

MTG SUMMARY

Western Region Solid Waste Capacity Study

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Meeting Called By: Cassidy Campbell and Elena Berg

Attendees:

Michael Carleton, AZB
Rachel Hering, KTR
Tamara Cook, NCTCOG
Edith Marvin, NCTCOG
Cassidy Campbell, NCTCOG
Barbara Bradford, NCTCOG
Howard Redfearn, Mansfield
Ami Reeder, Denton
Dani Tucker, DEVA Services
Robert Smouse, Fort Worth
Joey Highfill, Wise County
Patricia Redfearn, Grand Prairie
Erin Gorman, TCEQ

Presentation:

Mike Carleton- Made note that the presentation is in direct correlation to the Alternatives Analysis. The Alternatives should be taken into consideration by the PAG.

No feedback on the public information program, will need to revisit.

Questions after the presentation:

Robert Smouse- Appreciates the information and will email Mike the PDF with comments and feedback.

As it *relates to transfer stations, as a potential higher* alternative moving forward, there are landfills that are not identified as part of the Western Region. Should the project/report incorporate? We have the information as to how it affects the WR (Western Region) landfills, but when it comes to transfer station element should we in this report take a step back to expand that boundary? If we go to a transfer station operation here, how does this affect other landfill sites and how does that component affect the long-term capacity for the WR as well?

Mike Carleton-Having the private industry involved in that option would have to happen and would need to be discussed.

Robert Smouse- The success of the regional campaigns like Reverse Litter, KWTT, and Water campaign show that it does benefit the region for all municipalities to move toward a regional educational program by capitalizing on the buying power instead of everyone doing something different. On a higher level, from the other dialogue that make up the Western Region, how do they answer this? What are we trying to do? What are the asks?

Dani Tucker- Do the best practices contribute to renewable resources?

Howard Redfearn- Any recommendations/suggestions/solutions/successes related to the commercial/institutional diversion would be helpful.

Public Information Programs:

Rachel Hering- What topics make the most sense for a regional approach? Is staff training

important? What organizations make the most sense for a regional public information program?
No responses given.

Cooperative Collection:

Howard Redfearn- Mansfield, Grand Prairie, Arlington are with Republic to private sector and requiring them to provide customer service. It has not worked that well with separate directors and private sector directors to service the entire area. He does support moving in this direction for a cooperative collection.

Dani Tucker- Incorporated areas such as businesses in Mosier Valley pay up to \$100 to dump without inter-local agreements. What can be done? Possibly in Watauga? Please contact servicesdeva@gmail.com. Knight Waste will not acknowledge businesses in that area because they're not utilizing other utilities so they can't tie into that. Can't burn it, can't afford to take it there when you're possibly right next door to the landfill. Businesses are on their own if they don't have sewer and water, everything is septic.

Mike Carleton- That's one of the reasons why we do want to look at commercial waste & recycling.

Robert Smouse- Says he would like to connect with Dani. FW may be able to help.

Cooperative Collection/Establishing a Solid Waste District:

Robert Smouse- Challenges with private industry, cities coming together to define what services they want to offer and it will be hard to standardize. Without being a part of it, it could work but a lot of administrative effort is needed.

Mike Carleton-There are some cost benefits that could come out of this. There were responses where the cities said they were definitely interested or just interested. The next step is to determine if you can see cost savings, then figure out how we move forward. In the map in the report there are some significant blocks that are tied together where geographically that makes sense. How far do you want to take this option? Identify the scope, options etc.

Howard Redfearn- He would be interested in that conversation.

Robert Smouse- There are arrangements for HHW and there's an arrangement that started last year; a separate agreement with Tarrant Co. that residents can pay for or get a voucher to use the FW drop-off stations. The program was finalized and implemented from September-October. Planning to do a promotional event for Tarrant Co. to get involved is delayed, and 3 of their 4 sites are under construction.

Dani Tucker-What about the use of a tub grinder?

Mike Carleton- Mentioned that not much brush is going to the landfill, but it could be an option.

Mike Carleton- Does a solid waste agency make sense for this region?

Dani Tucker- Some of the larger problems is that TCEQ has a clause that you can't do certain things. Some of the smaller recycling companies that have permits to do things might be able help. Compost refund method?

Howard Redfern -Cooperative and/or an agency overseeing things is the only thing that makes sense if we're talking about landfill, transfer station etc. so they work efficiently. It takes a regional agency to direct siting as the private companies will bill double and highest cost.

Robert Smouse- From a regional aspect for landfill, compost, recycling or transfer stations, the region would benefit the greatest by this type of regional agency that the individual cities could participate in or opt-out of certain waste services, resources etc. Goes back to the discussions when we first started and hopefully getting enough awareness and education of this project that that would be the discussion. It is political. It is complicated. It can make sense but how is it funded, benefits etc? The devil is in the details but as a region we're all in this together. It's going

to take some time to have the necessary discussions and details to advance this type of component or concept.

Mike Carleton- There is a benefit to having it established. Composting, convenience stations and smaller projects before larger projects.

Robert Smouse- That's why it's conflicting. The rural areas have those needs now while FW already has that in place. Their greatest need is the landfill and that's the gorilla that needs to happen. All the participants are in this journey.