The regular meeting of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) was called to order by the Chair at 5:40 PM on March 15, 2017 in the 6th Floor Conference Room at the Executive Office Building (EOB). Introductions – around the table.

**MAJOR PROGRAM PRESENTATION:** FY18 Program Presentation (see attached Power Point)

**Accounting/Administration – Anthony Skinner:**
- FY18 +$4MM
- Tip Fee increase +$4/ton on disposal and commercial

**Waste Reduction & Recycling – Eileen Kao:**
- Commercial focus. Move food waste from the waste stream
- Food waste reduction – excess elimination. Diversion vs disposal
  - Where are the dollars coming from
    - $40K multi-family recycling
    - $60K commercial recycling

**Collections – Robin Ennis:**
- Not any significant change projected

**Operations Central (TS, MRF, Gude, Oaks) – Don Birnesser:**
- Gude – getting ready for FY19 remediation
  - Toupee cap is approved with monitoring wells
  - Design in FY19 – 3 years to completion
- LFG engines are falling off – poor gas quality
- Oaks – adding a 20 acre solar farm
- TS – redesign and plan for future
  - MDE Permit approval coming
  - Master Site Plan – working on location of major operations
  - MRF – Fiber sort coming online in May
- Out of County Haul (ash, C&D, by-pass)
  - New contract coming on-line – 5% increase in expenses
- Planning – 100K to move Yard Waste Grinding
  - Dust to Car Max
  - Noise to Kingsmill
Operations North (RRF, Compost, Site II) – Bill Davidson:

- Compost – CAP improvement
  - Tonnage down to 60K, well below capacity
  - Cost increase +20% - equipment replacement
- RRF – contract increases
  - EE pricing down
  - 5.7% increase in projected tonnage
- Site II – Maintain Chiswell, grassland
- DAFIG – Masterplan – increased expense for periodic environmental monitoring

Questions:

Is the change in the DAFIG funding related to the Master Plan projected or a reflection of the proposed continuous monitoring projected expense? Dollars are consistent with Master Plan funding.

Recycling tonnage is increasing year over year. What specific changes are being implemented to create that increase? County will be using the same tools with an increased focus on multi-family and business compliance.

The additional $40 & $60K in food scrap recycling – what is it for? Working with folks to help bring better results. Planning bin design. Working to make sure our collections match the processors needs. Some outreach/some products

Who is doing the Food Waste collection? Short listed group contracted by business.

To the department heads - Does the budget meet your needs? General response – Yes.

PG County is doubling capacity. Will it only be in-county waste? Who knows. Double is not a big increase. Have not heard a word about in-county limit.

RFP Review on food waste. How does it fit into the budget? ?

$4,000M increase, what is driving the increase.? Tip fee is going up due to disposal cost increase. Throughput tons – 636,000 tons burned, ash disposal up. Compare MoCo to surrounding tip fee. Policy decision to raise fees to drive waste away.

Discussion on future rates changes. Why FY20 changes. What is in the Sys Ben Charge?

Division Goal – 70% by 2020. If food waste comes out to composting. How does shifting volume impact costs? As food waste residential kicks in – how will it be funded and does it recognize backyard and local composting. The $30K is for the implementation of the food waste.

When residential is source separated will costs go up? Is it voluntary ? ? ? In MoCo it is a mandatory service, all pay, use or not. If voluntary, each to their own.

Accelerate solar at Gude as part of the cap process.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Approve Past Minutes: February minutes were reviewed, corrected, and approved.

Subcommittee Reports: None
NEW BUSINESS

Boards and Commissions Recruiting: No discussion

DAFIG Report: Change in the testing protocol. Should Aaron support or oppose. Should an outside Consultant be used to address stopping the old? Is the proposed monitoring going to provide the information they are looking for? What guidance should we offer? No real consensus on yes or no – go get a consultant for advice. Obtains, get guidance on continuous monitoring and change . . . .

Future discussion on Waste Reduction impact from Food Repurpose efforts. Practical side of waste reduction capture.

We need to communicate progress to goal to help drive the next percentage. Add to the web-site. Work harder as we get closer to the target. Add to our discussion next month – suggestion to DSWS.

MD Zero Waste Goal. What does MoCo do to meet?

Budget thoughts to Sara by e-mail. She will combine and send out draft for review, comment and final sending. Moved and passed.

Next Tuesday evening, 3/21, Sara and Jessica are attending. Ideas – increase organics and collection is Subdistrict B. Lisa will be there.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None offered.

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 7:58. The next Meeting set for April 5, 5:30 PM, in the 6th Floor Conference Room at the Executive Office Building (EOB).

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