

FRANKLIN COUNTY  
SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC)

December 3, 2025, 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Port of Pasco  
1110 Osprey Point  
Pasco WA 99301

MINUTES
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Attendance, Voting Members

Rebecca Francik	Business	
Cade Scott	Municipal	City of Mesa, Public Works Superintendent
Mary Heather Ames	Municipal	City of Pasco, Deputy Public Works Director
Rob Wiskerchen	Business	Reser's Fine Food, General Manager
Rick Dawson	Citizen	Walla Walla Health District
Tom Hitt	School District	Pasco School District Alternate

Attendance via Microsoft Teams, Voting Members:

Bridget Gallant	Agriculture	Horrigan Farms, Inc., President
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Attendance via Microsoft Teams, Non-Voting Members:

Wendy Mifflin		Herrera Inc. (Solid Waste Plan Consultant Firm)
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Non-Voting Members

Shirley Jones		Franklin County Solid Waste
Stephen Gimpel	Ecology	Dept. of Ecology, Grant Officer/Plan Manager

Absent:

Jin Muse	Business	Reser's Fine Food, Alternate Member
Lee Barrow	Municipal	City of Connell, Mayor
Joey Castilleja	School District	Pasco School District
Rocky Mullen	Municipal	County Commissioner
Terry Kneblick	Business	Public School District
Alicia Krueger	Business	Burnham RNG, Project Manager (Draft Comments)
Dale Lindsey	Citizen	Retired, former Waste Management issues Hanford
Maria Serra	Municipal	Pasco Public Works Director
Candy Thornhill	Business	Ray Poland & Sons (asphalt/rock recycling)
Bailey Stanger	Health District	Benton Franklin Health District

Guests

Michael Robitaille		Mayor of Kahlotus
Jeff Thompson		Basin Disposal, Government Affairs

## **PURPOSE**

- Approval of agenda.
- Approve minutes from October 14, 2025.
- Input and questions regarding the complete Solid Waste Plan draft.
- Review of next steps in process of Solid Waste Plan.

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This meeting was advertised as required.

## **DISCUSSION OVERVIEW**

- Approval of agenda – Motion to approve by Cade Scott, Rob Wiskerchen 2nd
- Approve minutes from October 14, 2025 – Cade Scott motion to approve, Tom Hitt 2nd
  - Questions and discussion regarding the complete Solid Waste Plan draft. Cade Scott, motion to approve, Rick Dawson 2<sup>nd</sup>, SWAC approval of Solid Waste Plan draft, all said aye.
- Review of next steps in process of Solid Waste Plan to include the following:
  - Regulatory reviews by Department of Ecology, Department of Agriculture, and the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission.
  - A SEPA Non-Project Action Checklist will be sent to Franklin County Planning office to begin this process for public comments while regulatory process begins.
  - Wendy Mifflin from Herrera Consultants will then present a red line Plan draft to the SWAC in approximately May to review public and Ecology comments.
  - Response to Ecology comments.
  - Re-submit to Ecology, if needed.
  - County and Cities adopt Plan; final Ecology approval.
- Discussed process of future potential changes that may need to be made to Plan. Steven Gimpel helped with explanation on when an amendment is needed or if SWAC can approved of change and no amendment would be needed.
- Discussion regarding organics and ORCA waivers. County will need to apply on behalf of Pasco one year prior to April 2027.
- Meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm.