

MSWMAC

Metropolitan Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee

September 8, 2006

The Honorable Larry Phillips
Chair, King County Council
Room 1200
COURTHOUSE

RE: Conditional Approval of the Transfer and Waste Export System Plan

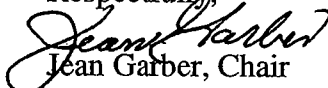
Dear Council Chair Phillips:

The purpose of this letter is to transmit to you the Metropolitan Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee's (MSWMAC) conditional approval of the *Transfer and Waste Export System Plan* (Plan). MSWMAC conditionally approved the Plan at its meeting on September 8, 2006. The Committee has had considerable input into development of the Plan and the milestone reports that preceded it. However, MSWMAC may choose to reconsider its approval depending upon the results of the King County Council's independent third party review of the Plan, as required by Ordinance 14971.

The Plan, though titled a "*Transfer and Waste Export System Plan*", is actually a transfer station plan for the future and is a prerequisite for developing the waste export piece of the future solid waste system. It is important that the Plan not be construed to be a waste export system plan as recommendations for the disposal of waste and the waste export piece of the plan have not yet been developed. MSWMAC's conditional approval of the Plan is therefore a conditional approval of the proposed future transfer station system. As mentioned above, this approval may be reconsidered pending the results of the independent third party review, as well as any unanticipated amendments to the Plan that may be submitted by the King County Executive, Regional Policy Committee or King County Council.

Many issues relating to the disposal of waste upon the closure of the Cedar Hills Landfill have not yet been addressed, including changes in recycling policies and the impact on waste, rate decisions, siting issues and specific locations for relocated transfer stations, plans to extend the life of the Cedar Hills Landfill, waste-to-energy, and waste export, including intermodal facilities and long haul transport. MSWMAC looks forward to continued collaboration with the County and other stakeholders on developing recommendations on these issues as well as implementation and potential refinement of the transfer station recommendations, pending the results of the independent third party review, and the update of the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan.

Respectfully,


Jean Garber, Chair
MSWMAC

cc: King County Councilmembers
Chair, Regional Policy Committee
Chair, Growth Management & Natural Resources Committee
MSWMAC members
Theresa Jennings, Director, Solid Waste Division
Karen Goroski, Executive Director, Suburban Cities Association

KING COUNTY SWAC

Solid Waste Advisory Committee

September 15, 2006

The Honorable Larry Phillips
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516 Third Avenue, Room 1200
Seattle, WA 98104

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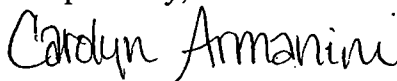
Dear Councilmember Phillips:

The King County Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) is pleased to transmit to you its conditional approval of the Transfer and Waste Export System Plan ("the Plan"). Our approval is conditional, pending the outcome of the third party review of the Plan.

SWAC has had considerable input into development of the Plan and the milestone reports that preceded it. It is possible, however, that SWAC may choose to modify or reconsider its approval if the third party review reveals new issues or information not considered during the Plan's development. We appreciate the council's foresight in requiring the review.

Enclosed is the motion conditionally approving the Plan contained in SWAC's September 15, 2006 meeting minutes.

Respectfully,



Carolyn Armanini
Chair

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Ron Sims, King County Executive
King County Councilmembers
Chair, Regional Policy Committee
Chair, Growth Management and Natural Resources Committee
Theresa Jennings, Division Director, Solid Waste Division

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