

September 12, 2019 – Solid Waste Advisory Committee Summary
6:00 pm, Public Services Building, 155 N. First Ave., Hillsboro OR 97124

This is a summary of the action item and committee action; an audio recording of the full meeting is posted to the web page as well.

Meeting Topics: Staff presented one (1) action item to the committee: Proposed amended language to Franchise Agreement with Recology for the Nature's Needs Compost Facility.

Recommended Action by Staff

Based on confirmation by the DEQ that there are no regulatory restrictions contained in the compost facility permit it holds with Recology regarding the age of feedstock the facility is allowed to accept, combined with Recology's assurance that this proposed change to feedstock acceptance will not negatively affect the compost operation and will not cause an increase in odor, or malodor, as a result, staff recommends the following changes be made to Section 3: Authorized Waste, specifically to Section 3.1.3.1, of the Franchise Agreement: ~~Strikethrough~~ language represents the proposed change. The proposal is to remove this strikethrough language, and leave the existing, remaining language in this provision.

Staff requested that the solid waste advisory committee favorably recommend to the Board of Commissioners that the franchise agreement be amended as follows:

Section 3: Authorized Waste

3.1 The Franchisee is authorized to accept at the Facility the following solid wastes:

3.1.1 Type 1 compostable feedstock including wood waste, yard debris and pre-consumer vegetable waste;

Type 2 compostable feedstock including manure and bedding materials; and

3.1.2 Type 3 compostable feedstock, originating from residential sources only, including food waste such as meat, dairy products and other types of post-consumer food waste.

3.1.2.1 ~~Franchisee shall not accept any Type 3 feedstock under the authority of this Agreement that is more than SEVEN (7) calendar days old. In addition, the Franchisee shall have the right under the authority of this Agreement to reject any Type 3 feedstock loads that may contribute to the generation of malodorous odor conditions.~~

Action #1 taken by the committee:

The Solid Waste Advisory Committee voted unanimously to recommend to the Board of Commissioners that the current franchise agreement that Washington County holds with Recology Oregon Compost, for the operation of Nature's Needs, be amended to remove the time restriction on feedstock acceptance.

The motion: **“Approve the action in accordance with the recommendation in the staff report.”**

The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Members present for the September 12, 2019 meeting:

Public Members: Ken Foote, Sue Shade, Mike Lafferty, Ashvin Nagaraja, Sandra Smith
Industry Members: Jeff Murray, Beth Vargas-Duncan, Carl Peters
HHS Staff Non-Voting Member: Theresa Koppang

Staff in attendance

HHS Staff: Kim Buzdygon, Community Outreach Coordinator; Melissa Iglesias, Administrative Specialist; Pakou Vang, Program Specialist

Committee Members absent for the September 12, 2019 meeting:

Kathy Christy