

## Solid Waste Advisory Committee

January 21, 2021 10:00 a.m.

## **Agenda**



#### **Central Texas Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)**

#### January 21, 2021 at 10:00 am

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#### **Agenda**

- 1. Call to Order.
- 2. Public Comments.
- 3. Staff Update:
  - a) RSWMP Update;
  - b) FY 21 HHW Events;
  - c) Air Quality.
- 4. Action Item: Regarding approval of October 22, 2020 Meeting Minutes.
- 5. Discussion Item: Regarding Temple HHW Event Summary.
- 6. Discussion and Action Item: Regarding approval of an RFP for RSWMP Update Contractor.
- 7. **Discussion Item:** Regarding an update to the SWAC Bylaws.
- 8. **Discussion Item:** Federal Updates.
- 9. **Discussion Item:** State Updates.
- 10. Discussion Item: Regarding electronics recycling and disposal of home medical waste.
- 11. Member Comments/Discussion.
- 12. Set Next Meeting Date, May 2021.
- 13. Adjournment.

## Item #3: Staff Update



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#### Agenda Item #3

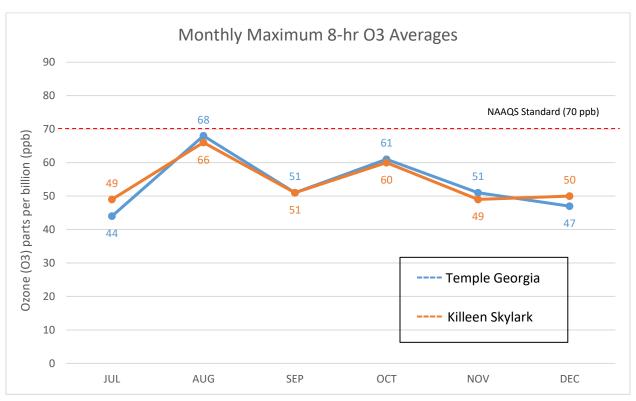
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#### **Staff Update**

- a.) Staff will provide an update on the RSWMP update process. The final approved draft of the RSWMP is due to TCEQ on January 1, 2022.
- b.) Upcoming FY21 HHW Events
  - Gatesville February 27, 2021 (8am-3pm)
  - Bell County April 16, 2021 (Tire Event)
  - Killeen May 15, 2021
  - Milam County June 5, 2021

Staff has sent out ILAs to each entity hosting an event and requests those to be returned as soon as possible.

#### c.) Air Quality



# Item #4: Meeting Minutes



#### **SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Thursday, October 22, 2020 10:00 AM

#### **Electronic Meeting**

Central Texas Council of Governments (CTCOG)
2180 North Main Street
Belton, TX 76513

#### Solid Waste Advisory Committee Voting Members Present

Chair Zoe Rascoe – Citizen Representative
Vice Chair Bill Parry – City of Gatesville
Bill Gould – City of Killeen
Heather Caldwell for Justin Brantley – City of Temple

Commissioner Daren Moore – Coryell County Second Vice Chair Duane Herrera – Bell County

John Trigg – Industry Representative Paul Daugereau – Waste Management

#### **Additional Attendees**

Kara Escajeda – City of Nolanville James McGill – CTCOG Kendra Coufal - CTCOG

- 1. Call to Order: Zoe Rascoe called the meeting to order at 10:01am.
- 2. Public Comments: No comments were made by the public.
- 3. Staff Update: Temple HHW Event; RSWMP Update; Texas Arbor Day; Air Quality.

James McGill informed the group that Temple was hosting an HHW event on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 9am-2pm. Mr. McGill also informed the SWAC on how the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan update was going and that Texas Arbor Day was being hosted on November 6<sup>th</sup> by the City of Harker Heights. Air Quality for the month of September was 51 ppb at the Temple station and 51 ppb at the Killeen station.

**4. Action Item:** Approval of May 28, 2020 meeting minutes.

Bill Parry made a motion to approve the May 28, 2020 electronic meeting minutes, seconded by John Trigg; the motion passed unanimously.

**5. Discussion and Action Item:** Regarding Officer elections for the FY20-21 biennium.

James McGill informed the group that amid all of the staff transition in FY20, officer elections for the FY20-21 biennium were never held. Mr. McGill stated that the last elections were held in August 2017 and that staff recommends that the SWAC allow the current officers to continue in their positions through the rest of this biennium and hold fresh elections in the spring or summer.

Bill Parry made a motion to allow the current SWAC officers to continue in their positions through the end of the biennium, seconded by Paul Daugereau; the motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion Item: Future updates to the SWAC Bylaws.

James McGill stated that in their review of the SWAC Bylaws staff saw that some possible language updates are needed to reflect the way that the SWAC currently operates. Mr. McGill informed the group that staff is proposing to discuss, review, and revise the SWAC Bylaws at a January meeting. Zoe Rascoe mentioned that the most important updates are needed to the language governing SWAC electronic meetings.

**7. Discussion Item:** Texas Clean and Healthy Initiative and Stakeholder Event.

Kara Escajeda, the City Manager of Nolanville provided an overview of the Texas Clean and Healthy Initiative stakeholder event. Ms. Escajeda explained some brief highlights of discussions at the event regarding how to improve the solid waste system and solve solid waste issues in the region.

8. Discussion Item: Update on FY20 CTCOG HHW events.

James McGill provided an update to the group on FY20 CTCOG HHW events. Mr. McGill stated that two planned FY20 events, Gatesville and Mills County, were cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Mr. McGill informed the group that the Gatesville event was being rescheduled to FY21 and that the Mills event would not be rescheduled. Mr. McGill also shared that two events, Killeen's and Temple's were held during FY20.

**9. Discussion and Action Item:** Allocate remaining FY20 solid waste funding.

James McGill informed the group that with the Mills County event being cancelled and some funds not being allocated for FY20, that an additional \$15,000 was available to roll over into FY21. Mr. McGill also stated that staff had received a request from the City of Killeen for an additional \$5,000 to cover increased costs at their FY20 event.

Duane Herrera made a motion to roll over all \$15,000 into FY21, seconded by Bill Parry; the motion passed unanimously.

