



May 8, 2015

Olympia City Council
P.O. Box 1967
Olympia, WA 98507-1967

Dear Council Members:

SUBJECT: Waste ReSources Management Plan (2015-2020)

On Thursday, April 2, 2015, Ron Jones from the City of Olympia's Public Works Waste ReSources attended the Utility Advisory Committee (UAC) meeting to present the draft 2015 Waste ReSources Management Plan Update. Waste ReSources is seeking support in moving the draft Plan toward adoption.

Following a brief presentation from staff, UAC members asked a wide array of questions and spent time discussing the proposed strategies. The UAC lacked a quorum at the April meeting and held a second discussion and vote at the May 7 meeting.

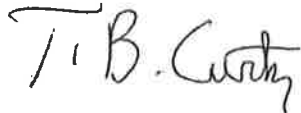
The UAC supports adoption of the Waste ReSources Management Plan update:

- It continues progress toward the City's zero waste goals of reducing the overall waste generated in Olympia, increasing recycling and diversion, maintaining safe and efficient operations and being fiscally responsible.
- The Plan sets measureable objectives and establishes goals consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan.
- The Plan addresses key strategic issues identified early in the planning process, such as City-provided commercial recycling, increasing construction and demolition (C & D) waste recycling, increasing residential organics, and whether to continue collecting glass mixed with other recycling.
- It supports continued coordination with Thurston County Solid Waste on programs and planning.

The UAC supports adopting the Plan and beginning work on the planned strategies, including further public involvement as necessary to maintain an informed and involved community. UAC also wants staff to use greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and energy efficiencies as a decision-making tool.

Please feel free to contact me or other members of the committee if you have questions or would like to discuss this further.

Sincerely,



THAD CURTZ
Chair

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