

SEASWA

Southeast Alaska Solid Waste Authority

September 18, 2013
Southeast Conference
Annual Meeting
Sitka, Alaska

SEASWA Background

- “ Regional Solid Waste Management Authority Act passed in 2006. SEASWA formed in 2009.
- “ Current members include Craig, Coffman Cove, Kasaan, Klawock, Petersburg, Thorne Bay, Wrangell and Hydaburg.

SEASWA: Goals

- To provide environmentally sound and cost-effective management of solid waste on a regional level.
- To protect the public health, safety and welfare.
- To improve the environment within its boundaries.
- To recover resources and energy as practical.
- To create jobs where possible.

SEASWA Continues to Move Forward

- “ Board of Directors unanimously selected **Republic Services** as our partner in continuing and expanding their proven solid waste disposal and recycling systems.
- “ A lengthy process of legal review and negotiations for our member communities was completed in 2013.
- “ Member communities Thorne Bay, Petersburg and Wrangell have executed contracts with Republic Services.
- “ Klawock is still working on the switch to a Republic Services agreement.

Next Steps: Recycling Programs

- “ Master Services Agreement and rate structure offer strong financial incentives to develop or expand recycling programs.
- “ Recycling results in savings on disposal costs for every community.
- “ Republic Services materials recovery facility (MRF) in Seattle has capability to process & market many types of recyclables.
- “ Recycling program design is up to each community.

Potential Projects for SEASWA

- “ Recycling collection programs – commingled and/or source separated.
- “ Scrap Metal recycling
- “ Household Hazardous Waste

Open Invitation to Participate

- “ SEASWA membership is encouraged, but not required to receive a pricing proposal from Republic Services.
- “ Logistics for each community are considered during development of rates for disposal and recycling.
- “ Shipping system limits long-term liability associated with local landfills, promotes creation/expansion of local recycling programs, creates jobs and protects our regional environment.
- “ Contact any SEASWA Board member to find out more about participation and/or membership.

Please Join Us!

- “ Monthly meetings by teleconference, third Thursday of each month at 10 am. Contact any Board member for more information.
- “ Next meeting: October 17 at 10:00 am via teleconference.

Thank you