**10. Discussion Item:** Allocate remaining FY20 solid waste funding.

FY21 HHW event applicants provided the committee with a general overview of their specific applications and answered any questions. Applicants included:

- City of Gatesville
- City of Temple

- City of Killeen
- Bell County
- Milam County

11. Discussion and Action Item: Regarding scoring, selection, and allocation of FY21 funds for HHW events.

Zoe Rascoe informed the group that Gatesville will be using the \$15,000 allocated to them for FY20. The SWAC discussed funding for the rest of the applications and how best to schedule out the events, so they are not bunched together. Following this discussion, the SWAC decided to award the following amounts as requested by the applicants:

- City of Temple to receive \$15,000
- City of Gatesville to receive \$15,000
- Bell County to receive \$2,000
- City of Killeen to receive \$20,000
- Milam County to receive \$10,000

Specific dates for each event would be later confirmed. The SWAC also allowed \$28,000 to remain unallocated for FY21 to possibly go to another event or be added to the funding for the Milam County event.

Bill Parry made a motion approve the funding in the amounts listed above, seconded by Heather Caldwell; the motion passed unanimously.

#### 12. Member Comments:

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Zoe Rascoe and Bill Parry mentioned the possibility of partnering with the Texas Department of Agriculture to host an agriculture pesticides collection event. Duane Herrera requested a flyer with event times and locations for advertising purposes.

13. Next Weeting. January 21, 2021	
14. Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 11:13am.	
Zoe Rascoe, SWAC Chair	Uryan Nelson, CTCOG PRS Director

## Item #5: Temple HHW Event Summary



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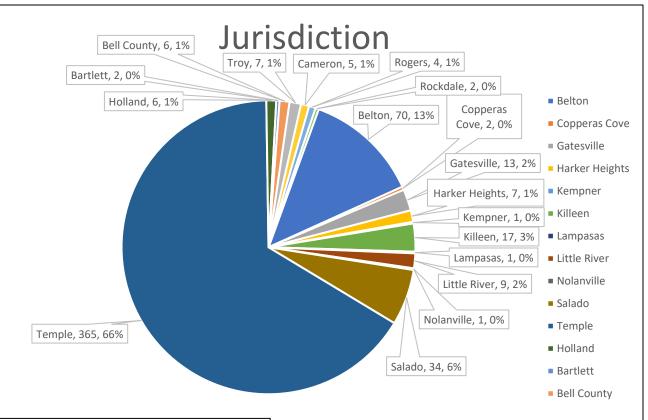
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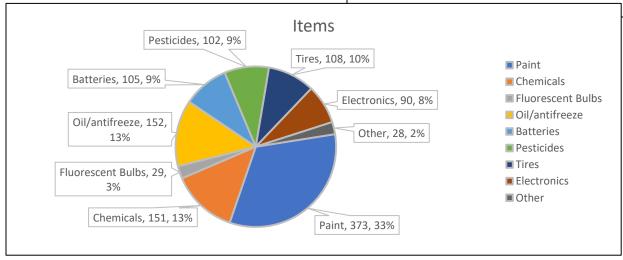
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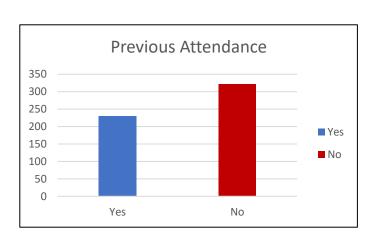
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## City of Temple 2020 HHW Event

- 619 cars total (only data for 552)
- Most attendees were Temple residents
- Paint, Chemicals, and
   Oil/Antifreeze were the most
   common items dropped off
- 10% of attendees brought tires







## Item #6: RSWMP Update RFP



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#### Statement of Work (SOW) for RSWMP Update

The Regional Solid Waste Management Plan (RSWMP) is the 20-year planning document that conforms to the State's solid waste management plan. The purpose of the RSWMP is to serve as a guide for permitting decisions, establishing local grant funds, local and sub-regional planning, and directing regional activities in the CTCOG region. The plan provides an overview of solid waste programs and projects in the region as well as an outline of regional plans, objectives, and an action plan.

At the May 28, 2020 meeting, the Committee was informed that CTCOG's RSWMP was up for renewal in 2022. A Subcommittee to assist staff with the update of the RSWMP was selected and has met several times over the past year in that effort. Over the past month, there have been new discussions about bringing on a contractor to assist us in the update of the RSWMP.

The RSWMP Subcommittee has decided to recommend moving forward with this effort. Staff is seeking feedback and approval on the Scope of Work to be submitted to TCEQ for approval and then included in an Request for Proposals (RFP) sent out to potential contractors. The SOW is included in your packet.

The final RFP will be brought back to SWAC next week for final approval by electronic vote.

<u>Action Item:</u> Approve Statement of Work language to be included in RFP for CTCOG RSWMP Update.

### Scope of Work Regional Municipal Solid Waste Plan Update

#### **Background:**

The Central Texas Council of Governments (CTCOG) is required to update its Regional Solid Waste Management Plan (RSWMP) Volumes 1 and 2, as required by our funding agency Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and in accordance with the requirements set forth in §363.064 TH&SC and were developed in accordance with §363.062 TH&SC under the provisions of 30 TAC §330, Subchapter O.

#### **Project Description:**

The consultant will update Volumes 1 and 2 of CTCOG's RSWMP following the requirements established by TCEQ. Additionally, CTCOG requests that recommendations for updated goals and future action plan to be developed with feasibility, sustainability, and capacity for implementation in mind for both urban and rural areas of the COG. Specific tasks are outlined below.

#### **Consultant Responsibilities:**

- 1. Participate in kick-off meeting with CTCOG staff and RSWMP Update Subcommittee (*virtual meeting*).
- 2. Develop a list of required data (demographics, business climate, waste disposal patterns, etc.) needed for Plan Update.
- 3. Develop maps, charts, or visuals, as appropriate, to clearly depict information.
- 4. Assess regional infrastructure and practices relating to resource recovery, waste minimization, waste processing, etc.
- 5. Conduct a gap analysis assessment of the current regional solid waste system.
- 6. Develop a list of recommended goals and an action plan.
- 7. Review the recommended goals and action plan with CTCOG Staff and RSWMP Update Subcommittee (*virtual meeting*).
- 8. Prepare draft Plan Update following TCEQ requirements.
- 9. Present draft Plan Update at a public meeting (virtual meeting).
- 10. Incorporate comments from SWAC, COG, and public meeting; deliver the final Plan Update.
- 11. Coordinate with COG project contact as required during the project.
- 12. Provide monthly status updates during the project.

