

## City / Borough of Juneau Solid Waste Working Group Meeting Agenda

Planned Solid Waste Working Group (SWWG) - City & Borough of Juneau,  
Attendees: Bob Wallace – WIH Resource Group & Richard Hertzberg – Zia Engineering  
Location City / Borough of Juneau City Hall, Room 224 ~ March 29, 2007 from 2:30 to 5:30 pm.  
& Date:

### 1 / Introductions

### 2 / Purpose of Solid Waste Working Group (SWWG)

- **SWWG – Critical Project Review Points**

- a / Provide front-end input into potential alternatives to consider
- b / Review findings and conclusions from analysis of current programs
- c / Recommend options for major system components
- d / Review and provide feedback on integrated system scenarios once developed

### 3 / Describe / Review Process for Preparing Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan (ISWMP; Attachment A)

### 4 / Review Project Drivers & Objectives (Attachment B)

### 5 / Solid Waste Challenges and Opportunities Facing Juneau (Attachment C)

### 6 / Review Current Solid Waste and Recycling Services

- **Solid Waste Collection**
  - Non-mandatory participation
  - Current service levels
- **Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)**
  - PSC is current contractor
- **Recycling Program**
  - Waste Management is current contracted service provider
  - Should curbside recycling service be provided and / or mandatory?
  - Other policies / programs to increase waste reduction, reuse, recycling
- **Scrap Automobiles**
  - Channel Construction is contracted service provider
- **Current Disposal ~ Landfill Arrangement**
  - Waste Management owns and operates the landfill
  - Incinerator closed in 2004

## **7 / Disposal Alternatives**

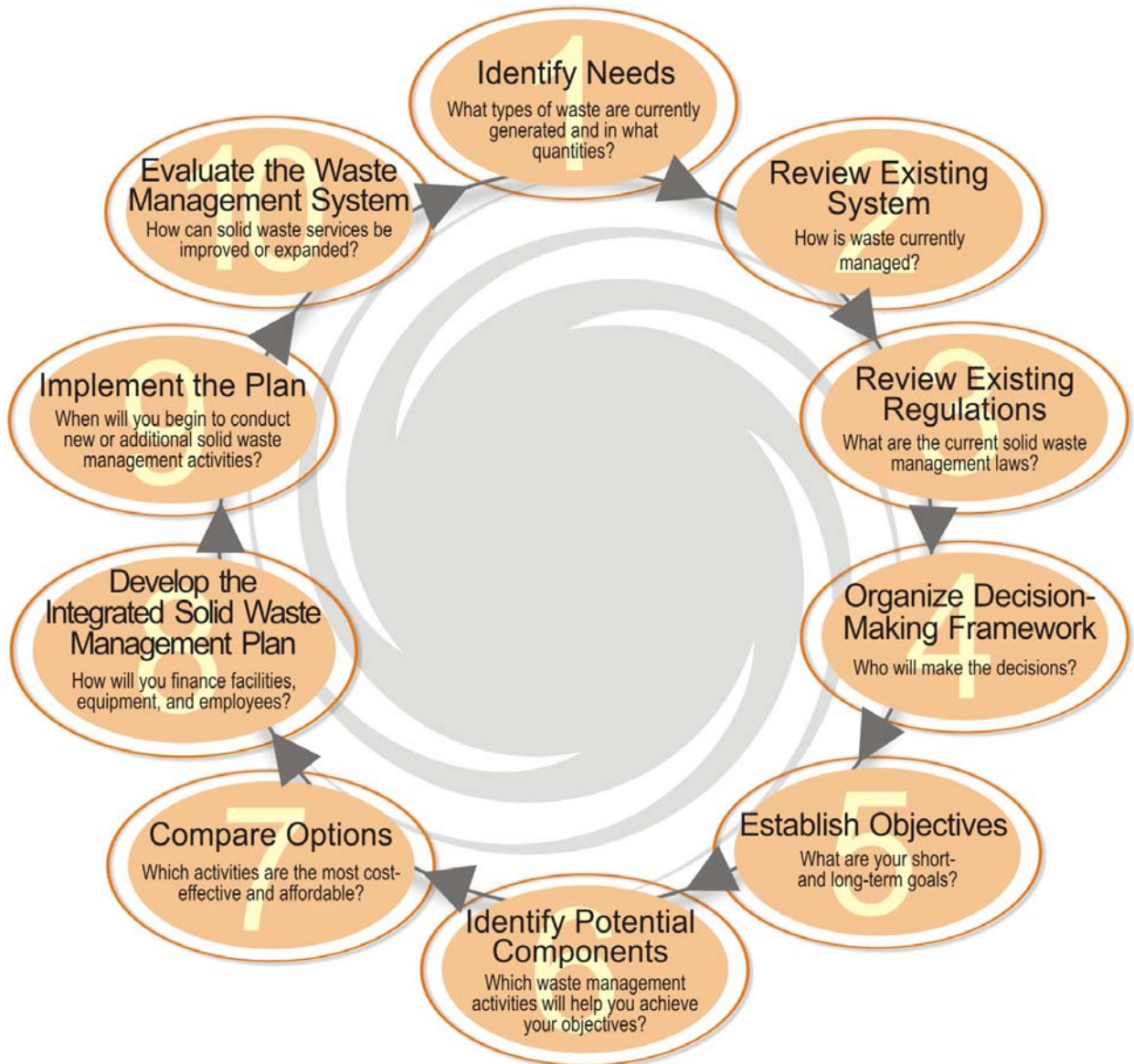
- SE Conference involvement – future regional landfill
- Barging to Oregon or Washington for disposal
- Build new landfill where sited
- Acquire existing Waste Management landfill
- Restart or install new incinerators
- Other technologies

