

ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL BOARD – WASATCH FRONT WASTE AND RECYCLING DISTRICT PUBLIC HEARING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014 BUDGET - MINUTES *Approved at the January 27, 2014 Board Meeting*

DATE/TIME	LOCATION	ATTENDEES
December 9, 2013 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	604 W 6960 S Training Room	<p><u>Board Members:</u> Chair-Coralee Wessman-Moser, Vice-Chair Sabrina Petersen, Scott Bracken, Sam Granato, Dama Barbour, Jim Brass <u>Absent:</u> Patrick Leary, Richard Snelgrove, David Wilde</p> <p><u>District Staff:</u> Pam Roberts, Stuart Palmer, Craig Adams, Gaylyn Larsen, Bill Hobbs, Jocelyn Walsh-Magoni, Lorna Vogt, Gavin Anderson</p> <p><u>Public:</u> Four members of the public were present</p>

AGENDA

1. Welcome - Introduction Coralee Wessman-Moser, Chair of the Administrative Control Board Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District
2. Budget Presentation - Pam Roberts, Executive Director
3. Open Public Hearing
4. Citizen Public Input
5. Board Comments
6. Close of the Public Hearing on the 2014 Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District Budget
7. Open for Board Adoption of Resolution 4361 Adopting: “Exhibit A” Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District 2014 Approved Budget and Fee Schedule
8. Adjourn Meeting

TOPICS/ OBJECTIVES	KEY POINTS/ DECISIONS	ACTION ITEMS WHO – WHAT – BY WHEN	STATUS
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<p>1. Welcome, Board Chair Coralee Wessman-Moser</p>	<p>Board Chair Coralee Wessman-Moser opened the meeting on behalf of Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District.</p>		
<p>2. Budget Presentation, Pam Roberts, Executive Director</p>	<p>Pam: It costs the same to pick up a black, blue, or green can, but the more customers recycle, the more we save. Garbage is the least valued but most expensive to dispose of and dumping fees will be going up next year. Pam went over a chart outlining our services and noted that we have five glass collection sites and they pay for themselves in savings from dumping fees. The bulk trailer program was brought back this year and it has been popular. Residents will see the upcoming Christmas tree pick up on their regular pick up day, beginning January 4, 2014.</p> <p>Pam reviewed a chart indicating the actual 2014 increased cost per home per month (\$2.80) and the breakdown of District costs. Transparency of billing is good and we hope residents recycle more, but it has led to a larger than expected number of returned of second cans. If we double the amount recycled (which is what Mayor McAdams has asked residents to strive for) we could see a \$1 million savings in dumping fees. The CNG trucks will allow the District to realize a cost savings with regard to fuel, but the upfront purchase price per truck is increased by \$30,000. The lease rate will be going up for area cleanup trucks (\$.63 per month). There will also be a shop rate increase, and a salary increase is needed to keep employees within market wage and it will help for retention and recruiting.</p> <p>Pam presented a history of increased costs per year. The fuel line item is where we see a savings for CNG. Vice-Chair Petersen asked whether CNG trucks hold their value better than diesel. We do not know yet because we haven't had them long enough, but we do anticipate a higher resale. Pam then presented a list of improved efficiencies to keep costs low from 2008 to future expectations. We realized a significant savings with a 10hour/4 days per week schedule and staying open 5 days/week by reducing the number of trucks and drivers each day by 20%. We sustained the same workforce and</p>		

