Local Hazardous Waste Management Program
Final Approved Management Coordination Committee Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2015

Attendees:

MCC:
Mayor David Baker, SCA, Chair
Stella Chao, Vice-Chair
Jeff Gaisford, KCSDW
Joan Lee, KCWRD
Tim Croll, SPU

Program Partners:
Dave Galvin, KCWLRD
Laurel Tomchick, KCWLRD
Vicky Beaumont, SPU
Lauren Cole, KCSDW
Charles Wu, PHSKC
Mendy Droke, KCSDW
Doreen Booth, SCA
Linda Knight, SCA, City of Renton

Program Staff:
Lynda Ransley, LHWMP
Ryan Kellogg, LHWMP
Liz Tennant, LHWMP
Maureen Weisser, LHWMP

GENERAL BUSINESS

November MCC Minutes

• MCC reviewed and approved the November 7, 2014 minutes without change.

Announcements and Public Comments:

• None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Carry forward request (City of Bellevue)

Liz reviewed and recommended approval of a budget carry-forward request from City of Bellevue in the amount of $17,000.

• MCC approved.

2015 LHWMP Work Plan and Revised Final Budget

Ryan Kellogg presented the 2015 Work Plan and Revised Budget for MCC approval. The revised budget included minor revisions to project budgets since MCC approved the budget in May 2014.

• There was a discussion regarding current fund balance projections related to the need for a rate adjustment, and timing for a potential request to the Board of Health. MCC recommended targeting Board of Health approval in the first quarter of 2016. Staff agreed to bring a rate adjustment plan reflecting this timeframe to MCC for feedback at their next meeting.
Mayor Baker asked for approval of the 2015 Work Plan and updated budget. There was no further discussion. MCC approved.

Policy – 2015 State Legislative Session

Mendy Droke provided an update on paint stewardship legislation. Lauren Cole discussed “Light Recycle Washington” and the January 1 launch of this mercury light recycling program.

- Dave Galvin recognized the multi-year efforts of Lauren and Margaret Shield in getting this product stewardship law implemented in Washington State.
- Tim suggested a media event at one of the local lamp collection facilities. Staff agreed to forward this suggestion to the Policy and Communications Teams for consideration.

EnviroStars Brand

Lynda and Dave Galvin briefed MCC on (and concurred with) Core Team’s recent decision to allow use of the EnviroStars brand for a proposed regional green business recognition program, which is currently in development with a range of partners that include energy conservation, recycling, water conservation, and sustainable building materials. This group, which includes LHWMP, requested the use of the EnviroStars brand for the larger program.

- MCC concurred with Core Team’s decision.
- Lynda commented that LHWMP will remain engaged during the development phase of this regional green program. A decision will be made later regarding LHWMP’s eventual participation in the regional program, based upon a number of considerations, including review of the business plan.

LHWMP “General Services” Line of Business

Lynda presented an overview of the General Services line of business concept, and how lines of business will translate into an evolution of Program services and potential changes within the Program, such as work plans and staffing structures.

- Jeff asked whether we will be conducting a ratepayer survey in 2015, to inform service delivery. Lynda responded that we have funding in the biennial budget, and the Program is currently anticipating the timing of our next broad survey in 2016, along with other audience research to support “focus program” development.
- Stella asked how emerging issues will be addressed. Lynda explained that the strategic framework currently being used for current Program priorities will help us sort out emerging issues as well – assessing their relative priority for LHWMP and if/how to incorporate specific issues into respective lines of business.

UPDATES

Secure Medicine Return Implementation

Dave provided an update on the Alameda case and an industry petition to the U.S. Supreme Court; a decision on whether or not the Supreme Court will accept the petition is expected in
the next month or so. LHWMP continues to move ahead with local SMR implementation deadlines. The SMR stewardship plan submittal deadline is February 12, and the Program is aware of two plans being developed for submittal. Once submitted, these will go through the designated review-and-approval process.

Dave thanked Mayor Baker and Stella for their suggestion to nominate King County’s SMR regulations for a national honor. Staff is checking with colleagues in Alameda County and intend to submit a nomination for both Alameda and King County to the National Association of Counties for their National Achievement Award on Policy Integration.

**Director’s Report and Upcoming MCC Meetings**

Lynda provided a range of updates including:

- Implementation of LHWMP’s rate restructure, which takes effect on April 1, 2015.
- LHWMP staffing – including the hiring of Ryan Kellogg’s as LHWMP’s Performance Manager; refilling the resulting supervisor vacancy at Public Health; the Communications Manager position currently in process; and the pending hire of an Operations Manager.
- A look-ahead to upcoming MCC meetings and pending topics.
- Stella mentioned the recent toxic algae bloom in Lake Washington, possibly due to fertilizer use, and how this could provide an opportunity to leverage public awareness of LHWMP’s pesticide-related work. Lynda mentioned that local and regional storm water programs are also working on these water quality issues, and may provide opportunities to partner.

**Next Meeting:** March 17, 10:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., 6th Floor King/Chinook Conference Rooms, King Street Center, Seattle, WA.