## **8 / Next Steps**

## **9 / Public Comments ~ Q&A**

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**Attachment A**  
**Integrated Solid Waste Management Planning Process**



## **Attachment B**

### **Understanding of Project Drivers**

It is understood the City / Borough of Juneau (CBJ) wishes to develop a long – range solid waste management strategy and alternatives analysis covering a 30 – year planning period. Some of the main factors driving this project are as follows:

- Incineration is no longer being used as a method of waste disposal in Juneau.
- While public interest in recycling is high, recycling opportunities are limited and participation is low.
- Juneau is geographically isolated and transport of refuse or recyclables by sea to distant locations is costly.
- The Southeast Conference is looking at a coordinated, multi – jurisdictional approach to solid waste management throughout Southeastern Alaska, including formation of a regional solid waste authority and siting of a regional landfill. What role Juneau should play in such an effort, if any, and the advantages / disadvantages, should be determined.
- The CBJ relies heavily on the private sector for direct provision of waste services through a variety of different contractual arrangements and terms.
- Juneau's relatively small amount of disposed trash – an average of approximately 31,600 tons per year – means that it is not an attractive market for outside firms to invest in either for disposal capacity or recycling infrastructure.
- The CBJ Public Works Department has limited staff available for solid waste management.
- The CBJ Comprehensive Plan emphasizes diversion of material from disposal, yet a significant increase in waste reduction / recycling could raise disposal costs due to decreased tonnage being landfilled.
- Tourism contributes to Juneau's economy so it is important that solid waste management operations be conducted in a manner that does not negatively impact Juneau's environment.

## **Attachment C**

### **Solid Waste Challenges and Opportunities Facing Juneau**

Posing questions and issues at the outset of the solid waste planning process helps clarify stakeholder priorities and perspectives. Some important questions and issues that Juneau's Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan should answer in formulating recommendations for the short -, mid - and long - term timeframes of the 30 – year planning period are listed below.

1 / Should the City / Borough of Juneau (CBJ) establish a regional landfill for waste from throughout Southeastern Alaska?

2 / Should more aggressive waste reduction / recycling efforts be undertaken, what are the costs, and how should program responsibilities be shared between the public and private sectors?

3 / Why isn't garbage collection service required for all residential and commercial / institutional generators?

4 / Should the CBJ set up an exclusive contract / franchise for refuse collection by securing a service provider through competitive procurement procedures?

5 / What options are available to the CBJ if Waste Management, Inc. determines their operation of the Capitol Landfill is no longer financially viable for the company?

6 / Should the CBJ engage in the direct provision of solid waste management services rather than arranging for services through private contractors? What are the staffing / personnel implications of such a basic shift in CBJ's role?

7 / Is the CBJ relying too much on private contractors for solid waste services? Does this put the CBJ in a position of being vulnerable or exposed to negative impacts resulting from internal business decisions made by solid waste service companies?

8 / What are the advantages and disadvantages to having one integrated services provider or having a consolidated services contract versus maintaining multiple service / contract arrangements? In other words, should there be one master contract for all solid waste services, including landfill operations, instead of separate contracts?

9 / Is incineration still a feasible disposal option for the CBJ? Is it more feasible if garbage from other Southeast Alaska communities is included?

10 / Should Juneau be proactive in promoting the formation of a regional solid waste authority through the Southeast Conference? What are the advantages and disadvantages of this leadership to Juneau, to the Southeast Conference?

11 / What are the political / institutional barriers to forming a coalition of cities for administration and implementation of a regional solid waste program, and how can those barriers be overcome?