



**WHATCOM COUNTY
SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC) MEETING**

Thursday, January 22nd, 2026 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Civic Center, Downstairs Garden Room
322 North Commercial Street, Bellingham WA

You may also join our meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

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Meeting ID: 863 6430 8404

- A G E N D A -

Meeting Topics			Outcomes
1.	Call to Order	5:30	Action
2.	Roll Call, Determination of Quorum, Approval of Minutes, Approval of Agenda, Election of Officers	5:30 – 5:45	Action
3.	Public Comment Period	5:45 – 5:55	Action
4.	Flood Response Update	5:55 – 6:15	Discussion
5.	Lautenbach Recycling Facility Update	6:15 – 6:30	Information
6.	Cedarville Water Quality Permit	6:30 – 6:40	Information
7.	Recycling Reform Act Registration	6:40 – 6:45	Information
8.	Ecology Update	6:45 – 6:50	Information
9.	Open Session, Announcements	6:50 – 7:00	Information
10.	Adjournment	7:00	Action



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AGENDA ITEM 2: *Roll Call, Determination of Quorum, Approval of Minutes, Approval of Agenda, Election of Officers*

PRESENTER: *Brandi Hutton*

BOARD ACTION: Action Item Discussion Information

COMMITTEE ROLE / ACTION REQUESTED

Review and approve draft meeting minutes. Elect SWAC Chair and Vice-Chair.

ATTACHMENT(S)

- Draft October 23, 2025 SWAC Meeting Minutes





Whatcom County Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) Meeting

OCTOBER 23, 2025

Members Present:

Brandi Hutton	Kevin Renz
Drew Peterson	Mark Stremmer
Pinky Vargas	William McCarter

Members Absent:

Sean O'Neill
Jerry Burns
Ted Carlson

Staff Present:

Jennifer Hayden
Erica Littlewood
Beth Decker
Joe Nyland

Others Present:

Priscilla Brotherton	Steven Gimpel
Peter Gietl	Lisa Friend
Carolyn Moulton	

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Whatcom County SWAC was called to order on Thursday, October 23, 2025 at 5:30pm

2. Roll Call, Determination of Quorum, Approval of Minutes, Approval of Agenda, Introduction of New Member

- Roll call was taken first.
 - Quorum was present
- Minutes from the July 8, 2025 meeting were approved as presented.
- Agenda approved

3. Public Comment Period

- No public comment

Meeting Topics:

4. Disposal of Toxics Update

Jennifer and Joe gave an update on the Disposal of Toxics (DOT) facility

- County took over DOT operations 4 months ago and the transition has been relatively smooth
- Clean Earth is still contracted for transport and disposal



- All the billing of utilities moved from Clean Earth to the county
- They also needed a way to invoice small quantity generators
 - Worked with IT and Finance to implement a new permitting tool that can be used to invoice SQGs
- There are three staff members, Joe, Ethan and Brandon working out at the DOT
- Last year there was 11,000 customers and 600,000 pounds of waste shipped
- Shipments occur about every two weeks; the frequency creates disruptions to receiving operations
 - Facility footprint has unchanged since 2006-07 and staff are struggling to use the existing space
 - Jennifer has reached out to Dave Nightingale to assess the facility and operations to advise on potential expansion options
 - Joe mentioned he is excited to have someone come and help assess the site and their processes
- Drew asked about which waste streams are the largest
 - Jennifer and Joe both answered paint such as latex and oil or architectural paint, oil, flammable liquids and solvents, as well as fluorescent bulbs, acids and bases such as cleaners and pool chemicals, lawn chemicals and poisons
 - Jennifer added that PaintCare covers paint disposal costs for eligible architectural paint. The program does not accept spray cans, roofing tar, or automotive paint. Some retailers participate directly with PaintCare.
 - William mentioned that RDS had looked into joining the PaintCare program but they don't cover all of the costs
 - Jennifer also mentioned that the amount of vapes and batteries received are increasing and expensive and time-consuming to manage. Especially "dual waste" items where the battery and cartridge cannot be separated.
 - Batteries require individual bagging or taping to prevent sparks damaged or defective batteries need special handling.
 - Staff reported spending 8–10 hours each bagging or taping batteries.
 - County purchased drums (through Call2Recycle) plus specific absorbent materials to allow commingling and reduce labor and fire risk
 - Brandi mentioned the new battery bill; Jennifer says she expects the bill to increase volume but make management easier
 - Drew asked about room to expand the DOT
 - Jennifer said they are uncertain if there is room to expand as it is a wetland
 - Original facility built 1998; an additional building was constructed later
 - County purchased land from the Port for \$1 with an agreement giving the Port free disposal
 - They did pave the parking and drop off area in 2015

5. Mid-biennium Budget Review

Jennifer presented the mid-biennium budget update as the Executive's Office asked the Health Department to cut \$1 million from its general fund allocation.

Jennifer mentioned that there is a new financial services manager that has been in place for 6 weeks and helped prepare materials for both the Solid Waste Executive Committee (SWEC) and this meeting.



Main changes between 2025 and 2026 relate to the DOT program:

- Contractual costs decrease because DOT operations moved from contract-based to county-staffed.
- Salaries and benefits increase accordingly; 2025 includes half-year contracted/half-year county-staff positions.

As part of the rebalancing requested by the Executive's Office, the Solid Waste Fund will cover portions of three salaries that indirectly support solid waste programs:

- Those positions are the Environmental Health Manager, the Solid Waste Clerk and an Accounting Technician
 - The Accounting Technician manages most of the Solid Waste contracts and grants.
- Cost of these partial salaries: \$100,000/year.
- This shift contributes to the increase from 2025 to 2026.
- Jennifer notes otherwise minimal differences between the 2025 and 2026 budgets.

Jennifer also noted that there was a financial system change across the County and as a result the 2024 data is incomplete.

Jennifer explained the garbage collection fee on the revenue line comes from the Point Roberts solid waste system.

- Every property with a house and septic system is billed via property taxes. The revenue is passed through the County and paid to Cando. Cando collects the garbage in Point Roberts.

William commented on the revenue increasing slower than expected given the population growth.

- Jennifer explained the revenue is primarily from the solid waste excise tax.
 - \$8.50 a ton for self-haulers
 - 3.3% fee on curbside garbage bills

Brandi noted a large increase in DoT electricity from \$2,900 to \$16,500

- Jennifer flagged this for follow-up. Unsure why it increased.

