- Recommendations for local and state legislation (implementation strategy)
- Reduce groundwater contamination
- Reduce methane gas production
- Increase opportunity, convenience for recycling
- Identify regional transportation options (safety concerns)
- Consider reducing number of municipal landfills

Additional Objectives (We would like our selected alternative to meet these goals – these objectives could be used to rate alternatives in addition to those outlined in the power point presentation):

- Maximize opportunity/convenience of recycling
- Maximize diversion rates
- Reduce groundwater contamination
- Reduce methane gas production
- Minimize transportation safety issues
- Minimize permitting requirements

Components of the Plan (We would like to consider these items throughout the plan):

- Provide landfill operator training

- Provide public education
- Divert hazardous materials from landfills (e.g. batteries)
- Make recommendations for local and state legislation (implementation strategy)
- Identify regional transportation options
- Consider reducing number of municipal landfills
- Consider market fluctuations
- Consider on-site recycling (landfills)
- Identify cost effective markets for recyclables
- Reduce pickup requirements
- Consider centralized recycling

After the discussion on areas requiring further study during the planning process the following items were discussed:

- Remember to add Tri-Town Recycling (Marbleton) to the map of existing facilities.
- Remember to set up methodology for people to document outreach activities
- Uinta County in particular wants help improving their recycling rates
- Lincoln County requested two local meetings and potentially additional help with outreach beyond what was proposed

Suggested contacts for stakeholders group:

- Grand Teton National Park
- Various Industries – power plant, mines
- KSRV Radio station (Star Valley) and others
- Contractor's Associations
- Motel/Hotel Associations
- Restaurant Associations
- Chambers of Commerce
- Landscaping Associations
- Elected Officials

Next meeting of Western Wyoming Planning Group will be in Kemmerer, consensus seemed to be to rotate meeting locations.

END OF KICK-OFF MEETING SUMMARY