#### **CTCOG Responsibilities:**

- 1. Provide a copy of prior RSWMP and any updates to the Closed Landfill Inventory (CLI).
- 2. Collaborate with SWAC members, regional partners, and other official sources to gather and provide any data listed in Task #2 above.
- 3. Manage and coordinate communication with between the consultant and SWAC members.
- 4. Arrange and coordinate all aspects of draft Plan Update public meeting.
- 5. Be available to provide guidance as required during the project.
- 6. Provide TCEQ with all necessary plan information.

#### **Deliverables:**

- 1. List of required data to complete plan update.
- 2. Gap analysis assessment of current regional solid waste system.
- 3. List of recommended goals and action plan.
- 4. Updated 2022-2042 Regional Solid Waste Management Plan which adheres to TCEQ requirements.
- 5. Monthly status updates.
- 6. Attendance at all required meetings.
- 7. Presentation at public meeting.

#### **Project Schedule:**

- Project will begin upon approval from TCEQ
- July 2021 Draft recommended goals and action plan completed
- August 2021 Draft RSWMP presented to SWAC Subcommittee
- September 2021 Draft RSWMP presented at CTCOG public meeting
- October 8, 2021 Draft RSWMP completed
- October 14, 2021 Draft 2022-2042 RSWMP approved by SWAC
- October 21, 2021 Draft 2022-2042 RSWMP approved by CTCOG Executive Committee
- Plan must be submitted to TCEQ no later than January 1, 2022.

**Project Budget: \$30,000**, broken into 2 payments

- \$28,000 in FY 20/21
- \$2,000 paid in FY 22/23

## Item #7: SWAC Bylaws Update



#### Solid Waste Advisory Committee January 21, 2021

Agenda Item #7

#### SWAC Bylaws Update

At the October 22<sup>nd</sup> SWAC meeting, staff informed members that updates to the language of the SWAC Bylaws were needed to reflect current SWAC meeting procedures more accurately.

Following further review of the bylaws, staff have made additional suggested revisions to the Bylaws to reflect consistency with the CTCOG Executive Committee Bylaws, when possible. This is an effort that staff is working towards completing with all CTCOG committees in the coming months.

The suggested changes are included in the packet in yellow and green highlight for Board review along with a clean copy of proposed Bylaws and Executive Committee Bylaws.

Yellow highlights are text from Executive Committee Bylaws and green highlights are suggested language recommended by staff.

These recommended changes are presented here today for the SWAC's discussion and will be brought back at the next meeting for final approval.

**Action Item:** No action needed; for discussion only.



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**Article II: Purpose and Objectives** 

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#### **Article III: Powers and Duties of the Advisory Committee**

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#### 2. Eligible Voting Members:

- a. Appointees of Counties and Qualifying Municipalities (see ARTICLE IV, SECTION 1)
- b. Solid Waste Industry Representative (1)
- c. Private Sector/Business Representative (1)
- d. Citizen Representative (1)

#### 3. Eligible Non-Voting Members:

- a. Central Texas Council of Governments' Staff
- b. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)
- c. Ex-Officio Members
- 4. Members may designate in writing to the CTCOG Solid Waste Coordinator, a proxy to attend meetings in their place. Members unable to attend meetings are encouraged to designate a proxy or send someone in their stead to assist in information exchange and coordination activities.
- 5. However, only appointed members of counties and municipalities will have full voting privileges in addition to the one citizen/private sector representative and one solid waste industry representative.
- 6. County representatives will be appointed by their elected County Judge, and Municipal representatives will be appointed by the City Mayor. Both appointments shall be in writing. There are no term limits for county and municipal representatives; however, confirmation of their continuing status as representatives shall be provided in writing at the beginning of each biennium.
- 7. The Solid Waste Industry, Private Sector/Business, and Citizen representatives will be selected by the Advisory Committee.
  - a. Solid Waste Industry, Private Sector, and Citizen Representatives will be approved by a majority vote of the Advisory Committee. Terms will be two years for that biennium.
- 8. Ex-officio membership shall be requested in writing to the Advisory Committee via the CTCOG staff coordinator.
  - a. Ex-officio members will be approved by a majority vote of the Advisory Committee. Terms will be two years beginning on the date of the vote.
  - b. Ex-officio membership may be requested in writing and approved by the Advisory Committee at any time during the biennium.

#### **Article V: Representation Issues**

 The population figures to be used in determining representatives for the foregoing classifications shall be in accordance with the most recent U.S. Census or estimates from the State Data Center.

- 2. The approving authority for any appointment from a municipality or county shall be an official letter from the County Judge or City Mayor sent to the CTCOG Solid Waste Coordinator. Once said letter has been received, the appointment becomes officially recognized by CTCOG.
- 3. There shall be no discrimination in any respect in selection of members or any activity of the Advisory Committee due to gender, age, race, religion, disability, or political creed.

#### **Article VI: Meetings of the Advisory Committee**

- 1. This Advisory Committee shall comply with the Texas Open Meetings Act.
- 2. The Advisory Committee shall meet semi-annually or at other times as requested by the chairperson, or upon request of not less than one-third of the members of the Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee members will be notified of all meetings at least three days prior to the meeting, other than emergency meetings which will be called in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act.
  - a. Failure to physically or via video conference attend **three** (3) consecutive meetings of the Committee shall constitute a resignation from the Committee.
- 3. All meetings of the Advisory Committee shall be open to the public. A public comment period will be on the agenda for each meeting.
- 4. A quorum at any Advisory Committee meeting shall be one-third of the voting membership. An act of the majority of the members, in a meeting at which a quorum is present, shall be the act of the Advisory Committee.
- 5. Members may telephone or video conference into meetings and are considered "present" and are counted toward the making of a quorum. They may also vote on any item so brought before the committee.
- 6. The Chairperson, Vice Chair Person or any member of the board who is conducting the meeting must be physically present and not present only by telephone conference.
- 7. In order to expedite response for action items, members may electronically vote on crucial and pending action items identified by the SWAC Chairperson or Solid Waste Coordinator. The Solid

Waste Coordinator or Chairperson will send an electronic survey to all members with a deadline for responses. This survey shall only contain two answer options, such as in formal face-to-face

meetings. After the deadline has passed, the Coordinator or Chairperson will inform the SWAC of

the voting decision.