Mark also questioned the jump in advertising costs from a few hundred dollars to \$10,000.

- Jennifer clarified that the 2024 numbers are likely inaccurate due to the system change.
 - They did increase advertising but not by \$9,000
 - Having the new public health educator has allowed for more direct messaging campaigns and events.
- Steven suggested some of the 2024 advertising may have been covered by LSWFA grant which ended, shifting costs back to the county.

6. Waste Innovation Grants Update

Jennifer presented an update on the Waste Reduction Innovation Grants. The RFP for innovative waste-reduction pilot projects earlier in the year was issued to three respondents.

- ReSources proposed expanding their existing manufactured-waste diversion program.
 - They already partner with a few manufacturers in the county such as Samson Rope, Alphatec and Trayvax.
 - Reusable scrap materials are diverted to the ReStore for resale.
 - The funding supports increased outreach to bring more manufacturers into the program as well as temporary staffing through the end of the year to do partnership development.
- The second project was for Ragfinery and their community mending events



- The grant supports monthly mending events, especially in underserved or higher-need locations such as the Lighthouse Mission and DVSAS, not just breweries or general public venues.
- Brandi presented on the third project with Sustainable Connections and their Reusable Dishware Pilate
 - The grant funded a reusable dishware pilot program at a large festival with more than 10,000 attendees
 - The pilot was implemented at SeaFeast
 - Historically there are 14,000+ attendees and that amount was exceeded this year
 - 30 food vendors participated
 - Reusable dishware and compostable to go containers were used
 - Perennial Zero Waste provided mobile dishwashing and dishware inventory
 - Attendees were given reusable dishware for on-site meals and the dishware was returned to bins, washed and redistributed to vendors during the event
 - There were several positive outcomes
 - Attendees appreciated reduced waste
 - Vendors saved money by not buying disposable dishware
 - Durable dishware prevented wind related problems experience with disposables
 - Metrics for the event are still being collected with a debriefing meeting scheduled
 - Some dishware loss was expected; volunteers helped at waste sorting stations to reduce loss
 - Service was free during the pilot program; the goal was to show cost savings so festivals will pay for the service in the future
 - Perennial Zero Waste already serves some Seattle events, this is the first major Whatcom County implementation
 - Brandi noted that vendor engagement and public education require significant coordination beyond dishwashing alone

Jennifer advised that the intent is to run the grant program each year. The program is included in the 2026 budget.

- Future RFPs will offer longer timelines; this year's short window was due to delays from DoT work and initial budget approval timing

7. Recycling Goals and Actions Review

Jennifer reported on the Recycling Goals and Actions using the same red, yellow, green scoring as at the previous meeting.

- Enhance residential recycling
 - Reviewed acceptable materials with hauler, educators, and MRF.
 - Confident current accepted materials list is "the max" that can/should be recycled regionally.
 - Haulers and MRFs continually review markets & capacity.
 - County relies heavily on partners for determining feasible materials.
 - County supports Resources & Sustainable Connections' education work regarding recycling and cross contamination
 - WasteWise tool is promoted for proper sorting guidance.
 - Jennifer acknowledged that contamination reduction efforts still need improvement
- Jennifer spoke on tracking recycling volumes and contamination rates.
 - County receives annual and quarterly reports from permitted facilities.



- County does not receive contamination data as recycling materials are taken out of the county and they are not currently measuring contamination beyond available reports.
- Drew asked about the rollout of large blue totes in Ferndale and asked if they had received any feedback on the change
 - Jennifer noted they have not received any formal feedback
 - Kevin shared anecdotally that residents in Ferndale are happy with the change, less wind blow recycling
 - Pinky added that previous SWAC minutes include an update about Bellingham's transition to single-stream recycling
 - Brandi also noted that the Ferndale rollout was easier because they already had every other week recycling pickup.
- Drew asked about when the Lynden rollout will happen
 - Jennifer clarified that Lynden is served by Nooksack Valley Disposal and they are not planning to transition, sticking with the three-bin system
 - The remainder of unincorporated county that is served by SSC will transition with a targeted completion by 2026
- Drew requested for haulers to brief SWAC on rollout plans
 - Jennifer advised that the intention was to have Ted speak at this meeting but he was absent, the information may be in previous minutes
 - Lautenbach likely to present at the next meeting regarding the new MRF opening near Bakerview
- William noted that self-haul recycling drops significantly when single-stream totes roll out
- Jennifer brought the discussion back to the recycling goals and actions regarding multifamily recycling
 - Many multifamily goals are marked yellow due to difficulty of implementation
 - Conducting waste audits is being explored, would require paid contractors
 - Multifamily education is a big job due to the number of units, over half of the city's residences are multifamily.
 - Brandi mentioned Sustainable Connections multifamily compost pilot at 4 different sites and the outcome were highly varied.
 - Barriers include: different demographics and building types, renter turnover, varying investment in waste practices
 - Contamination reduction outreach has been limited to the promotion of WasteWise
 - Brandi shared that there was recent targeted outreach focus on plastic bag contamination
 - Lautenbach and North Cascade compost both reported fewer plastic bags in curbside recycling
 - Lisa mentioned that around 2005-2006 the county did conduct a multifamily pilot that included 4-6 complexes
 - Jennifer noted that she will see if she can find any information on the study
 - Brandi also mentioned that photo-based sorting guides work best across languages
 - Bin labeling is important as children sometimes missorted waste due to bin height or visibility issues

8. Department of Ecology Update

Steve Gimpel presented the update from the Department of Ecology on behalf of Audrey, he also addressed some of the questions from earlier in the meeting.





The Mercury Lights program is set to sunset in 2025.

- 2024 legislation requires a rule amendment resulting in higher acceptance limits for mercury containing items starting in 2025.
- Complete ban in 2029 on selling mercury lights
- Product stewardship collection expected to continue until 2035, assuming most items are out of circulation
- Increased limits will make it easier for residents to dispose of mercury lights before the ban

Steve clarified that the required colors for organics, recycling and garbage are:

- Green or brown for organics
- Blue for recycling
- Black or gray for garbage
- The rule takes effect in 2028
- Containers purchased after August 2025 must meet future color requirements
- Haulers not required to immediately replace containers

Steve advised that the PainCare Program's intent is to reduce the burden on MRW and transfer stations.

