



Solid Waste Advisory Committee

Chair:	Jim Cooper, City of Olympia
Vice-chair:	Joan Cathey, City of Tumwater
Terms of Office:	Three years or until his or her successor is appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. The terms shall be staggered as determined by the Board of County Commissioners.
Term Limits:	Members may be reappointed to serve consecutive terms.
Members:	15 maximum
Meetings:	First Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.; Zoom, online video conferencing
Staff Contact:	Amanda Romero, Office: (360) 867-2282, Cell: (360) 490-8765
Board Duties:	Advise the Board of County Commissioners on solid waste management planning and solid waste handling and disposal.
Qualifications of Members:	Represent a balance of interest including, but not limited to, citizens, public interest groups, business, a waste management industry and local elected public officials. Not more than one citizen member shall be appointed from any one city or town.
Appointed by:	The Board of County Commissioners. Each city and town shall have the opportunity to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners potential local elected public official members.
Vacancies filled by:	Filled for the remainder of the term in the manner described for an initial appointment.
Removal is by:	Appointments serve at the discretion of the Board of County Commissioners.
Authority:	RCW 70.95.165 and Thurston County Code 8.22
Compensation:	None

THURSTON COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC)

Updated July 2021

Membership Number & Roles Required by County Code (minimum 9; maximum 15)	Membership Roles Required by State Code (minimum 9; no maximum)	Member Name	Member Alternate	Term Expiration
1. Commissioner or Designee	Elected Public Officials	Carolina Mejia-Barahona	Gary Edwards	01/2022
2. City of Olympia		Jim Cooper (chair)	Gary Franks	02/2022
3. City of Lacey		Ed Kunkel	Lenny Greenstein	02/2024
4. City of Rainier		<i>vacant</i>	-	-
5. City of Tenino		Cutter Copeland	-	01/2022
6. City of Tumwater		Joan Cathey (Vice-chair)	-	01/2022
7. City of Yelm		James Blair	-	03/2023
8. Town of Bucoda		Steve Purcell	-	03/2024
9. District #1 Citizen		Citizens	Greg Schoenbachler	-
10. District #2 Citizen	Richard Moon		-	07/2024
11. District #3 Citizen	Renee Radcliff Sinclair		-	01/2022
12. Port of Olympia	Public Interest Groups	Joe Downing	-	02/2022
13. Business Representative	Business	<i>vacant</i>	-	-
14. Waste Collection Representative	Waste Management Industry	Delroy Cox	John Cox	07/2024
15. Recycling Industry Representative		Chad Sutter	-	08/2023
	Agricultural Representative ¹	Greg Schoenbachler	-	06/2023

¹ Guidelines in Washington State Department of Ecology's Your Local Solid Waste Advisory Committee allow for a single member to represent more than one membership role. Given that County code stipulates a fifteen member SWAC with each of the fifteen roles defined (see column #1 in table above), the state requirement for an Agricultural Representative is met by one of the 15 SWAC members acting in a dual role.