**Article VII: Officers & Staff** 

1. The officers of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee shall be a chair and two vice chairs who shall

be elected by the full Advisory Committee.

a. Officer Elections shall be held during the first meeting after the beginning of each

biennium.

b. Officers will serve a two-year term for the biennium.

c. Subsequent officer elections will be held as required to fill any unexpired terms.

d. An officer shall not hold the same office for more than two consecutive terms.

2. The chair shall preside at all meetings of the Advisory Committee. The chair and/or staff

representative may represent the Advisory Committee in presentations to the Executive

Committee and to outside entities.

3. The first vice chair shall perform the duties of the chair in the absence of the chair.

4. If the chair and the vice chair are each absent or unable to perform their duties, the second vice

chair shall perform all duties of the chair.

5. A member of the Central Texas Council of Governments staff, as assigned by the Executive

Director, will serve as staff and administrative support for the Advisory Committee. The Council

staff shall archive minutes of all Advisory Committee meetings and shall perform such duties as

may be required by the Executive Director or requested by the Advisory Committee.

**Article VIII: Parliamentary Authority** 

1. Robert's Rules of Order shall prevail as a guide for all meetings of parliamentary procedures with

the exception that ex-officio members do not have voting rights.

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**Article IX: Finance** 

1. The fiscal year of the organization shall be on the federal fiscal year basis (July 1, through June

<mark>30).</mark>

2. The annual budget is prepared by staff and approved by the CTCOG Executive Director in the

planning grant application.

3. The books of the Council shall be audited annually by independent certified public accountants in

accordance with the single audit required by current regulations. The audit report shall be made

to the Budget Committee as appointed by the CTCOG President, and then the full Executive

Committee for adoption.

4. The annual audit report shall be made available to all requesting entities in accordance with the

Open Meetings and Records Act.

**Article X: Adoption and Amendment** 

1. The bylaws of the Advisory Committee may be altered, amended, or repealed at any meeting of

the Committee by an affirmative vote of a quorum as specified in ARTICLE VI, SECTION 4, provided

that official notice of the proposed amendment shall have been provided by the Advisory Group

members at least 24 hours in advance of the SWAC meeting.

**Article XI: Sub Committees** 

1. It is the intent of this Advisory Group that the SWAC, shall when advisable, seek the advice and

cooperation of interested citizen groups in the formulation of recommendations and to establish

the priority of projects for consideration.

2. The SWAC may establish sub committees as necessary to effectively carry out the business of the

SWAC planning grant.

**Article XII: Adoption and Revision Date** 

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or send someone in their stead to assist in information exchange and coordination activities.

5. County representatives will be appointed by their elected County Judge, and Municipal

representatives will be appointed by the City Mayor. Both appointments shall be in writing. There

are no term limits for county and municipal representatives; however, confirmation of their

continuing status as representatives shall be provided in writing at the beginning of each

biennium.

6. The Solid Waste Industry, Private Sector/Business, and Citizen representatives will be selected by

the Advisory Committee.

a. Solid Waste Industry, Private Sector, and Citizen Representatives will be approved by a

majority vote of the Advisory Committee. Terms will be two years for that biennium.

7. Ex-officio membership shall be requested in writing to the Advisory Committee via the CTCOG

staff coordinator.

a. Ex-officio members will be approved by a majority vote of the Advisory Committee. Terms

will be two years beginning on the date of the vote.

b. Ex-officio membership may be requested in writing and approved by the Advisory

Committee at any time during the biennium.

**Article V: Representation Issues** 

1. The population figures to be used in determining representatives for the foregoing classifications

shall be in accordance with the most recent U.S. Census or estimates from the State Data Center.

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2. The approving authority for any appointment from a municipality or county shall be an official letter from the County Judge or City Mayor sent to the CTCOG Solid Waste Coordinator. Once said letter has been received, the appointment becomes officially recognized by CTCOG.

3. There shall be no discrimination in any respect in selection of members or any activity of the Advisory Committee due to gender, age, race, religion, disability, or political creed.

#### **Article VI: Meetings of the Advisory Committee**

1. This Advisory Committee shall comply with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

2. The Advisory Committee shall meet semi-annually or at other times as requested by the chairperson, or upon request of not less than one-third of the members of the Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee members will be notified of all meetings at least three days prior to the meeting, other than emergency meetings which will be called in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

a. Failure to physically or via video conference attend **three** (3) consecutive meetings of the Committee shall constitute a resignation from the Committee.

3. All meetings of the Advisory Committee shall be open to the public. A public comment period will be on the agenda for each meeting.

4. A quorum at any Advisory Committee meeting shall be one-third of the voting membership. An act of the majority of the members, in a meeting at which a quorum is present, shall be the act of the Advisory Committee.

5. Members may telephone or video conference into meetings and are considered "present" and are counted toward the making of a quorum. They may also vote on any item so brought before the committee.

6. In order to expedite response for action items, members may electronically vote on crucial and pending action items identified by the SWAC Chairperson or Solid Waste Coordinator. The Solid Waste Coordinator or Chairperson will send an electronic survey to all members with a deadline for responses. This survey shall only contain two answer options, such as in formal face-to-face

meetings. After the deadline has passed, the Coordinator or Chairperson will inform the SWAC of

the voting decision.

**Article VII: Officers & Staff** 

1. The officers of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee shall be a chair and two vice chairs who shall

be elected by the full Advisory Committee.

a. Officer Elections shall be held during the first meeting after the beginning of each

biennium.

b. Officers will serve a two-year term for the biennium.

c. Subsequent officer elections will be held as required to fill any unexpired terms.

d. An officer shall not hold the same office for more than two consecutive terms.

