

FROM (DEPT/ DIVISION): Land Use Planning
PROGRAM: Solid Waste Advisory Committee

SUBJECT: 2019 SWAC Annual Report

Background: According to Chapter 50.087(B), Code of Ordinance, the Solid Waste Advisory Committee shall present an annual report to the Board of Commissioners to review the committee's prior year's activities.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INFORMATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> <u>ACTION REQUESTED:</u>
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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Copy of the 2019 SWAC Annual Report

Submitted By: Gina Miller

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Checkoffs:

- () Exec. Asst.
- (X) Dept. Head (copy)
- () Human Resources (copy)
- () Budget (copy)
- () Fiscal
- (X) Legal (copy)
- () (Other – List:

To be notified of Meeting:
Gina Miller, Dennis Olson

Needed at Meeting:
Gina Miller, Dennis Olson

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AND ATTACHMENTS TO OFFICE MANAGER

Scheduled for meeting on: _____ April 3, 2019 _____

Action taken:

Follow-up:

UMATILLA COUNTY SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

March 25, 2019

UMATILLA COUNTY
Board of Commissioners
216 SE Fourth Street
Pendleton OR 97801

Subject: 2018/2019 Solid Waste Advisory Committee
Annual Report to Board of Commissioners

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Section 9.4 of the Umatilla County Solid Waste Management Plan, following is the Annual Report to Board of Commissioners from the Solid Waste Committee. This report includes review of implementation progress; review of recovery rate; identification of barriers and suggestions for corrective action; and suggestions for additional practices for implementation.

REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS:

Following is a brief summary of activity and achievements for the previous year.

January / March 2018

- Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting was held January 9, 2018
 - Franchises give annual reports as documented by minutes.
 - Susan McHenry retired from the Solid Waste Advisory Committee after 20+ years of service.
 - Dennis Olson selected to be the new Chair.
 - Bonnie Burke, CTUIR, also retired after 15+ years of service. She will be replaced by Ashley Picard, TERF, as the CTUIR representative.
 - The County and State of Oregon is facing a very large problem in the coming months regarding recycling issues due to the China ban on recyclables from the United States.

April / June 2018

- Solid Waste Advisory Committee met April 3, 2018
 - Franchises give quarterly reports as documented by minutes
 - Franchise's Sanitary Disposal, Humbert's, Pendleton Sanitary Service and CTUIR/TERF hold spring cleanups throughout the County for their customer appreciation days.
 - Franchise renewals were recommended to and approved by the Board of Commissioners for:
 - Collection Franchises:
 - Sanitary Disposal, Inc.
 - Humbert Refuse & Recycling
 - Pendleton Sanitary Service, Inc.
 - Eastern Oregon Waste
 - Disposal Franchises:
 - Humbert Refuse & Recycling
 - Desert Wind, Inc.
 - Pendleton Sanitary Service, Inc.
 - Quality Compost

- DEQ representative Eric Clanton spoke about the possibility of a HHW collection event.
- City of Milton-Freewater representative Krista Gannon spoke about their cities recycling program.

July / September 2018

- Solid Waste Advisory Committee met July 3, 2018
 - Franchises give quarterly reports as documented by minutes.
 - Code Enforcement reported that they are still looking for a new Code Enforcement Officer.
 - Umatilla County was approved for a DEQ grant to host a HHW Collection Event in September.
 - Meetings will commence to begin planning the HHW Collection Event.

October / December 2018

- Solid Waste Committee met October 9, 2018
 - Franchises give quarterly reports as documented by minutes
 - Report on the successful HHW Collection Event in September
 - Arne Swanson and his employees will be taking a course to become certified asbestos inspectors for Umatilla County.

REVIEW OF RECOVERY RATES:

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality has advised that Umatilla County has satisfied the requirements for the Opportunity to Recycle Program found in the Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR), Chapter 340, Division 90, and has deemed that Umatilla County is APPROVED for 2017-2018. Senate Bill 263 has changed some of the program elements and has added new requirements for approval. Larger cities, based on population, will be required to submit a Contamination Reduction Education Plan describing how they will assess the level of contamination in recycling and how the city will provide education on how to reduce this contamination. The OAR's require that each local city government should have this program in place by January 1, 2018. The City of Umatilla, the City of Pendleton and the City of Hermiston all have approved Alternative Recycling Programs in place, and Senate Bill 263 has added Expanded Education and Promotion Program elements to these programs.

The Board of Commissioners set a Recovery Rate Goal of 20% per year for Umatilla County. We hope that markets continue to allow us to exceed that goal and continue the success of our waste reduction, reuse and recycling programs, despite volatile markets and the ban by China for importing recyclable materials.

IDENTIFY BARRIERS AND SUGGEST CORRECTIVE ACTION:

The primary barrier identified by the Solid Waste Advisory Committee is insufficient funding for solid waste programs. This continues to remain a barrier to implementation of a number of goals set forth in the Solid Waste Management Plan. Code Enforcement funding has remained stable, as has the Nuisance Abatement Fund. This year the Board of Commissioners has again made available \$2,500 for cleanup assistance throughout the County on an application basis. While sometimes it seems our progress is slow, Umatilla County has made great strides in both policies and funding for nuisance abatement.

Another significant barrier for the Solid Waste Advisory Committee is changes in the worldwide recycling market place caused by the National Sword Program, implemented by China effective January 1, 2018. China will no longer accept most co-mingled paper or plastics for recycling; leaving the county, state and country with

no option for recycling and many of these items must now be landfilled. This will greatly impact local franchises, county and state residents.

One barrier from last year has been mitigated by the presence of a consistent DEQ representative. Eric Clanton was assigned to our region in 2018 and has risen to the challenge of providing clear and consistent interpretation of DEQ's rules and paperwork. He has also been proactive in Umatilla County being considered for grants to improve conditions here in terms of hazardous wastes.

The Solid Waste Committee is sincerely appreciative of the support for and dedication to the Code Enforcement /Nuisance Abatement programs by the Board of Commissioners. The Solid Waste Committee will continue to explore alternatives to generate additional funding for solid waste programs.

SUGGEST ADDITIONAL PRACTICES FOR IMPLEMENTATION:

The Solid Waste Advisory Committee has no suggestions for additional practices to be implemented. Both the Solid Waste Management Plan and Household Hazardous Waste Plan were updated in 2012 to reflect realistic goals and practices, but funding must be resolved before major program changes can be implemented. County staff continues to work with DEQ to bring additional Household Hazardous Waste collection events to the area. At this time, we are planning on re-applying for a Household Hazardous Waste Collection event grant for 2020.

Thank you to our Planning Department staff, County Counsel, and especially our Commissioners. Without your support and encouragement, the successes of the Solid Waste Committee and programs in Umatilla County would not be possible.

Should you have any questions, we would be pleased to meet with you at your convenience. Thank you again for your ongoing support and assistance.

Sincerely,

Dennis Olson

Dennis Olson, Chair
UMATILLA COUNTY
SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE