Southeast Alaska Solid Waste Authority

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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

Å SEASWA membership is encouraged, but not required to receive a pricing proposal from Republic Services.

Å Logistics for each community are considered during development of rates for disposal and recycling.

Å Shipping system limits long-term liability associated with local landfills, promotes creation/expansion of local recycling programs, creates jobs and protects our regional environment.

Å 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