	<p>right-sized where appropriate. We saved 3.4 million in capital purchases by moving the replacement for trucks to 4 years for some of them. We have required drivers to shut off trucks whenever possible-no idling.</p> <p>In 2012 we saved \$54,000 with Eco driving. Our goal is to have all side load trucks converted to CNG by 2016, and we are considering restructuring our routes. We initially requested hiring 2 drivers, but we will delay one of those. We are also delaying the purchase of an additional side load truck.</p> <p>The last fee increase was in 2012, up \$1.75 per home. Projections were that we wouldn't need an increase until 2015 and projected a possible \$2 increase. Due to the above costs, we need the increase in 2014. Other municipalities are on a fiscal budget year so they would announce garbage fee increases around April and we don't know of other increases at this time. Some municipalities are subsidized through taxes. Also, South Salt Lake City doesn't get charged dumping fees due to an agreement allowing the Transfer Station in the City. Also, every Saturday residents get to bring bulk waste to the transfer for free. These things keep some operating costs lower for different municipalities.</p>		
<p>3. Open Public Hearing</p>		<p>Motion: by Vice-Chair Petersen, seconded by Board Member Bracken to open the public hearing. Vote: All in favor (of Board members present).</p>	
<p>4. Citizen Public Input</p>	<p><u>Public Comment:</u> Anna Johnson, from 131 E Gregson Avenue asked about the return of second garbage cans. The fees for second cans used to be on the tax notice. When people received their WFWRD bill they realized they were paying \$180 per year for the second can. She asked if we realized a gain by not having to pick up the second cans full of garbage. She then asked about why the landfill fees went up so much for 2014, and why the sanitation fees are not billed separately. Was the fee increase related to not being able to include billing on the tax notice? Were WFWRD's budget costs kept from the public until now? She requested providing biweekly recycle instead of weekly.</p>		

Responses: Pam explained that 4,000 residents turned in second cans so the District unexpectedly lost some revenue. She also stated that we won't know until 2014 whether we will realize a savings from not having to collect as many second cans on routes. Board Member Barbour said she was one of the families that didn't notice the actual cost of the sanitation line on her tax notice. She plans to get a green can in the spring to help offset costs. Pam-some cities on the list presented (with different municipalities' fees) take their trash to Trans Jordan. She pointed out the ones who go to Salt Lake Valley. Board Member Bracken said he suspects the landfill council wanted to keep their fees as low as possible for as long as they could. But by the end of 2013, they decided the increase couldn't wait.

Pam-the sanitation fee was not legally allowed to be on the property tax notice. There was a charge to have it on the tax bill and there still is for WFWRD to send bills. Many customers didn't know their exact billing amount when it was on the tax notice, so the transparency of billing is better. She pointed out that sanitation is a fee, not a tax, so it was not something that was meant to be deducted on taxes.

Board Member Bracken-WFWRD is not tax based, there is no sales tax that helps with costs, so we only receive money from the fees. Draper only provides biweekly trash and recycle, and not the other programs we include in our service. Pam noted that we went to weekly recycling because 2/3 of our customers wanted it and were willing to pay an additional fee. Board Chair Wessman-Moser added that our goal is to have more customers recycle so we can increase revenue and cost savings, so it would harm the District to go back to biweekly recycle. The Board told Ms. Johnson that citizens can recycle but everyone has to do it to cut even small amounts of costs. Board Member Barbour commended Ms. Johnson for asking the questions - the Board appreciates customer feedback. Board Member Brass stated that he lives in Murray, and the city contracts the garbage and he anticipates an increased

	cost. They don't have weekly recycling or green waste collection. When the landfill in the valley gets full, we will have to go further so costs will go up in the future.		
5. Board Comments	Board Chair Wessman-Moser asked for any additional Board comments. Board Member Bracken felt it was important for Pam and Stuart to go out to the city council meetings to present the budget and the need for a fee increase. Board Member Barbour also appreciates Pam and Stuart answering council questions and helping council members become better informed. Board Chair Wessman-Moser thanked the Board for their efforts, and she thanked Pam and Stuart on behalf of Herriman.		
6. Close of Public Hearing on the 2014 Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District 2014 Budget		Motion: By Board Member Brass, seconded by Vice-Chair Petersen to close the public hearing. Vote: all in favor (of Board members present)	
7. Open for Board Adoption of Resolution 4361 to Adopt 2014 Approved Budget and Fee Schedule		Motion: By Board Member Barbour, seconded by Board Member Granato to approve Resolution #4361 adopting the 2014 Approved Budget and Fee Schedule. Vote: all in favor (of Board members present).	
Adjournment (7:00 p.m.)		Motion: by Board Member Petersen, seconded by Board Member Granato, to adjourn the meeting. Vote: All in favor (of Board Members present)	