- If space constraints are caused by paint volumes, counties should contact the PaintCare reps to request additional collections sites and other support to distribute material flow
- Rumored 2026 legislation may expand PaintCare to cover: stains, liquid vinyls and other surface coverings

Steve shared that with the Recycle Reform Act Statewide recycling list and major recycling-system funding changes scheduled to begin shift in 2030. Implementation will vary by region; not an immediate statewide switch

Ecology has initiated rule-writing for new Food Center grants. Process is in very early stages.

NextCycle Washington program run via Ecology's Recycling Development Center to accelerate small businesses and nonprofits.

- Applications open through end of October
- Eligible projects include reuse, waste reduction, recycling innovation and specialty materials recovery.

Jennifer mentioned she received notice from the Florescent Bulb program administrator that they are bowing out of administering the fluorescent blub program as of January 1.

- Steve said he had not heard of the program ending or administrator withdrawal
- He suggested the administrator may be stepping back because of anticipated program changes.
- Ecology may be seeking feedback from counties and the public on how the program should function through the 2029 ban and 2035 end.
- Steve will follow up if he learns more

9. Open Session, Announcements

Erica gave an overview of the Secure Your Load events over the summer.

- They were held at Cedarville and Birch Bay transfer stations.



Erica and team hosted first food waste prevention booth at SeaFeast.

- Gave away metal straws, Fight Food Waste stickers and reusable Swedish dishcloths.

The second Green Sheen paint recycling event held the first Saturday in October in Bellingham.

- 224 vehicles and 60,000 lbs of paint collected
- Plan to have an event in north county in the spring.
- Events collect latex, oil, and other paint products.
- Some items not accepted; timing coordinated so DoT is open for other materials.
- Drew questioned why events are needed if toxics facility exists:
 - Jennifer explains the facility would be overwhelmed by 90k+ lbs at once.
 - Green Sheen provides free recycling/disposal, expanding access to residents and commercial users.
- PaintCare program covers both residential & commercial drop-offs.

Jennifer shared they are exploring development of 20-acre county-owned property on Goodwin Road

- Purchased for Swift Creek project staging.
- Adjacent to a 60-acre debris repository property.
- Benefits of the site are flat, not in floodplain, good road access, close to Everson, Nooksack, Sumas, Deming.
- Preliminary discussions held; would require extensive permitting, paving, stormwater infrastructure.
- Site seen as a replacement for the Halverstick Pit, which will no longer be available due to access and safety challenges during prior flood response.
- Site also provides additional uses such as a tire disposal event site
- Group briefly discussed past flood events in Whatcom and Skagit Counties
- Mark asked if the debris origin was verified at Halverstick Pit
 - Jennifer confirmed that addresses were checked at debris drop-off.

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm

Attest: _____
Beth Decker, Coordinator
Whatcom County Health Department

Brandi Hutton, Chair
Whatcom County Solid Waste Advisory Committee



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AGENDA ITEM 4: *Flood Response Update*

PRESENTER: *Jennifer Hayden – Whatcom County Health and Community Services*
William McCarter – RDS
Pinky Vargas – Republic Services

BOARD ACTION: Action Item Discussion Information

SIGNIFICANT POINTS OR EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Jennifer Hayden, William McCarter, and Pinky Vargas will discuss flood response with regard to debris management.

COMMITTEE ROLE / ACTION REQUESTED

None

ATTACHMENT(S)

Solid Waste Flood Response Summary



Solid Waste Flood Response Summary – As of 1/13/26

Timeline:

December 9 – Atmospheric river event

December 10 – Flooding in north/east county. WCHCS reaches out to transfer stations to determine availability and willingness to serve as debris management sites if called for.

December 11 – Flooding in west county. Meeting at Emergency Operations Center (EOC) for debris management planning.

December 12 – Ongoing EOC debris management planning/administration within the IMS structure. North county leaders initiate a temporary debris site at the Stremler gravel pit, at the corner of Swanson and Halverstick Roads.

December 13 – December 31 – Ongoing EOC debris management planning. Debris management sites established at Stremler pit, RDS and Republic transfer stations. Each site has a debris monitor (Clean Harbors) ensuring that loads coming in are flood debris and eligible for free disposal. WCHCS is prepared to respond to reports of hazardous waste in large containers that have been deposited around the affected area.

December 31 – Stremler pit debris site closes.

January 5-7 – Sumas City Hall hosts small temporary debris management site. Whatcom Strong serves as debris monitors.

January 18 – RDS and Republic debris sites close

Contract Language

On December 9, 2025, Whatcom County Executive Satpal Sidhu issued a Proclamation of Emergency for Whatcom County in response to severe weather storms, high winds, flooding, mudslides, and landslide risk conditions across Whatcom County. Subsequently, significant portions of East Whatcom County experienced catastrophic flooding which in turn resulted in evacuations of the cities of Everson, Nooksack, and Sumas as well as unincorporated portions of Whatcom County. Under RCW 38.52.070 (2), the Proclamation allows the County to “enter into contracts and incur obligations necessary to combat such disaster, protecting the health and safety of persons and property, and providing emergency assistance to the victims in such disaster” and effectively waives “time-consuming procedures and formalities...including, but not limited to, budget law limitations, requirements for competitive bidding, and publication of notices, provisions pertaining to the performance of public work, entering into contracts, the incurring of obligations, the employment of temporary workers, the rental of equipment, the purchase of supplies and materials, the levying of taxes, and the appropriation and expenditures of public funds.”



Contract Log

Contractor	Service	Contract Amount	To Date
Western Refinery Services	Debris remediation services	\$223,509	\$115,963
Republic Services	Debris disposal	\$200,000	\$72,563
RDS	Debris disposal	\$300,000	\$218,227
Clean Harbors	Debris site monitoring	\$350,000	\$219,403
Abatement & Decontamination Services	Household hazardous waste transport	\$60,000	
RAM Construction	Flaggers	\$16,133.00	
All Phase Excavating	Secondary north county debris site operation		\$11,755
Stremler Gravel	Debris site operation		
TOTAL		\$1,149,642	\$637,911

Debris Managed:

2,249 tons, or 4,499,627 pounds



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AGENDA ITEM 5: *Lautenbach Recycling Facility Update*

PRESENTER: *Troy Lautenbach – Lautenbach Industries*

BOARD ACTION: Action Item Discussion Information

SIGNIFICANT POINTS OR EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Troy Lautenbach will provide an update on the new Lautenbach Recycling Facility.

