

Pierce County Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)

Summary of Meeting

April 12, 2023, 5:30pm – 7:00 pm
Tacoma Mall Plaza and Zoom
2702 S 42nd St, Tacoma, WA 98409

*Convening was recorded. (audio only)

CALL TO ORDER

Lewis Griffith called the April 12th, 2023 SWAC convening to order at 5:38 p.m.

Committee members present: Aminah Othman, Dave Powers, El Rose (arrive mid-meeting), Ellen Knowlen, Josh Christy, Louis Griffith, Ron Backman

Excused: Alex Kenesson, Dave Stookey, Josh Metcalf

Unexcused: David Artis, Jessica James, Annaliese Feld

There was no quorum. This is not an official meeting, but instead a convening of members. No official business will be conducted. Notes will still be taken, but will not be “official”.

Non-voting members present: Tom Swanson, Keith Johnson, Kevin Green

Non-voting members absent: none

Staff present: Chris Brown, Ryan Dicks, and Kari Ann Elling for Pierce County

The SWAC could not approve the February 8, 2023 meeting summary due to no quorum.

FIRST ITEM ON AGENDA

SHWMP Actions Update presented by Chris Brown

Lewis Griffith made comments/asked questions: Lewis stated that the state was working on a contract for organics management

SECOND ITEM ON AGENDA

Compliance Consultant Enforcement & Education Cannabis Unit -Presentation from Jennifer Wilson

*presentation slides will be shared with the SWAC via email and will be posted to Civic Plus

Ron Backman asked a question regarding staffing needs to meet the need of enforcement of proper rendering of plant waste from producers. Jennifer responded they are in need of more staff, especially police officers, to enforce the law.

Josh Christy asked a question regarding the amount of waste produced from the cannabis industry. Jennifer said she would send relevant data to Kari Ann Elling.

Lewis Griffith asked what the areas/jurisdictions that Jennifer oversaw. Jennifer responded she had Pierce County and South King County.

THIRD ITEM ON AGENDA

N/A

_____ made comments/asked questions

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FOURTH ITEM ON AGENDA

N/A

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ROUND TABLE

Members had an opportunity to share items of interest. 6:18pm

Kari Ann: Asked a question about quorum since El Rose arrived late.

Ryan Dicks: We could talk about Shred Events-Kari Ann spoke to these events. Earth Matters our annual newsletter just came out this week and focuses on food waste reduction/prevention.

Lewis Griffith: South Sound Sustainability expo is 4/22 on the UW campus. Event free for the public. City of Tacoma and Pierce County will have tables.

Kari Ann-OPMA (Open Public Meeting Act) training; We will do this for the May meeting. Chris Brown: We will also need to do elections for chair and co-chair at the next meeting.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the public had the opportunity to comment on SWAC related issues.

Public member present did not have a question or comment.

_____ addressed the SWAC/provided public comment.

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The Chair closed the public comment section of the agenda.

CLOSE MEETING

The convening adjourned at 6:26 p.m.