

Approved Minutes

CVSWMD Program Oversight Committee (POC)

Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce, 33 Stewart Road, Berlin, VT

Wednesday, February 4, 2015

1. Convene meeting: Lee Cattaneo convened the meeting at 5:10 PM with committee members Gerhard Postpischil, Ellen Gershun, Laura Zeisel, Mia Moore (5:30 PM), and Anita Krauth (5:45 PM), along with Leesa Stewart (General Manager) and Cathleen Gent (Planning Analyst). Cathleen Gent took notes.
2. Approve Minutes from January 14 meeting minutes: Laura Zeisel made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Ellen Gershun. The minutes were approved unanimously.
3. SWIP – The POC reviewed the January 29, 2015 draft of the SWIP. Cathleen Gent said that ANR is requiring that districts use a data set in ReTRAC for reporting the disposal and diversion rates. For that reason, she requested that two sentences be deleted from performance measure G1 (page 2): “The disposal rate for calendar year 2014 was 29,443 tons. The per capita disposal rate is 0.57 tons per person, based on 52,000 persons in the CVSWMD service area.” Section III. The POC offered a number of suggested changes to Section V. Solid Waste Management Ordinances. However, due to the fact that those ordinances are in effect, Leesa Stewart said that any change would require a multi-month public hearing process. The POC decided not to pursue the changes at this time. However, the POC did request that a note be added near the beginning of Section V., stating “NOTE: Parts of these ordinances are inconsistent with or are superseded by Act 148 and the CVSWMD Variable Rate Pricing and Clear Bag Ordinance. CVSWMD is in the process of reviewing ordinances in effect and will update specific parts in the future.” Based on the motion made during the last POC meeting to recommend the SWIP for acceptance by the full board, the POC incorporated those three changes into their recommendation.
4. Draft Variable Rate Pricing and Clear Bag Ordinance: Leesa Stewart presented a revised draft, which included recommended changes by the POC from the January meeting. In addition to several grammatical changes, two changes were recommended: 1) adding “ Use of” before “clear bags” in title; 2) Article XIII. add the following “Haulers are required to post their fee schedules during hours of operations. Curbside haulers are required to provide fee schedules to customers on an annual basis and when fees change.” Based on the motion made during the last POC meeting to recommend the ordinance for acceptance by the full board, the POC incorporated those two changes into their recommendation.
5. Municipal Recycling Containers in Public Places – State Bulk Purchase Program for Municipalities – Cathleen Gent briefly reviewed her memo about the state bulk purchase program, which is being coordinated by ANR and the Buildings and General Services (BGS). POC members were pleased that the bulk purchase program for municipalities is being launched. There was discussion about how this will be implemented. The POC requested that CVSWMD communicate with each municipality, informing them that a bulk purchase program will be forthcoming. The POC will discuss this topic again, once the prices are known, in terms of what financial contribution – if any – might be made by CVSWMD to assist the municipalities with the expense of purchasing the containers. POC members were concerned about how municipalities will meet the July 1 deadline. Leesa Stewart said that ANR wants to see municipalities take steps toward implementing the requirement, but does not intend to begin enforcement right away if the towns are making progress.
6. Facility Update – Cathleen Gent briefly reviewed her memo which discussed the various activities happening with respect to the facility. The POC discussed progress on the facility planning and reviewed the Facility General Project Work Plan, which has been reformatted and revised. There were no changes made to the work plan, which will next go to the Executive Board for review.
7. Adjourn –Lee Cattaneo adjourned the meeting at 6:20 PM.