2. The chair shall preside at all meetings of the Advisory Committee. The chair and/or staff

representative may represent the Advisory Committee in presentations to the Executive

Committee and to outside entities.

3. The first vice chair shall perform the duties of the chair in the absence of the chair.

4. If the chair and the vice chair are each absent or unable to perform their duties, the second vice

chair shall perform all duties of the chair.

5. A member of the Central Texas Council of Governments staff, as assigned by the Executive

Director, will serve as staff and administrative support for the Advisory Committee. The Council

staff shall archive minutes of all Advisory Committee meetings and shall perform such duties as

may be required by the Executive Director or requested by the Advisory Committee.

**Article VIII: Parliamentary Authority** 

1. Robert's Rules of Order shall prevail as a guide for all meetings of parliamentary procedures with

the exception that ex-officio members do not have voting rights.

**Article IX: Finance** 

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1. The fiscal year of the organization shall be on the federal fiscal year basis (July 1, through June

30).

2. The annual budget is prepared by staff and approved by the CTCOG Executive Director in the

planning grant application.

3. The books of the Council shall be audited annually by independent certified public accountants in

accordance with the single audit required by current regulations. The audit report shall be made

to the Budget Committee as appointed by the CTCOG President, and then the full Executive

Committee for adoption.

4. The annual audit report shall be made available to all requesting entities in accordance with the

Open Meetings and Records Act.

**Article X: Adoption and Amendment** 

1. The bylaws of the Advisory Committee may be altered, amended, or repealed at any meeting of

the Committee by an affirmative vote of a quorum as specified in ARTICLE VI, SECTION 4, provided

that official notice of the proposed amendment shall have been provided by the Advisory Group

members at least 24 hours in advance of the SWAC meeting.

**Article XI: Sub Committees** 

1. It is the intent of this Advisory Group that the SWAC, shall when advisable, seek the advice and

cooperation of interested citizen groups in the formulation of recommendations and to establish

the priority of projects for consideration.

2. The SWAC may establish sub committees as necessary to effectively carry out the business of the

SWAC planning grant.

**Article XII: Adoption and Revision Date** 

These bylaws were approved by a majority vote of a quorum present of the SWAC on \_\_\_\_\_\_

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Zoe Rascoe,	Uryan Nelson,
SWAC Chairperson	CTCOG Director of Planning and Regional
	Services

**END** 



#### **BYLAWS**

#### **Principles and Policies**

- 1. The Representatives of local governments in the Central Texas Area, hereby join together in a voluntary organization to be known as the Central Texas Council of Governments, for the purpose of meeting at regular intervals to discuss problems and needs which require action on an area-wide or regional basis, to develop plans, policies, and recommendations for action and implementation by local member governments and other appropriate levels of government within the region.
- Counties, Cities and School Districts are the principal units of local government in the region.
   As such, they have the responsibility of planning for and meeting the local governmental needs which future development will produce, including the need for joint and coordinated area-wide service.
- 3. Sound and workable policies and programs for meeting and solving the area-wide problems of local governments will be most effective and ultimately carried out through regular meetings of the local governmental units in an area-wide voluntary council dedicated to the solution of these problems.
- 4. The Council is a voluntary organization whereby individual governmental units can work together in coordination of their efforts in planning and guiding the needs of a progressive society.

#### **Definitions:**

The following terms are defined for use within this document.

**Bylaws** – The governing rules and articles adopted and amended by the membership.

**Council** – This term refers to the Council of Governments, specifically the Central Texas Council of Governments in this case.

**CTCOG** – This is the official abbreviation for The Central Texas Council of Governments.

**Executive Committee** – The Governing Body of the Council.

**Article I: Organization** 

There is hereby organized under authority of Article 1011m, Vernon's Annotated Civil Statutes (VACS), a

Regional Planning Commission which shall be known as the Central Texas Council of Governments, which

shall be a voluntary association of the Counties of Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills, and San

Saba, and the political subdivisions located geographically in whole prescribed in these Bylaws.

The boundaries of the Council may be altered to include adjacent counties by a majority vote of the

Executive Committee, subject to the approval of the Governor as prescribed in Article 1011m, VACS, as

amended.

The Council membership is outlined in Article IV. This membership is made up of governmental units who

by named appointment, comprise the Executive Committee as defined in Article VII. The Executive

Committee is the Governing Body of the Council and is responsible for the general policies and programs

of the Council and the control of its funds.

**Article II: Purposes and Objectives** 

1. The objectives of the Council shall be to encourage and permit local units of government to

cooperate with one another and with representatives of major economic interest, citizen

groups, and other interested agencies to improve the health, safety, and general welfare of

their citizens and to plan for the future development of the Region. In achieving these

objectives, the Council may exercise any powers heretofore or hereafter conferred upon it

by State or Federal law.

2. The Council shall have the following general purposes:

a. To serve as a mutual forum to identify, discuss, study, and bring into focus

regional challenges and opportunities;

b. To provide for effective communications and coordination among governments and

agencies;

c. To undertake studies, collect data, and develop regional plans and programs and

recreational facilities, transportation, housing, economic development, natural resource

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development, community facilities, and the general improvement of living and working environments:

- d. To furnish general and technical aid to member governments;
- e. To facilitate agreements and cooperative action programs among member governments for specific projects and other interrelated development needs;
- f. To review and coordinate local, state, and federal plans and programs of regional importance;
- g. To maintain liaison with member governmental units and groups or organizations and to serve as a regional spokesman for local governmental interest;
- To engage in such other activities as the Council finds necessary or desirable to promote area development and correct regional problems;
- i. To develop plans or programs or carry out such activities as may be delegated to the Council through mutual agreement.

