

Tri-County Hazardous Waste & Recycling Program
Steering Committee Meeting Wednesday
September 11, 2024 9 AM
Wasco County Public Works Building Conference Room

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In attendance: Steve Kramer, Kelly Howsley-Glover, Kristina Fiebig, Mike Matthews, Colin Teem, Jim Winterbottom, Scott Randle, Jacob Powell, Kevin Liburdy, Laurie Gordon, Jayme Bennet

9 am Meeting Starts

Kramer welcomes Colin Teem the new DEQ representative.

Kramer asks for the next Steering Committee meeting to be held on 12/11/24. With no objection, the date is set.

Kramer takes a moment of silence for the recent and 9/11 losses 23 years ago.

Minutes

Kramer motions to approve June meeting minutes Randle and Powell vote to approve, no nay votes, and the motion passes.

Financial Reports

Kramer gives the floor to Glover, who reports on the Financial Report. Glover stated that the final closeout for the 2023- 2024 physical year was omitted in June. The program was over in some areas but stayed under the total budgeted amount. This included the budget to date, which was pulled at the end of August, but it should be noted that only some of the bills have come through.

Marketing, Education, and Outreach

Kramer gives the floor to Fiebig. Promotion for PaintCare, Waste Wizard, newsletters, and MailChimp continues. Glover added that the outreach and marketing had a positive effect on attendance, by seeing pre-covid levels returning at rural events. In August, there was a downtick in attendance at The Dalles event due to heat but the May event showed the attendance is close in comparison to the Hood River event.

Kramer announces that a breakdown of what was collected at these events will be available at the December meeting.

Fiebig then reports on the Farmer Market tabling events in which there were roughly 30 people to engage with at The Dalles and Hood River. Hood River had more questions on what was hazardous waste while The Dalles had more PaintCare questions. There was positive feedback from both venues, especially for the free produce bags.

Work Plan Committee

Kramer passes the floor to Glover

Glover announced she proposed a merge of the two sub-committees to the chair and then asked for volunteers to sit on the work plan and budget committees. Kramer asks if there is support and Liburdy, Powell, and Randle confirm there is. Glover will send out a Doodle Poll for participation

Policy Regulation and Legislation

Kramer was re-appointed to the ORSAC till 2025 if no county commissioner could be a representative. CAA most likely will request a little more time. Kramer and Rep. Susan McLain will report on needing more time. AOC hasn't announced new legislation. No news on any new legislation through AOC, but if anything arises before December Kramer will inform everyone.

Liburdy asks if Brady will replace Kramer in the steering committee but not the ORSAC committee. Kramer clarifies that this is correct due to the lead agency agreement, and if Brady fully accepts the position. Kramer has a colleague in Wallowa County that might replace him in the ORSAC but that depends on legal pieces.

Miscellaneous

Glover states that the attorney will be renegotiating the contract price, but right now status is normal. However, Waste Wizard will be finalized at the end of the year.

Glover states her preference for having the IGA representatives at the Road Show presentation, as at least Fiebig will be there in person or virtually with Kramer and or Glover, with a slide show for the Steering Committee to review. This presentation recognizes the turnover with council, commission, and administrators which will be an opportunity to teach about what we do and recycling education, one slide is left blank for possible RMA development. Through the steering committee guidance on the RMA, the management plan might be opened for IGA amendment in the future. Glover then asks for feedback on the slide show.

Liburdy states The IGA and management slides need updating. Also, add a presentation on PaintCare disposal opportunities (customized for each city/county).

Glover gives appreciation to Hood River/Liburdy for volunteering at the August events.

Liburdy reports on the learned challenges of Winterbottom's efforts to accommodate the event at his site. He states his surprise at the number of people confused at the entrance and exit, since signs can be confusing, and asks about a way to simplify that system. Then suggests that people with large loads or unknown chemicals should be encouraged to arrive late or at another location due to holding up the line. Winterbottom states his appreciation for how the events are currently run.

Kramer in agreement with Liburdy, states that more questioning needs to be done on registration to help streamline the lighter loads for the earlier slots and larger loads for the later slots.

Glover suggests that 45 minutes in between CEG's slots should be considered, and maps should be sent to households for clarification on sight operation.

Good of the Order

Matthews drug take-back program wants the links for companies on the Tri-County website for promotion, due to no longer accepting medication at events. Kramer states that we used to supply pre-paid envelopes but since the pharmacies started to collect old medication, we no longer supply those, however, more outreach is needed on the subject.

Kramer gives appreciation to partners at DEQ and Waste Connection.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:35 am