COMMITTEE ROLE / ACTION REQUESTED

None

ATTACHMENT(S)

None





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AGENDA ITEM 6: Cedarville Water Quality Permit

PRESENTER: Jennifer Hayden - WCHCS

BOARD ACTION: Action Item Discussion Information

SIGNIFICANT POINTS OR EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Jennifer Hayden will provide an update on the Cedarville Landfill water quality permit.

COMMITTEE ROLE / ACTION REQUESTED

None

ATTACHMENT(S)

- Cedarville Landfill Administrative Order
- Conditional Use Permit Master Application
- Conditional Use Permit Supplemental Application
- Conditional Use Permit Submittal Summary



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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November 25, 2025

Jennifer Hayden
Whatcom County Health Department
509 Girard Street
Bellingham, WA. 98225-4005

Re: Administrative Order

Administrative Order Docket #	24318
Site Location	Cedarville Landfill Cedarville Rd, N of Mt. Baker Hwy, Bellingham, WA

Dear Jennifer Hayden:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) received Cedarville Landfill's request for Modification for Permit Coverage of the Industrial Stormwater General Permit on August 18, 2025. Cedarville Landfill submitted public notice on August 20, 2025 and August 27, 2025 for their proposed Treatment BMP to address the facility's Level 3 Corrective Action. Cedarville Landfill completed public notice on September 27, 2025. Ecology has issued the enclosed Administrative Order requiring Cedarville Landfill to comply with:

- Chapter 90.48 Revised Code of Washington (RCW) - Water Pollution Control.
- Chapter 173-226 Washington Administrative Code (WAC) - Waste Discharge General Permit Program.
- Industrial Stormwater General Permit WAR001280.

If you have questions, please contact Northwest Regional Office (NWRO) Inspector Jen Baptist at jen.baptist@ecy.wa.gov or 564-565-0327.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Killelea". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

Jeff Killelea, Manager
Permit and Technical Services Section
Water Quality Program

Enclosure: Administrative Order Docket #24318

By Certified Mail # 9489 0090 0027 6662 3672 28

cc: Shannon McClellan, ISGP Permit Writer, Ecology
Jen Baptist, Regional Inspector, Ecology
Melinda Wilson, Permit Administrator, Ecology
Bill Angel, Whatcom County Health Department

State of Washington
Department of Ecology

In the Matter of an Administrative Order Against
Cedarville Landfill
Administrative Order Docket #24318

To: Jennifer Hayden
Washington County Health Department
509 Girard Street
Bellingham, WA. 98225-4005

Re: Administrative Order

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Site Location	Cedarville Landfill Cedarville Rd, N of Mt. Baker Hwy, Bellingham, WA

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- Chapter 173-226 Washington Administrative Code (WAC) - Waste Discharge General Permit Program.
- Industrial Stormwater General Permit (ISGP) WAR001280.

Chapter 90.48 RCW gives Ecology the authority to issue Administrative Orders requiring compliance whenever it determines that a person is about to violate Chapter 90.48. RCW.

1. Determination of Violation(s) and Order to Comply

Cedarville Landfill is covered under ISGP permit number WAR001280. Permit Special Condition S5 establishes benchmark values and monitoring requirements. Benchmark means a pollutant concentration used as a permit threshold, below which a pollutant is considered unlikely to cause a water quality violation, and above which it may. When pollutant concentrations exceed benchmarks, corrective action requirements identified in permit condition S8 take effect.

Ecology received a complete modification of coverage letter from Cedarville Landfill on August 18, 2025, requesting a time extension for the installation of their Level 3 Corrective Action Treatment BMP from September 30, 2025, to September 30, 2026. The letter described in detail how the Permittee will correct and meet the requirements under S8.D Level 3 Corrective Actions at the facility site. Permit condition S8 allows a permittee to request a time extension or modification of coverage for Level 2/3 Corrective Actions.

The Cedarville Landfill 2024 stormwater discharges have exceeded benchmark values and triggered a Level 1 Corrective Action for Total Copper and a Level 3 Corrective Action for Turbidity under permit condition S8.

Outfall OF2 – South Culver Inlet (SCI)				
Parameter and Benchmark:	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Total Copper Benchmark: 14 ug/L	-	-	26.7	-
Turbidity Benchmark: 25 NTU	80	32	270	35
Outfall OF3 – East Culvert				
Parameter and Benchmark:	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Total Copper Benchmark: 14 ug/L	-	-	29.3	-
Turbidity Benchmark: 25 NTU	45	40	300	90

*Numbers show benchmark exceedances and dashes reflect they were at/under benchmarks.

Permit Condition S8 allows a permittee to request a time extension or waiver for the corrective action requirements. Cedarville Landfill submitted a complete Modification of Coverage Form requesting a Level 3 Time Extension. Cedarville Landfill based their request on:

- Whatcom County Health and Community Services (WCHCS) did not anticipate the pre-application meeting requirement for the project, which took over 60 days to complete, and delayed submittal of the project documents to Ecology.
- Based on the pre-application meeting notes received, Whatcom County Planning Department (WCPD) may require a conditional use permit and SEPA review of the project.
- WCHCS is currently working with WCPD on possible modifications to the project to potentially remove some/all the unpermitted gravel surfacing, to eliminate the conditional use permit requirement, and reduce the fill and excavation volume for the stormwater pond below the SEPA threshold.
- WCHCS is contemplating separating the proposed paving work and construction of the stormwater treatment pond into two projects. It is possible that the paving work could be completed Fall of 2025, depending on the timing of the project review and approval process with Whatcom County and Ecology.

A Pursuant to Permit Condition S8.D.5.c, Ecology has considered the information provided. **Ecology is granting the Modification of Coverage, Level 3 Time Extension, subject to conditions outlined below.**

Action(s) required:

- Cedarville Landfill must complete the Level 3 Corrective Action on or before **September 30, 2026.**
- Cedarville Landfill must submit to Ecology (contact below) the Engineering Report for stormwater treatment on or before **April 30, 2026.**
- Cedarville Landfill must submit to Ecology (contact below) an Operation and Maintenance manual 30 days after installation of stormwater treatment BMPs.
- Cedarville Landfill must submit to Ecology (contact below) progress reports on the 15th day of each quarter (February, May, August, November) regarding the progress of the proposed paving work and construction of the stormwater treatment pond.
- Cedarville Landfill must continue to fully implement the ISGP requirements.