#### **Article III: Powers and Duties of the Council**

- 1. In order to accomplish its objectives and purposes, the Council shall perform the following functions:
  - a. Exercise the powers and perform the duties authorized in Article 1011m, VACS.
  - b. Adopt the Bylaws of the Council and amendments to the Bylaws.
  - c. Elect Council Officers.
  - d. Adopt an annual budget.
- 2. In addition to the above function, the Council has the power to:
  - a. Prepare the periodic reports as may be required by the Bylaws of the Council and Federal and State Legislation or Regulations;
  - Receive and expend gifts, contributions and donations which may be made to the Council to accomplish its purposes;
  - c. Apply and contract for, receive and expend for Council purposes, funds or grants from the state of Texas, the Federal Government or any other source;

- d. Receive and expend funds from Council members, as provided in these Bylaws to finance the cost of operations, except that the Council shall not have the power to levy taxes of any kind.
- e. Coordinate planning and development of the entire geographic area of the Council with planning and development within each of its regions, and vice-versa;
- f. Provide assistance to local units of government for improvement of the health, safety, and general welfare of their citizens and in the implementation of their planning.

#### **Article IV: Membership**

- 1. Eligible governmental units within the area embraced by this Council may become members by passage of an ordinance, minute order, resolution or other appropriate and legal action of the governing body of such governmental units, adopting these Bylaws, and appropriating the funds required to pay their share of the dues of the Council.
- 2. Governmental units eligible to become voting members of the Council shall be:
  - a. Counties
  - b. Incorporated Cities
- 3. Associate Members eligible to become non-voting members of the Council shall be:
  - a. Governmental agencies (local, state, and federal) (i.e., Texas Workforce Commission, etc.)
  - b. Public Utilities
  - c. Non-profit organizations concerned with health, welfare, education, and civic development
  - d. Independent and Common School Districts
  - e. Colleges or College Districts
  - f. Soil and Water Conservation Districts
  - g. Water Control and Improvement Districts
  - h. Other Special Districts
- 4. Citizen Representatives are eligible to become members of the Council as more fully described in **ARTICLE V, SECTION 7** of these Bylaws.

5. To be eligible for membership, a governmental unit shall be geographically situated, in whole or part, within the area described in **ARTICLE I** of the Bylaws.

6. A member of the Council may withdraw by the passage of an ordinance, minute order,

resolution, or other appropriate legal action of its governing body. Governmental units which

withdraw from the Council may subsequently apply for readmission as members.

7. A member which is more than six months in arrears in its dues as set forth in ARTICLE IX of these

Bylaws may be expelled or denied its voting privileges by the action of the Executive Committee

until such times as said dues are paid.

8. At least fifty-one percent (51%) of the voting representatives of the Executive Committee shall

be elected officials of governmental units as defined in Article IV, Section2 (a)(b).

**Article V: Representation Issues** 

1. The population figures to be used in determining representatives for the foregoing

classifications shall be in accordance with the most recent U.S. Census or estimates from

the State Data Center.

2. As used in these Bylaws, the term Elected Official means Mayor and other Members of the

Governing Body of a City, Town or Village, a County Judge, a County Commissioner, a

Member of the Governing Body of a Special District and Water Control and Soil

Conservation Districts, or any other Precinct, County or City Official elected at a general or

special election.

3. The approving authority for any appointment from a municipality shall be a majority vote

of that municipality's governing body. Upon appointment, a letter accompanied by the

minutes of the meeting during which the appointment was made shall be sent to the

Executive Director of CTCOG for inclusion in the Official Appointments file. Once said letter

has been received, the appointment becomes officially recognized by CTCOG.

4. Representatives shall serve during the term of office to which they have been elected as

Members of governing bodies of Council Member Governmental units, unless replaced

sooner by the appointing authority.

5. Associate Members to the Council shall have one (1) representative for each Member unit

who may serve on all Committees, except the Executive Committee and Nominating

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committees. The Executive Committee and/or President may appoint said representatives to committees. Associate Members shall have no voting privileges on the Executive Committee;

however, they shall have voting privileges on all committees to which they are eligible.

6. Citizen Representatives may be appointed to the Executive Committee. Citizen Representatives shall act in an advisory capacity and shall have voting privileges on all

committees on which they serve.

**Article VI: Meetings of the Council of Governments** 

1. The representatives of the Member Governing units may meet semi-annually, and upon

the call of the President, or upon call of twenty percent (20%) of the FULL and ASSOCIATE

MEMBERS. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the total number of representatives shall

constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

2. Meetings called by the President shall be announced by written notice served up or mailed

to each representative at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting. The written notice shall

specify the time, place, and the object of the called meeting and business transacted at

such called meetings shall be confined to the objects as stated in such notice.

3. When a quorum is present at any meeting, the vote of the majority of the representatives

present shall decide any question brought before such meeting except that a majority of

the total number of representatives shall be required to amend the Bylaws.

4. At any annual meeting held prior to the month of January, the representatives shall elect:

a President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer and

Parliamentarian, and members of the Executive Committee who shall serve for the

following calendar year.

**Article VII: Executive Committee** 

1. The Executive Committee shall be the Governing Body of the Council and shall be responsible

for the control of its funds. The President of the Council or, in his absence, the 1st Vice-

President, shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee.

2. The Executive Committee shall have the following composition:

a. The five (5) general officers of the Council who serve as the President, 1st Vice-

President, 2nd Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer and Parliamentarian;

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- b. Immediate Past President of the Council or the most recent Immediate Past President eligible to serve;
- c. Two (2) Members for each County (geographical area);
- d. One (1) member from each City with a population of 12,500 or greater;
- e. Two (2) members elected at-large from all Cities with populations under 12,500;
- f. One (1) member representing Fort Hood;
- g. One (1) member from an institute of higher education (College level);
- h. One (1) member from a K-12 School District; and
- i. The Executive Committee may appoint one (1) or more additional members who shall be citizen representatives and/or representatives of Special Purpose Districts having membership in the Council. These additional members shall be reviewed annually and either renewed for another year or removed if no longer appropriate.
- j. The Executive Committee will offer ex-officio membership to any State Senator or Representative whose district covers in whole or in part any section of the CTCOG region.
- k. Past Presidents of CTCOG and other former Executive Committee members shall be afforded ex-officio membership status upon written request to the Executive Committee.
- The Executive Committee shall be empowered to appoint members to the committee to fill any vacancy.
- 4. The Executive Committee shall be empowered to employ consultants and to execute contracts necessary to carry out the business of the Council.
- 5. The Executive Committee shall be empowered to appoint study committees, technical advisory committees, and policy development committees, deemed necessary to carry out the business of the Council.
- 6. The Executive Committee shall be empowered to appoint nominating committees for all offices of the Council as might be necessary.
- 7. The Executive Committee may meet monthly at a time and place which shall be designated

by the President. The President may call special meetings of the Executive Committee subject to the provisions of **ARTICLE VI** regarding special meetings of the membership.

