

**INTEGRATED SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLANNING PROJECT
WESTERN WYOMING PLANNING GROUP**

SUMMARY OF THE MARCH 27, 2008 REGIONAL PLANNING MEETING

The following information is a general summary of the issues discussed at the March 27, 2008 meeting that was held at the Lincoln County Library in Kemmerer. The meeting began at 9:15 AM, and concluded at approximately 3:10 PM.

Attendees

Rick Hoffman, Sublette County Solid Waste Department
Joel Bousman, Sublette County Commissioner
Marti Seipp, Sublette Citizens for Recycling JPB
Earl Wayne Neal, Teton County Engineering
Steve Story, Teton County Engineering
Tammie Archibald, Lincoln County Commission
Kent Connelly, Lincoln County Commission
Bob Rawlings, Lincoln County Solid Waste Manager
Mary Crosby, Lincoln County Solid Waste Manager
Jodi Dillree, Kemmerer Area Recycling Effort
Celeste & Guy Jacobson, Star Valley Disposal
John Woodward, Lincoln County Planning
Wendi Bell, Caribou Clean Water Partnership
Maureen Meagher, Western Wyoming R&CD
Betsy Wagner, Uinta Recycling Inc. Board
Jon Turner, Uinta County Solid Waste Department
Dan Robinson, Uinta County Solid Waste Department
Craig McOmie, Wyoming DEQ
Ken Schreuder, Trihydro Corporation
Diane Bennett, Trihydro Corporation

Following introductions of attendees, a slide presentation was provided to guide the group discussion. The following discussion headings correspond to those used in the slide presentation. A copy of the slide presentation is available on the project website at www.westernwyomingiswm.com/Documents.aspx.

Recap of the ISWM Planning Process

The meeting began with a general overview of the ISWM planning process, including the planning process and schedule. The specific tasks associated with the current phase of the project (Phase 2 “Economic Analysis”) were highlighted.

Draft Interim ISWM Plans

An outline of the Draft Interim ISWM Plans, explanation of the Full Cost Accounting Analysis, and results of the Plan were highlighted.

Local Planning Meeting Recommendations

Summaries of the local planning meeting recommendations for each planning partner were presented and discussed. Each planning partner categorized potential alternatives as either “definitely worth considering,” “may be worth considering,” or “impractical/unreasonable.” The local planning recommendations are available on the project website at www.westernwyomingiswm.com/Documents.aspx.

One of the Lincoln County recommendations categorized as “definitely worth considering” involved the development of a new lined landfill and recycling facility at Sage Junction. An attendee noted that this idea was proposed by a private developer, but that the current level of interest in the project is limited, and should not be considered as viable alternative at this time.

Focus of Today’s Meeting: Identify Regional Alternatives

A summary of existing facilities in the regional planning area was provided. Existing facilities include: 6 unlined landfills, 1 lined landfill (permitted, but no current plans to construct), 4 transfer stations, and 4 stand-alone recycling centers. (Many of the landfills and transfer stations also provide some level of recycling opportunities.) The estimated capacity and site life of existing landfills within and outside the regional planning area were highlighted for the purpose of identifying potential regional facilities that could meet the disposal needs of the planning area for the next 20 years. Based on this information, the attendees identified the following alternatives for further consideration.

Option 1 – Three Regional Lined Landfills

Regional Lined Municipal Solid Waste Landfills

Lincoln County - Kemmerer (with unlined cells for construction/demolition wastes)

Sublette County - Marbleton (with unlined cells for construction/demolition wastes)

Uinta County - Evanston (with unlined cells for construction/demolition wastes)

Unlined Construction/Demolition Landfills

Lincoln County - Thayne or Cokeville

Uinta County - Bridger Valley

Transfer Stations (with Recycling and/or Composting Facilities)

Lincoln County - Cokeville

Lincoln County - LaBarge

Lincoln County - Thayne

Sublette County - Marbleton (recycling facility only)

Sublette County - Pinedale

Teton County - Horsethief Canyon

Uinta County - Bridger Valley
Uinta County - Evanston (in town)

Option 2 – Two Regional Lined Landfills

Regional Lined Municipal Solid Waste Landfills

Sublette County – Marbleton (with unlined cells for construction/demolition wastes)
Uinta County - Evanston (with unlined cells for construction/demolition wastes)

Unlined Construction/Demolition Landfills

Uinta County - Bridger Valley
Lincoln County - Kemmerer

Transfer Stations (with recycling and/or composting facilities)

Lincoln County - Cokeville
Lincoln County - LaBarge
Lincoln County - Kemmerer
Lincoln County - Thayne
Sublette County - Marbleton (stand-alone recycling facility only)
Sublette County - Pinedale
Teton County - Horsethief Canyon
Uinta County - Bridger Valley
Uinta County - Evanston (in town)

Option 3 – No Regional Lined Landfills

Regional Landfills (outside of planning area)

Sweetwater County - Rock Springs (currently unlined, but likely to be lined)
Jefferson County, Idaho – Circle Butte Landfill (currently unlined)

Unlined Construction/Demolition Landfills

Lincoln County - Kemmerer
Sublette County – Marbleton
Uinta County - Bridger Valley
Uinta County - Evanston

Transfer Stations (with recycling and/or composting facilities)

Lincoln County – Cokeville
Lincoln County – Kemmerer
Lincoln County - LaBarge
Lincoln County - Thayne
Sublette County – Marbleton (with stand-alone recycling facility)
Sublette County - Pinedale
Teton County – Horsethief Canyon
Uinta County - Bridger Valley
Uinta County – Evanston (in town)

Next Steps

Operators of existing facilities were asked to review and provide comments to Trihydro on the Draft Interim Local ISWM Plans so that they can be finalized. Outreach efforts for Phase 2 are ongoing. Small group presentations and a second brochure are planned for later spring or early summer. The Final Report of Economic Analysis of Alternatives is due to WDEQ/SHWD on October 1, 2008. All attendees were encouraged to attend the annual meeting of the Wyoming Solid Waste and Recycling Association, which will be at the Parkway Plaza in Casper on August 25-28, 2008.