2. Failure to Comply with This Order

Failure to comply with this Order may result in the issuance of civil penalties or other actions, whether administrative or judicial, to enforce the terms of this Order.

3. Your Right to Appeal

You have a right to appeal this Order to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within thirty (30) days of the date of receipt of this Order. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B0.001(2).

To appeal, you must do all the following within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Order:

- File your appeal and a copy of this Order with the PCHB (see address below). Filing means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours.
- Serve a copy of your appeal and this Order on Ecology by mail, in person or by email (see addresses below).

You must also comply with other applicable requirements in Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC.

Filing with the PCHB

For the most current information regarding filing with the PCHB, visit: <https://eluhwa.gov/> or call: 360-664-9160.

Service on Ecology

Street Addresses:

Department of Ecology
Attn: Appeals Processing Desk
300 Desmond Drive SE
Lacey, WA 98503

Mailing Addresses:

Department of Ecology
Attn: Appeals Processing Desk
PO Box 47608
Olympia, WA 98504-7608

E-Mail Address:

ecologyappeals@ecy.wa.gov

4. Contact Information

Please direct all questions about this Administrative Order to:

Jen Baptist
Department of Ecology
Northwest Region Office
15700 Dayton Ave North
Shoreline, WA. 98133

Phone: 564-565-0327

Email: jen.baptist@ecy.wa.gov

5. More Information

- **Pollution Control Hearings Board Website:**
<https://www.eluho.wa.gov>
- **Chapter 43.21B RCW – Environmental and Land Use Hearings Office – Pollution Control Hearings Board:**
<https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=43.21B>
- **Chapter 371-08 WAC – Practice and Procedure**
<https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=371-08>
- **Chapter 34.05 RCW – Administrative Procedure Act**
<https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=34.05>
- **Ecology’s Laws, Rules, & Rulemaking Website**
<https://ecology.wa.gov/Footer/rulemaking>

6. Signature



November 25, 2025

Jeff Killelea, Manager
Permit and Technical Services Section
Water Quality Program

Date



WHATCOM COUNTY

WASHINGTON

Planning & Development Services

5280 Northwest Drive

Bellingham, WA 98226

360-778-5900

Whatcom County Planning & Development Services Master Application

<u>For Administration Use</u>	Received:
Application Number(s):	

This application is intended for all Land Use, Natural Resources, or Building Applications.

Submit all required materials to ePermits@co.whatcom.wa.us

Previous Review (*Land Use Checklist, Pre-Application, Site Plan Review, Administrative Use, etc.*):

Property Owner Name _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____ Phone # _____

Email _____

Agent/Contact Name _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____ Phone # _____

Email _____

➤ [Agent Authorization](#) is required for an Agent acting on a property owner's behalf

Property Information

Site Address: _____

Parcel (Geo ID) Number: _____

Subdivision Name / Div./Block/Lot (*if known*): _____

Existing Improvements on site (*buildings/wells, septic, etc.*):

Parcel size: _____ in acres/sq. ft. (*If less than one acre please provide square footage*)

Gate Code etc. (*if needed for access*): _____

Contact required before staff access? (*gate, livestock, dogs, etc.*) Yes No

Narrative / Detailed Project Description (attach additional sheets if needed):

Preliminary Stormwater Information (additional information in our [Stormwater Guide](#))

Total Area of Involved Parcel(s)		sq. ft
Impervious Areas (areas not easily penetrated by water)	Existing:	sq. ft
	Total After Project:	sq. ft
	Est Net Change (+/-):	sq. ft
Stormwater Report or Plan already approved by Whatcom County? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (If yes, please include with application submittal)		

Water & Sanitary Services

Drinking Water	<input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Well	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Water	<input type="checkbox"/> Rain Water
	<input type="checkbox"/> Existing Well	<input type="checkbox"/> Surface Water	
Name of Public Water System (if applicable)			
On-Site Sewage System (OSS)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Proposed <input type="checkbox"/> Existing <input type="checkbox"/> None		
Sewer? If Yes, Name of Sewer Utility	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

Driveway Access and Utility Connection

Proposed work within the County Right-of-Way? If Yes, please describe (driveway connecting to road right-of-way, connection to utilities, culverts, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Disclaimer

I am the owner of the property described above or am authorized by the owner to sign and submit this application. I certify under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of Washington that the information on this application, all supplemental applications, and all information submitted herewith is true, complete, and correct.

Notwithstanding that this application has been submitted in the name of a company, I personally guarantee payment (or guarantee payment on behalf of the client I am representing, noted on the attached [Agent Authorization](#) Form) of the fees accrued according to the terms listed in the Whatcom County Unified Fee Schedule.

I acknowledge that by submitting an application to the County, I consent to entry upon the site by the County during business hours from the date of application to the date of final action by the County in order to verify information provided and work in accordance with any approved plans. [WCC 22.05.014\(3\)](#)

I understand that this form will be submitted electronically and typing my name on the line below will qualify as a signature for purposes of the above certification.

Agent or Owner Signature

Date

Agent or Owner Signature

Date



Agent Authorization

This form must be completed and notarized in order to provide authorization for a designated Agent to apply for permits and communicate with the Planning and Development Services Department on behalf of a property owner.

This page is not required for property owners submitting their own applications.

I, _____ (owner(s) of the subject property)
understand by completing this form, hereby authorize
_____ (agent name and company)
to act as Agent regarding a project on the following property:

Site Address: _____

Site Parcel / Geo ID Number: _____

I understand said agent will be authorized to submit applications on my behalf, but any fees associated with submitted applications are due to me and not to the said agent.

I also acknowledge that said Agent will be the responsible party to receive all correspondence regarding this project including, but not limited to, expiration notifications.

If, at any point during the permitting process, said Agent is no longer authorized on this project, it is my responsibility to update this information with Planning and Development Services in a timely manner.

I acknowledge that by submitting an application to the County, I consent to entry upon the site by the County during business hours from the date of application to the date of final action by the County in order to verify information provided and work in accordance with any approved plans.
[WCC 22.05.014\(3\)](#)

Property Owner Print Name	Signature	Date
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Property Owner Print Name	Signature	Date
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I certify that I know or have satisfactory evidence that _____
is/are the person(s) who appeared before me, and said person(s) acknowledged it to be his/her
free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes mentioned in this instrument.