8. A majority of the total number of the members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business with the exception of Project Review matters. In the event there is less than a quorum (51%) present at an Executive Committee Meeting, the Members present may act as final review authority on behalf of the Executive Committee if all decisions are unanimous. In the event that the decisions are not unanimous, the Members cannot act on behalf of the Executive committee and the business pending must be considered at either a called meeting or at the next regular Executive Committee meeting. When a quorum is present at any meeting, the majority of the members present shall decide any questions under consideration, except that any regional plan developed by the Executive Committee shall be approved only upon the vote of not less than three-fourths of all members of the Executive Committee.

#### Article VIII: Executive Director and Staff

- 1. The Executive Committee may employ an Executive Director, who shall be qualified by training and experience and shall serve at the pleasure of the Executive Committee.
- The Executive Director shall be the Chief Administrative Officer of the Council and shall, subject to the rules and regulations of the Executive Committee, act for and in the name of the Council and appoint and remove all subordinate employees of the Council.
- 3. The Executive Director shall prepare the annual budget of the Council and submit the same for approval by the committee prior to the last meeting of the Executive Committee before the beginning of the fiscal year.
- 4. The Executive Director shall faithfully execute all other duties and responsibilities vested in or required of him by the Executive Committee.
- 5. The Executive Director shall be evaluated annually by the Officers of the Executive Committee.
- 6. The Executive Director may recommend the employment of consultants to the Executive Committee.

#### **Article IX: Finance**

1. The fiscal year of the organization shall be on the federal fiscal year basis (July 1, through

June 30).

2. The annual budget is prepared by staff and approved and adopted by the Executive

Committee prior to the beginning of the fiscal year. As a part of that preparation process, a

dues structure will be prepared for adoption by the Executive Committee. This dues structure

can range from zero, if no local funds are necessary to a per capita amount set by and passed

by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

3. Any member governmental unit whose annual dues have not been paid by the date of the

next general membership meeting shall not officially participate in any further meeting until

such dues are paid in full.

4. New Members may join the Council upon the pro-rata payment of dues for the remaining

portion of the current fiscal year.

5. The books of the Council shall be audited annually by independent certified public

accountants in accordance with the single audit required by current regulations. The audit

report shall be made to the Budget Committee as appointed by the CTCOG President, and

then to the full Executive Committee for adoption.

6. The annual audit report shall be made available to all requesting entities in accordance with

the Open Meetings and Records Act.

**Article X: Adoption and Amendment** 

1. These Bylaws shall become initially effective upon adoption of the Agreement of the

Governing Bodies comprising the Membership of the Central Texas Council of

Governments.

2. These Bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the association by affirmative vote of a

majority of the total number of representatives, provided that at least ten (10) day notice in

writing is given to all representatives, setting forth the proposed amendment.

**Article XI: Advisory Groups** 

1. It is the intent of this organization that the Central Texas Council of Governments, shall

when advisable, seek the advice and cooperation of interested citizen groups in the

formulation of recommendations and to establish the priority of projects for

consideration.

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2. The Executive Committee may establish citizen and/or technical advisory committees as

necessary to effectively carry out the business of the Central Texas Council of

Governments.

**Article XII: Adoption and Revision Date** 

These Bylaws were adopted on the 2nd day of June, A.D. 1969, further revised on December 21,

A.D. 1971, further revised on December 12, A.D. 1974, and further revised on December 8, A.D.

1977. Article VIII paragraph 3 revised on November 9, A.D. 1978, authorizing the Executive

Committee to adopt Annual Budget. Definitions, Articles, I, IV, V, VII, VIII, IX, and XII were revised on

June 27, 2002. Articles I, III, IV, V, VI, VIII, IX, XI, and XII were revised on February 28, 2008. Article

VII was revised on March 22, 2012. Article VII was revised on February 28, 2013.

S/Dale Jaecks

ATTEST:

S/Jim Reed, AICP, Executive Director

This is to certify that these Bylaws were re-typed as adopted above, on the 25th day of February, 2016.

Jim Reed, AICP, Executive Director

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# Item #8: Federal Updates



#### Solid Waste Advisory Committee January 21, 2021

Agenda Item #8

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### **Federal Updates**

Staff is providing updates to the Committee regarding noteworthy solid waste news, resources, updates, etc. from the federal level for discussion.

Topics for discussion include:

- National Recycling Strategy: <a href="https://www.epa.gov/americarecycles/draft-national-recycling-strategy-and-executive-summary">https://www.epa.gov/americarecycles/draft-national-recycling-strategy-and-executive-summary</a>
- Renewable Energy Source future disposal issues

Action Item: No action needed; for discussion only.

# Item #9: State Updates



#### Solid Waste Advisory Committee January 21, 2021

Agenda Item #9

## **State Updates**

Staff is providing updates to the Committee regarding noteworthy solid waste news, resources, updates, etc. from the state level for discussion.

#### Topics for discussion include:

- GCAA application period open included in packet
- Legislative update included in packet
- Take Care of Texas Kids Art Contest
- 2019 Municipal Solid Waste Review:
   <a href="https://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/comm\_exec/pubs/as/187-20.pdf">https://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/comm\_exec/pubs/as/187-20.pdf</a>
- TCEQ Biennial Report: <a href="https://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/comm\_exec/pubs/sfr/057\_20/SFR-057-20-x.pdf">https://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/comm\_exec/pubs/sfr/057\_20/SFR-057-20-x.pdf</a>

Action Item: No action needed; for discussion only.

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With KTB's distinct awards programs, there are many opportunities to recognize the efforts of individuals, schools, businesses, and communities that work to keep the Lone Star State's environment clean. Awards will begin opening in January 2020, so check back soon!



