



**TO: Columbia County Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) members, Alternates, Staff and City Ex-Officio Representatives**

**From: Jake Anderson, Solid Waste Program Coordinator**

**RE: Columbia County Solid Waste Advisory Committee Meeting Thursday November 14, 2024, virtual and in person at Healy Hall Public Works Department 1054 Oregon St, St Helens starting at 10:00am**

**Please join the meeting from your computer, tablet, or smartphone.**

**Microsoft Teams Meeting**  
Meeting ID: 274 497 769 014  
Passcode: LasFW2

### **Agenda**

#### **Welcome**

#### **Approve August Minutes**

#### **Update on Solid Waste Department**

##### **1. Board Members**

###### **a. One position open for At-Large member.**

- Welcome Austin Carter Nadeau
- Nick, Joshua, and Austin's positions expire this December

##### **2. Sharps container exchange program started Oct 2016** and expanded to five Fire Districts in April 2021. We collect registrant sheets at the transfer station and remote fire stations as well as full sharps containers.

###### **a. Registrant Data – Total Registrants: 1,093 as of April 18**

- Transfer Station: 971
- Scappoose CRFPD: 66
- Vernonia CRFPD: 21
- Clatskanie CRFPD: 35
- Rainier CRFPD: 1

###### **b. Sharps Purchased**

- 6894 total containers as of August 1, 2024
  - 6054 purchased by solid waste = \$24,456.09

**c. Advertising sharps program**

- Advertisement through social media, billboard, newspaper, and other methods
- Could be combined with Dumpstoppers Program advertisement
- Spotlight article summarizing the program and its success

**3. Dumpstoppers – in 2024, we have had 66 Dumpstopper cases.** The program is a collaborative effort involving Land Development Services, Solid Waste, and Community Justice work crew to clean up dumpsites (~\$1,000/month). The tipping fees last two years are ~ \$2,000/year. Dave Carlberg records the cases and investigates dumpsites as the Columbia County Code Compliance Specialist.

**a. Advertising the success of this program**

- Billboard, social media, newspaper article, and other outlets to show the success of the program
  - **Overall, there has been much less illegal dumping this year, further showing the success of the program.**

**4. Private Property Cleanups**

**a. 26623 Cannon Road**

- Final Data Summary and Total Cost
  - 28 days - community justice work crew = \$10,500
  - 56.54 tons of garbage + 1460 tires collected = \$18,770.12
  - Vehicle Cleanup Cost (23 total): \$24,950.00
  - Asbestos Testing and Abatement (10 RVs/Trailers): \$5,308.50
  - Admin Cost: \$7,456.59
  - **Total Cost: \$66,985.21**

**5. Transfer Station**

**a. Transfer station repairs and upgrades**

- All pumps are currently working!

**b. Upcoming repairs and maintenance**

- Currently working on small projects; reaching out to contractors for quotes.
- In progress: pole barn along building, back fence repair, new rates sign

**c. Updates on ORPET**

- Held meeting with WM, Hudson, and ORPET to brainstorm solutions, working on scheduling next meeting
- ORPET currently switching processes and gathering data

**6. Columbia County's Pilot Diversion Program**

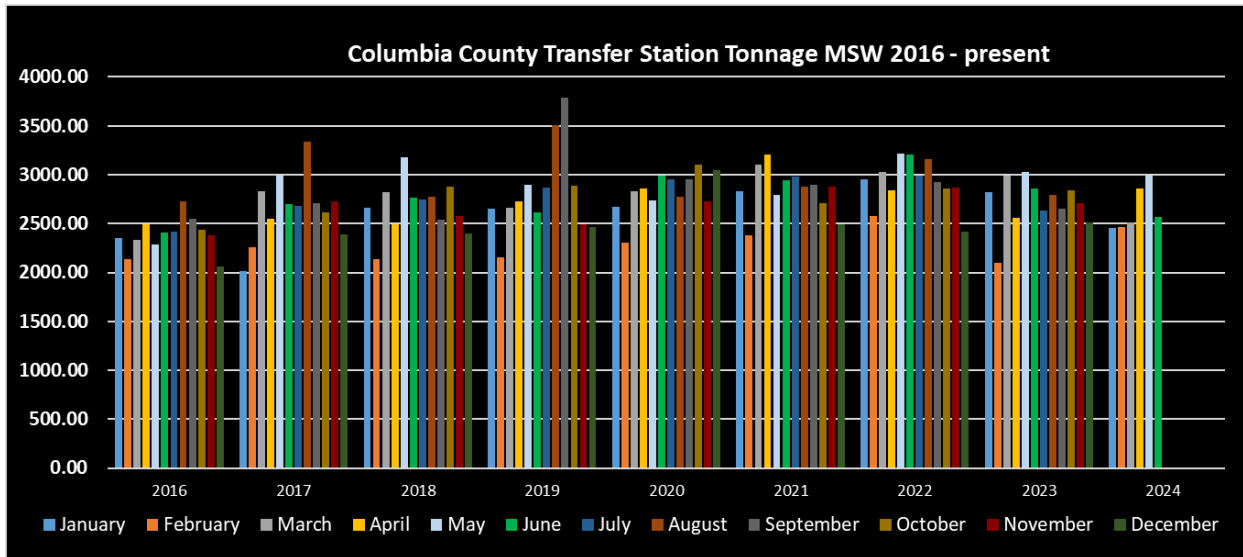
**a. Shipping containers and New Employee**