Dated _____

Notary Public Signature

Residing at: _____

My appointment expires: ____/____/____



Conditional Use Permit Supplemental Application

<p><u>For Administration Use</u></p> <p>Application Number(s):</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Received:</p>
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➤ Pre-Application Meeting Required before Submittal of this application

Pre-Application Case Number: _____

Project Name: _____

Proposal Information

Please attach detailed Proposal Description including at a minimum:

- Hours of Operation
- Number of Employees
- Uses or Activities
- Public Access
- Safety and Security Measures
- Access and Parking
- Proposed Building Footprint
- Floor Area
- Proposed landscaping
- Proposed Noise Levels & Associated Mitigation

Proposed Use: _____

Cite Whatcom County Code Authorizing Proposed Use: _____

Proposed Building Footprint Area (sq. ft): _____

Trip Generation Information

For additional information please see our [Traffic and Concurrency Guide](#)

Traffic Generation Category	Existing	After Project	Net Change (+ or -)
Number of Employees			
Number of Customers per day			
Number of Mail Deliveries per day			
Number of Dwelling Units (Single-Family Residences, Apartments, ADUs)			

What percentage of traffic exiting the site do you estimate will travel:

North: _____ % South: _____ %

East: _____ % West: _____ %

What percentage of traffic entering the site will be large truck traffic? _____ %

Additional Information:

Fill, Excavation, and Clearing

Fill - The deposit of earth material by artificial means

Fill Calculations	Estimated Volume <i>length x width x depth (ft³)</i>	Total Cubic Yards <i>volume ft³ / 27</i>
Septic		
Driveway/Road/Parking		
Building Site		
Other - See Attachment		
Material Source (<i>specify location</i>):		Total CY:

Excavation - The mechanical removal of earth materials. Earth material is any rock, natural soil, fill, or any combination thereof

Excavation Calculations	Estimated Volume <i>length x width x depth (ft³)</i>	Total Cubic Yards <i>volume ft³ / 27</i>
Septic		
Driveway/Road/Parking		
Building Site		
Other - See Attachment		
Material Destination (<i>specify location</i>):		Total CY:

Clearing/Conversion - The destruction of vegetation by manual, mechanical, or chemical methods resulting in exposed soils

Clearing/Conversion (<i>in acres</i>)	
Area to be Cleared or Grubbed:	
Area of Tree Clearing:	
Timber Use (<i>in %</i>)	
Personal Use:	Burn:
Sell:	Give Away:
FPA Number <i>if applicable</i> :	

Conditional Use Compliance Criteria Questionnaire

Please provide responses to the following on a separate sheet to demonstrate this proposal complies with [WCC 22.05.026\(3\)](#):

1. Describe how this proposal complies with the goals and policies of the [Comprehensive Plan](#). Cite specific language.
2. Describe how the proposed development will be designed, constructed, operated, and maintained to be harmonious and appropriate in appearance, and to sustain the existing and intended character of the area.
3. If located in a rural area (*as designated in the Comprehensive Plan*), how will this proposal be consistent with rural land use policies as designated in the [Rural Lands element of the Comprehensive Plan](#)? Cite specific goals or policies.
4. Describe any activities related to this proposal that may be hazardous or disturbing to existing or future neighboring uses.
5. List all essential public facilities including, highways, streets, police and fire protection, drainage structures, refuse disposal, water and sewers and schools that are available to serve this development. Also, list any services which will need to be constructed or improved. How will the proposal be adequately serviced by:
 - a. Fire Protection
 - b. Health: OSS & Water
 - c. Transportation: Access and Traffic
 - d. Stormwater Facilities
 - e. Schools
 - f. Trash Service
6. Describe any public costs for facilities and services that will result from this proposal or potential detriment to the economic welfare of the community.
7. Describe any activities or operations that may impact neighboring properties, or the general welfare by reasons of excess traffic, noise, smoke, fumes, glare, dust, or odors. Describe proposed mitigation for these impacts.
8. Describe how the property will be accessed and any known traffic issues.
9. Describe any natural, scenic, or historic features of importance located on or near the subject site, e.g. Critical Areas, shorelines, archaeological finds, historically significant structures or features.

CUT AND FILL SUMMARY – CEDARVILLE LANDFILL

CUT: TOTAL CUT = 161 CY

STRIP EX CRUSHED ROCK (DUMPSTER STORAGE AREA) = 100 CY
STORM POND EXCAVATION = 61 CY

FILL: TOTAL FILL = 277 CY

TOPSOIL (DUMPSTER STORAGE AREA/POND BERMS) = 100 CY
NATIVE SOIL (POND BERMS) = 40 CY
2" – 4" CRUSHED SURFACING = 17 CY
DRAIN ROCK (UNDERDRAIN IN POND) = 51 CY
CRUSHED SURFACING (PAVEMENT AREAS) = 25 CY
AMENDED SOIL (STORM POND) = 44 CY

COMBINED CUT AND FILL VOLUME FOR PROJECT = 438 CY

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT SUBMITTAL CEDARVILLE LANDFILL DROP BOX FACILITY

Bennett Engineering, LLC (Bennett) has prepared this Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Application submittal for the proposed site improvements for the existing drop box facility operated at the Cedarville Landfill, located south and west of Cedarville Road in Whatcom County, Washington. Attachments to the submittal include:

- Master Application
- Conditional Use Supplemental Application
- Basic Site Plan – Level 3 Corrective Action Plan Set (Sheets C-1 through C-4)
- Final Stormwater Site Plan Report
- Pre-Application Meeting Findings (Appendix V, Stormwater Report)
- Copy of Existing Easement Agreement through the Cowden property
- Copy of Recorded Deed
- Detailed Written Narrative (see Project Description Below)
- Conditional Use Compliance Criteria Questionnaire Responses (See Below)

Other items that are typically provided with CUP Applications, but are not required for this submittal include:

- Scaled Floor Plan – no buildings are proposed.
- SEPA Checklist: The proposed fill and grade volumes for the project were reduced to below the 500 cubic yard SEPA threshold. As such, SEPA review is not required.
- Letters of Concurrency – Per the Pre-Application Meeting Findings, the project does not propose to add any additional traffic. Per WCC 20.78.030(5)a, developments that generate less than 10 afternoon peak hour trips are exempt from concurrency evaluation (Memorandum from Kyle Klum, PWES, dated June 20, 2025).
- Revocable Encroachment Permit – The WC Fire Marshal indicated that visible fire numbers or an address post will be required at Cedarville Road. A Revocable Encroachment Permit will be obtained prior to installing that work, if required.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The existing drop box facility is located adjacent to the closed Cedarville Landfill (Sheet C-1). The facility has been operated by Sanitary Service Company under a lease agreement since 1990, and it includes an existing scale, scale house, and separate drop boxes/containers for recycled materials, garbage, and used oil (Sheet C-2). Based on the aerial photos presented in the Pre-Application Meeting Findings, the previously grassy area north of the recycling area has been used by SSC to store empty dumpsters since at least 2008. Significant gravel surfacing was added without County permits in the dumpster storage area around 2022. In addition, the area north of the recycling area has been used on at least two occasions for temporary storage of used tires during tire recycling events conducted by WCHCS.

