

FRANKLIN COUNTY
SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC)

April 16, 2025, 1:00 P.M.

Port of Pasco
1110 Osprey Point
Pasco WA 99301

MINUTES

****This meeting was not publicly posted. Therefore, no action was taken.**

WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS

Attendance:

Rebecca Francik	Business	Basin Disposal, Government Affairs
Bridget Gallant	Agriculture	Horrigan Farms, Inc., President
Cade Scott	Municipal	City of Mesa, Public Works Superintendent
Candy Thornhill	Business	Ray Poland & Sons, Owner asphalt/rock recycling
Dale Lindsey	Citizen	Retired, former Waste Management issues Hanford
Rick Dawson	Citizen	Works for Walla Walla Health District
Aisley Gardner	Health District	Benton Franklin Health District
Sally McKenzie		Franklin County Solid Waste
Shirley Jones		Franklin County Solid Waste

Attendance via Zoom:

Mary Heather Ames	Municipal	City of Pasco, Deputy Public Works Director
Stephen Gimpel	Ecology	Dept. of Ecology, Grant Officer/Plan Manager
Alicia Krueger	Business	Burnham RNG, Project Manager

Excused:

Rob Wiskerchen	Business	Reser's Fine Food, General Manager
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Absent:

Pete Serrano	Municipal	City of Pasco, Mayor
Jim Muse	Business	Reser's Fine Food, Alternate Member
Kent McCue	Municipal	Pasco Operations
Lee Barrow	Municipal	City of Connell, Mayor
Terry Kneblick	School District	Pasco School District
Rocky Mullen	Municipal	County Commissioner

- Sally McKenzie will be leaving Franklin County effective April 24th. Shirley Jones was introduced and will be taking Sally's place for Franklin County.
- Due to attrition of Committee members, advertisements will be placed to acquire new members as well as current members reaching out to their associates who may have interest in becoming a SWAC member. Per the bylaws, a balance of the various

industries represented and public citizens will need to be the minimum member balance as required.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this meeting was to update the committee regarding the one consultant firm, Herrera Group, which responded to the Request for Proposals (RFP) for Solid Waste Comprehensive Management Plan (SWCMP) Update.

Advertisement

The advertisement was posted twice, January and March of 2025 and read as follows:

Franklin County would like an update to the Franklin County Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan as per RCW 70.95.110 indicating plans shall be maintained in a current condition and reviewed and revised periodically.

Franklin County is requesting proposals from firms interested in providing these professional services.

Description

Franklin County adopted the Franklin County Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan in April of 2010. Selected firm will review and/or revise this Plan with current information and incorporate changes made within the County while taking into consideration updated State planning guidelines and regulatory changes, such as Washington Administrative Code 173-351 and Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 70.95.

Selected firm will follow the Washington State Department of Ecology “Guidelines for Development of Local Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plans and Plan Revisions” (Publication No 10-07-005)

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/summarypages/1007005.html>

Primary tasks are as follows:

- Review existing information and gather recent information.
- Update the Plan.
- Complete WUTC Cost Assessment Questionnaire.
- Complete SEPA checklist required by Ecology.
- Meet with County staff, Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC), Franklin County Board of Commissioners, and other stakeholders.
- Create and implement Inter-local agreement(s) between Franklin County and associated cities.

PROPOSAL DISCUSSION OVERVIEW

- The SWAC received the Herrera Group proposal prior to the meeting via email for review.

- Discussion included the RFP advertisement being posted in the Franklin Graphic both in January and March and also posted on the Franklin County/Solid Waste website January through mid April 2025.
- Previous experience with this applicant in prior years with the SWCMP, the proposal describing the experience of the personnel and the schedule to complete a project by December 2025 was discussed. The applicant seems to be well versed.

OTHER DISCUSSIONS

Discussion of potential bills regarding organic and EPR recycling.

SCHEDULE

- May 5th was set for further discussion and if SWAC should move forward with the Herrera Group proposal. This meeting will be a Zoom meeting.
- The next meeting of May 21st will allow an invite to the Herrera Group to join the SWAC for questions and a discussion regarding the costs of the process to complete the Franklin County Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan. Herrera Group will be provided the current draft Plan. A final decision can then be made on moving forward.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.