## **Governor's Community Achievement Awards (GCAA)**

The Governor's Community Achievement Awards application opens Monday, January 4th at 8am and closes on Thursday, March, 4 at 5pm CST.

The GCAA program is one of the most prestigious annual environmental awards in Texas. This year, ten winning communities will share \$2 million in landscape awards from the Texas Department of Transportation for their outstanding overall efforts to keep their communities beautiful. All award winners will be recognized at the annual Keep Texas Beautiful Conference held June 28-30, 2021 in Austin, Texas. Conference details and registration will be provided to the winners when available. A representative from the winning community is required to attend the award ceremony.

The Awards recognize achievement in seven areas:

- Community Leadership and Coordination
- Public Awareness and Outreach
- Environmental Education
- Beautification and Community Improvement
- Litter Prevention and Cleanup
- Solid Waste Management
- Litter Law and Illegal Dumping Enforcement

To learn more about the GCAA awards and get started preparing your application, please join us on Thursday, December 17 at 12pm CST for the GCAA Webinar Series Part 1: Tackling the Online Application and Thursday, January 21 at 12pm CST for the GCAA Webinar Series Part 2: Tips from Past Winners

## 87th Texas State Legislation Tracking Capital Area Council of Governments SOLID WASTE RELATED LEGISLATION

(last updated 11/20/2020)

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Bill No.	Companion	Status	Date	Stage	Author	District	Represented	rany	Title	Synopsis
										Updates Section 1, §125.002, Civil Practice and Remedies Code: A court may issue a temporary restraining order, temporary injunction, or permanent injunction in a under this section.  Sec. §125.0451. Temporary Restraining Order.  (a) A court may issue a temporary restraining order without a formal hearing in a suit under Section 125.002 only if the person seeking the temporary restraining ord shows in an exparte hearing that a place is maintained in a manner that is a common nuisance or about to become a common nuisance.  (b) A temporary restraining order issued under this section may not last for a period of more than 14 days.  (c) A temporary restraining order issued under this section is not:  (1) an injunctive order for the purposes of Section §125.003 or §125.045; or  (2) a determination by the court that a person is maintaining a common nuisance for the purposes of Section §125.046.  Sec. 3, Sections §125.047(d), If a municipality creates a fund under this section, the fund consists of  (1) money awarded the municipality in an action under this chapter;  (3) fines resulting from code enforcement citations issued by the municipality for conduct defined as a common or public nuisance under this chapter;  (4) bonds forfeited to the municipality under this chapter; and
HB 167	None	Introduced	11/9/2020	1	Ortega	77	El Paso	Democrat	Relating to common and public nuisances	
									Relating to local government prohibitions or	
476			44 (0 (2020							Updates Section 1, Section §361.0961(a) H&SC by striking power of local government to adopt ordinance, rule, or regulation to prohibit or restrict, for solid waste
HB 176	None	Introduced	11/9/2020	1	Zweiner	45	Blanco, Hays	Democrat	or package	management purposes, the sale or use of a container or package in a manner not authorized by state law.
HB 631	None	Introduced	11/23/2020	1	Darby		Coke, Concho, Glasscock, Howard, Irion, Reagan, Runnels, Sterling, Tom Green		Relating to local government and other political subdivision regulation of certain solid waste facilities	Provides updates to TH&SC Chapter (§)361, Solid Waste Disposal Act, §361.095, removing requirement for a permit applicant to obtain a permit for siting, construction or operation of a municipal solid waste facility from a local government or other political subdivision of the state as a prerequisite to a permit being issued by the TCE Prohibits local government from adopting rule or ordinance that conflicts with the Commission's powers under TH&SC §316.011, Powers & Duties of the TCEQ. Commission's Jurisdiction. However, does not prevent or limit powers of municipality or county authority granted under TH&SC §363.112, Denial of Certain Landfill Permits (Type IV MSW Facilities - green waste, C&D, and/or rubbish only), or prevent or limit powers of county authority granted under TH&SC §364.012, Prohibiting Solid Waste Pacility Siting Ordinances).
нв 714	None	Introduced	12/3/2020	1	Reynolds	27	Fort Bend		Establishement of the Texas Environmental Justice Advisory Council	Adds Chapter 428, Texas Environmental Justice Advisory Council, to Subtitle G, Title 5, H&SC, which establishes the Texas Environmental Justice Advisory Council to advise state agencies and local governments on environmental justice issues. Definitions; Membership - eight members appointed by Executive Director or Commissioners of TCEQ, TH&HS, Attorney General, TDH&CA, TDA, TXDOT, TDE, and Governor, to serve two year terms. Requires an Environmental Justice Review Bow /15 appointed members w/5 from grassroots or faith based community organizations, and 10 from public health, environmental, civil rights organizations, acaden large and small businesses, local government, and organized labor. Review Board will meet quaterly to advise the council and develop action plans. The council will review each state agency and state program that serves to protect the environment to evaluate the agency's or program's positive and negative effects on environmental justice for affected populations. Council shall report annualy to agency or state program agency reviewed, governor, lieutenant governor, and speake the house. Report shall identify each facility applying for a permit issued by the commission, and evaluate positive/negative effects on environmental justice for affect population and make recommendations on compliance. Report to be updated biennially beyond initial summary. Negatively affected populations may petition to cre a community action plans.

# Item #10: Electronics Recycling & Disposal of Home Medical Waste



#### Solid Waste Advisory Committee January 21, 2021

Agenda Item #10

#### **Electronics Recycling & Disposal of Home Medical Waste**

Over the past nine months staff have received more calls the normal about where to dispose of electronic waste (TVs, projectors, etc.). Staff wanted to bring this to the Committee's attention and is seeking any information regarding new or potentially viable options for the proper disposal of these items.

Staff also received a call recently from Fort Hood regarding the disposal of home medical waste or sharps. With the lockdown last spring and an increase in remote working/living, they noticed an uptick in people administering medicine at home and then not knowing where or how to dispose of it.

This item is brought before the SWAC for discussion regarding the proper disposal of these kinds of waste and for collaboration between the members on these issues.

Action Item: No action needed; for discussion only.

# **SWAC Member List**

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