Access to the site is provided by an existing paved drive lane from Cedarville Road that runs through the Cowden Ready Mix facility and is controlled by locked entrance gate and chain-link fence. On-site vehicle turnaround areas and the dumpster storage area are surfaced with crushed rock. The active drop box facility drains to three outfalls to the regional drainage ditch that runs around the south and east sides of the facility. Stormwater quality is monitored on a quarterly

basis under an Industrial Stormwater General Permit (ISGP) at three sample points (SCB, SCI, and OF3) prior to discharge to the drainage ditch. In 2024, the turbidity results for the SCI and OF3 sample points consistently exceeded the benchmark value established in the ISGP, which triggered the requirement of Level 3 Corrective Actions to address the exceedances.

A Level 3 Corrective Action Plan Set (4 sheets) and Stormwater Site Plan Report were submitted along with a Land Disturbance Permit to Whatcom County in May 2025. The proposed site improvements at that time included paving 3,500 SF of the existing gravel drive lane and access ramp south of the scale house, and constructing a storm pond facility north of the recycling area. The County requested a Pre-Application Meeting to review proposed site work, which was conducted in June 2025. The stormwater report was revised per comments from Public Works and additional site documents were provided at the request of Planning regarding the historical use of the site as a drop box facility. The Pre-Application Meeting Findings were completed on July 3, 2025. Based on those findings, the proposed project was modified as follows:

- This Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Application was prepared for review of the proposed site improvements and future annual tire recycling events at the facility.
- The crushed rock surfacing that was placed in the dumpster storage area in 2022 will be removed, replaced with 8 inches of topsoil, and revegetated with grass to match original conditions.
- The proposed fill and grade volumes for the project were reduced to 438 cubic yards (see CUP Supplemental Application), which is below the SEPA threshold of 500 cubic yards. As such, SEPA review of the project is not required.
- In accordance with comments from the Fire Marshal, the pavement section of the access drive lane north of the gate will be widened, as necessary, to achieve a 20-foot minimum width (approximately 480 SF of new pavement), a lock box will be added at the entrance gate in coordination with the local Fire District #1, and visible fire numbers or address post will be added at the drive lane intersection with Cedarville Road.
- The Level 3 Correction Action Plan Set and stormwater report were revised to address changes to the new impervious surfacing for the project.

The proposed corrective actions were originally scheduled to be completed prior to September 30, 2025, in accordance with the ISGP. However, Whatcom County required that a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application be prepared and submitted as part of their review of the proposed site improvements and other unpermitted changes to the facility footprint and scope of operation since 1990. Ecology approved a one-year extension of the permit deadline to September 30, 2026 in Administrative Order #24318, dated November 25, 2025 (attached in Appendix VI of the stormwater report).

The WCHCS is proposing to continue sponsoring annual tire recycling events at the Site. The events are partially funded by Ecology and are conducted in coordination with the WCPWD that provides equipment for tire stockpiling and loading. The events are conducted during the dry season, with temporary (less than one month) on-site storage of the tires to allow for loading the used tires into truck trailers after the events. The events are currently free to the public, with a maximum of 15 tires per family. Due to the popularity of the events, WCHCS is considering a \$1/tire fee for future events to cover the transportation costs. WCHCS is in communication with Ecology regarding additional ISGP requirements regarding BMPs and site monitoring for the events.

CONDITIONAL USE COMPLIANCE CRITERIA

1. Describe how this proposal complies with the goals and policies of the Comprehensive Plan. Cite specific language.

Chapter 2 – Land Use

Policy 2DD-2.B.3: Protect the aesthetic assets of the rural areas and soften the impact of structures through landscape buffers.

Forested buffers have been established around the existing drop box facility, and soften the potential noise and visual impacts of the site operation to the rural residential properties to the south and west.

Policy 2DD-2.C.4: Protect surface and groundwater resources through stormwater management standards established in the Whatcom County Development Standards.

The proposed site improvements include paving of existing gravel drive lanes and the access ramp to the garbage dumpster slab, and construction of a stormwater pond to reduce the turbidity of stormwater runoff from the facility, which drains to a regional drainage channel and then to the Nooksack River floodplain.

Policy 2DD-8: Allow more intensive uses in limited areas of more intensive rural development which provide public and commercial services and employment opportunities.

The drop box facility provides convenient garbage disposal and recycling opportunities for rural east-County residents at the Cedarville Landfill that has been in-place since the 1980s.

Policy 2EE-8: Public services and public facilities necessary for rural commercial and industrial uses shall be provided in a manner that does not permit low-density sprawl. Uses may utilize urban services that previously have been made available to the site.

The facility utilizes an existing paved driveway from Cedarville Road that has been in-place for over 50 years. No expansion of public services or facilities is proposed, except for the proposed construction of a storm pond and paving improvements (3,980 SF) to widen the access road, internal drive lanes, and gravel ramp to the garbage dumpster slab.

Chapter 5 – Utilities

Goal 5U: Support waste prevention for both solid waste and hazardous waste as a primary focus prior to waste management.

The drop box facility and annual tire recycling events achieve effective solid waste source reduction and separation for a variety of solid and hazardous waste materials.

Goal 5V: The County's waste diversion goal is reach 50 percent source-separated recycling, with additional diversion potentially available through waste processing of non-source-separated recyclables.

The drop box facility diverts several non-source-separated recyclable materials, including waste motor oil, appliances, and used tires.

Goal 5W: Make safe, effective, economical, and environmentally sound techniques for solid and hazardous waste disposal available using existing and future technologies.