- 3 20ft containers with 6 7-ft roll-up doors. Cost ~ **\$33k**

- Cost includes lighting, curb ramps, and shipping/placement.
  - TS Operations contract has been amended to include pilot program
  - Working on Land Use and Building Permits now
- b. Focus: Fast Moving Items**
- Hudson staff i.e., New Position are solid waste professionals and can identify reusable items to divert them from the landfill.
- c. Hudson ReUse position (Resource Specialist/Diversion Specialist) job responsibilities have been reviewed and finalized**
- d. Program Hours and Policies**
- Nonprofit Hours: Non-profit availability will determine hours of program
    - Top Notch hours: 10am-5pm M-Sat.; Habitat hours: 9am-5pm T-Sat.
  - New Employee hours: Tuesday through Saturday, 5 8-hour shifts
    - Predicting 9am – 5pm schedule
  - Large sign with rules, policies, and procedures
  - Sign with information: "About the Program"
- e. Next Steps**
- Finalize presentation and board memorandum to inform board of Pilot ReUse program and request approval to purchase containers

**7. Columbia County Transfer Station tonnage since 2016 – present**

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2023-24
2348.39	2018.90	2658.29	2651.66	2669.56	2827.41	2953.16	2817.92	2457.38	-360.54
2133.60	2255.16	2140.92	2155.75	2304.09	2382.69	2576.62	2101.35	2464.69	363.34
2332.98	2831.18	2820.62	2661.04	2828.53	3106.97	3024.50	2992.40	2514.20	-478.20
2494.25	2547.84	2492.49	2730.12	2863.70	3204.03	2838.21	2559.39	2860.74	301.35
2284.20	2989.84	3181.69	2897.90	2737.62	2791.22	3216.15	3026.66	2991.14	-35.52
2404.95	2702.31	2763.50	2617.67	2993.38	2942.23	3202.01	2856.00	2564.49	-291.51
2420.83	2678.77	2744.86	2866.64	2954.15	2980.47	2990.86	2635.43	1331.10	
2727.45	3337.25	2777.54	3509.94	2775.05	2878.46	3164.20	2797.91		
2546.11	2705.84	2544.25	3789.48	2954.12	2894.20	2927.10	2655.24		
2432.75	2618.80	2876.02	2890.60	3100.79	2710.52	2858.07	2836.98		
2382.12	2726.40	2579.06	2497.20	2724.84	2874.58	2866.88	2705.31		
2065.83	2385.33	2402.17	2465.32	3050.18	2492.15	2413.79	2508.14		
<b>28573.46</b>	<b>31797.62</b>	<b>31981.41</b>	<b>33733.32</b>	<b>33956.01</b>	<b>34084.93</b>	<b>35031.55</b>	<b>32492.73</b>	<b>17183.74</b>	
<b>9.30%</b>	<b>10.14%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>0.60%</b>	<b>0.37%</b>	<b>2.70%</b>	<b>-7.24%</b>	<b>-1.50%</b>	



## 8. Update on HHW collection program

### a. 2025 HHW Schedule TBD:

- Transfer Station: March, June, August, November, **add one in July?**
- Remote: April Vernonia, May Rainier, October Clatskanie

### b. HHW Changes and Updates

- Clatskanie paved parking lot site closer to the city pool/skatepark worked so much better.
- Advertised throughout the year through Vernonia's Voice, Chronicle, and Spotlight

### c. Modified survey/data process

- Created digital form for surveys, to ease the process of recording data. There is a laminated QR code that residents will have the option to scan and complete the survey at the event. Then the data is stored in Microsoft forms until all surveys have been recorded, then I transfer to excel spreadsheet.
- Hasn't had the response I hoped it would. Most residents would rather use paper form.
- Alternative: Dave and I use the digital survey to fill out the form for them

**d. 2024 HHW Costs & Participation**

Columbia County HHW 2024	Vehicles	Costs
March St Helens	203	\$15,770.26
April Vernonia	58	\$4,940.81
May Rainier	43	\$10,201.39
June St Helens	240	\$27,939.61
August St Helens	248	\$26,132.36
October Clatskanie	48	\$6,345.17
November St Helens	178	
Total	1018	\$ 91,329.60

**9. Recycling/Waste Reduction Education & OTR Reports**

**a. OTR Reports**

- Need to start process of IGA with Scappoose/St Helens
- 2023-2024 requirements:
  - Postcard/Mailer sent to all existing customers
    - a. Looking to combine required information with new customer packet this year**
  - 4 social media posts
    - a. Why recycling is important**
    - b. Materials collected**
    - c. Materials preparations instructions**
    - d. 2024 HHW schedule and Hudson/WM collection schedules**
- Schedule quarterly OTR report meetings soon after each SWAC, to prepare the above requirements for the year.
- Confirmed with DEQ that handing out information at the Transfer Station counts as in-person event requirement

**10.** RMA/EPR Updates

**11.** Updated DCR

**Next SWAC meeting will be Thursday February 6 at 10 am virtually and at Healy Hall, Public Works Department 1054 Oregon St, St Helens, OR**