

NORTHERN VIRGINIA WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD
Summary Minutes
June 5, 2015

Members Present:

Alton Weaver, City of Alexandria
Mike Clem, City of Alexandria
Erik Grabowsky, Arlington County
Shani Kruljac, Arlington County
Richard West, Town of Dumfries
Renee LaFollette, Town of Leesburg
Chris McGough, City of Falls Church
Tom Mason, Town of Leesburg
Thomas Smith, Prince William County

John Snarr, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments

Staff Present:

Debbie Spiliotopoulos, NVRC

Invited Guests:

Justin Williams, Virginia DEQ
Richard Doucette, VA DEQ
Sue Rowland, Rowland Consulting

CALL TO ORDER Thomas Smith, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. Introductions were made around the table.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Chairman Smith moved to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2014, meeting. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

VIRGINIA DEQ UPDATE Justin Williams, Director of the Office of Waste Permitting and Compliance discussed continued Department of Environmental Quality stakeholder outreach efforts. Mr. Williams was just promoted to the Division Director of the Land Protection program at DEQ. He provided an overview of the Charlottesville future of solid waste management meeting that was hosted by 5 organizations and had 120 attendees and an update on issues the department is exploring. The goal is to improve solid waste recycling and planning, improve approaches to the waste hierarchy, streamlining solid waste permitting, standardize inspection reports, and address groundwater protection rules for urban and rural areas. DEQ provided their powerpoint which NVRC will post on the waste board website. Some issue areas include:

- DEQ is also working on groundwater and landfills, particularly historic landfills that are the burden on localities. DEQ is studying life after landfilling, including term post closure care, voluntary remediation, and brownfields stewardship.
- Recycling, DEQ is examining a number of areas to update: better coordinating the solid waste and recycling rate reports, including VDOT roadside recycling, guidance on permitting, and defining MRF vs. Recycling centers. What needs reporting and containing any speculative accumulation?
- Beneficial use demonstrations, though much is alternate daily cover, the department is reviewing other markets and pilots, such as dirty diapers into tree diapers to support saplings.
- Composting, EMF and best management practices for stormwater and coordination with the UCC. Guidance and streamlining exclusions and exemptions. Education and reviewing small scale, 9in vessel support.
- Continuing open communication with news feeds and connecting with DEQ. Newsfeed options include stormwater, solid waste capacity and planning etc.
- There is a workgroup on risk communication.
- Solid waste planning, period review, focus on planning and identifying regulations.

DEQ plans one or two listening sessions, to discuss the role of DEQ with recycling and planning efforts. The listening session would offer open discussion. NVRC offered to host a session in the Northern region.

WASTE LEGISLATION UPDATE Ms. Rowland led a discussion of outreach to Virginia Municipal League and Virginia association of Counties on solid waste issues. VACO/VML issues with offer an opportunity to show shared issues with the “golden crescent” of Northern Virginia, the eastern Piedmont and Tidewater on waste and recycling issues. NVRC will invite representative to the September meeting, to discuss to provide update and awareness on solid waste issues. Topics of interest include capacity for CDD, yard waste management facilities, and the issue of CRTs and other contaminants in waste streams.

KNOW TOXICS NVRC provided an overview of the Know toxics outcomes. The project was within ~\$100 of the budgeted amount, training ~42 local government and private company staff. Responses were once again highly positive of the training. Participants were planning to train an additional 225 staff that they supervise or work with, a most plan to change their universal waste handling. For the next year, the group will consider potentially offering webinars on specific topics that could be posted on the Know Toxics website when complete. This would be in addition to training.

WASTE REPORT NVRC will send out the data requests to develop the 2015/2016 waste report by the end of June 2015. This year, NVRC will again collect information on commercial vs. residential waste and recycling numbers.

CAO MEETING Waste Board moved to presentation to the September CAO meeting on composting issues and capacity in Northern Virginia. Debbie Spiliotopoulos will check with Mark Gibb on other issues that may be of interest to CAOs.

NEW BUSINESS No notes taken during roundtable/new business

NEXT WASTE BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 11, 2015.