The existing drop box facility has provided a safe, effective, and economical solid and hazardous waste disposal option for County residents for over 35 years. The proposed site improvements are designed to improve surface water quality, primarily reduced turbidity, at two of the discharge points to the regional drainage ditch.

Chapter 10 – Environment

Goal 10G: Protect and enhance Whatcom County's surface and groundwater quality and quantity for current and future generations.

Goal 10H: Protect water resources and natural drainage systems by controlling the quality and quantity of stormwater runoff.

The purpose of the proposed site improvements is to reduce turbidity levels in the site runoff prior to discharge to the regional drainage ditch, which flows into the Nooksack River floodplain. Successful implementation of the project will allow WCHCS to achieve the state and federal turbidity benchmark level under the ISGP, as administered by Ecology.

- 2. Describe how the proposed development will be designed, constructed, operated, and maintained to be harmonious and appropriate in appearance, and to sustain the existing and intended character of the area.**

The existing drop box facility has been operated since 1990 and is fully fenced with a locked entrance gate. Well established forested buffers exist between the facility and the rural residential uses to the south and west. The proposed site improvements include widening and paving a portion of the access road and internal drive lanes, constructing a stormwater pond, and revegetating an area of former gravel surfacing.

- 3. If located in a rural area, how will this proposal be consistent with rural land policies as designated in the Rural Lands element of the Comprehensive Plan? Cite specific goals or policies.**

See Item 1.

- 4. Describe any activities related to this proposal that may be hazardous or disturbing to existing or future neighborhood uses.**

The proposed site improvements will not change the scope or scale of current activities at the facility, which commenced in 1990.

- 5. List all essential public facilities including, highways, streets, police and fire protection, drainage structures, refuse disposal, water and sewers, and schools that are available to serve this development. Also, list any services which will need to be constructed or improved. How will this proposal be adequately serviced by:**

A. Fire Service is provided by Whatcom County Fire District #1. To our knowledge, no fire responses have been required over the 35 years of operation of the facility. The proposed

site improvements affecting fire service to the Site include widening the paved access road, adding a lock box at the entrance gate, and installing visible fire numbers or address post at the drive lane intersection with Cedarville Road.

- B. Health: On-Site Sewer and Water – No water or sewer services are required or proposed for the facility.
- C. Transportation: Access and Traffic – The majority of users will access to and from the site via Mt. Baker Highway to the south (estimated 75%), with some traffic on Cedarville Road to the north (25%).
- D. Stormwater Facilities – The facility discharges stormwater to a regional drainage channel at three locations. The channel drains north to a 36-inch culvert that runs under the Cowden Read Mix facility, then discharges to a swale north of Cedarville Road that flows into the coarse floodplain gravels on the south side of the Nooksack River. The proposed project is intended to reduce turbidity in Site runoff prior to discharge to the drainage channel, and achieve the benchmark values of the ISGP.
- E. Schools – The proposed project has no impact to schools.
- F. Trash Service – The drop box facility provides convenient garbage disposal and recycling opportunities for rural east-County residents.

6. Describe any public costs for facilities and services that will result from this proposal or potential detriment to the economic welfare of the community.

The proposed site improvements will be paid for by Whatcom County. There is no anticipated detriment to the economic welfare of the community.

7. Describe any activities or operations that may impact neighboring properties, or the general welfare by reasons of excess traffic, noise, smoke, fumes, glare, dust, or odors. Describe proposed mitigation for these impacts.

The drop box facility operates during normal business hours on Saturdays only. Some noise will occur as garbage and recycling materials are placed in bins. The garbage bins are covered with solid covers to mitigate potential rain contact and odors. The drop box facility is buffered adjacent to the residential areas to the south and west. The Cowden Ready Mix plant abuts the facility to the north and east.

8. Describe how the property will be accessed and any know traffic issues.

Site access is provided via an existing paved driveway from Cedarville Road. The driveway passes through an easement on the Cowden Ready Mix facility. A portion of the paved driveway north of the existing gate will be widened to 20 feet to comply with Pre-Application comments from the Fire Marshal and WC Dwg 505.E-2 for ADT between 21 and 60.

9. Describe any natural, scenic, or historic features of importance located on or near the subject site, e.g. Critical Areas, shorelines, archeological finds, historically significant structures or features.

The Nooksack River is located north and east of Cedarville Road, approximately one-half mile from the drop box facility.



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AGENDA ITEM 7: *Recycling Reform Act Registration*

PRESENTER: *Jennifer Hayden - WCHCS*

BOARD ACTION: Action Item Discussion Information

SIGNIFICANT POINTS OR EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Recycling Reform Act requires "Service Providers" to register via Secure Access Washington before January 31, 2026.

COMMITTEE ROLE / ACTION REQUESTED

None

ATTACHMENT(S)

Recycling Reform Act Information Sheet



Recycling Reform Act Information Sheet

The Recycling Reform Act requires service providers to register with Ecology by January 31st, 2026. The service provider registration portal is now available on Ecology's website.

Organizations that manage residential packaging and paper products for the purposes of recycling, composting, or reuse and want to be reimbursed for their costs should register as a service provider. That may include the following types of organizations:

- Local governments, Tribes, and public agencies that provide residential recycling services directly, contract for recycling services, or arrange for recycling services.
- Private and non-profit residential recycling collection companies and recycling facilities.
- Organizations that provide reuse or refill infrastructure.
- Organizations that provide other services related to waste reduction, reuse, recycling, or composting of covered materials, or disposal of contamination or residuals.

According to the "service provider" definition, in addition to providing services directly, a "government entity that provides, contracts for, or otherwise arranges for another party to provide covered services for covered materials within its jurisdiction may be a service provider regardless of whether it provided, contracted for, or otherwise arranged for similar services before the approval of the applicable plan". A local government that uses a franchise hauler has "arranged" for services through a solid waste management plan or local ordinance and is therefore considered a service provider. RCW 70A.208.020(43)

Please reach out if you are unsure if your organization should register as a service provider:
RecyclingReform@ecy.wa.gov.

To assist with registration, Ecology staff will hold office hours to provide a loosely guided walkthrough of the registration process and answer any questions. We encourage participants to attempt the registration process prior to joining the meeting.

Thursday, January 29th
11:00 a.m. (Pacific Time)

https://waecy-wa.gov.zoom.us/joining/register/QaY6gaX7S_WzWkRalokTOQ?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery#/registration

For more information about this program, visit <https://Ecology.wa.gov/RecyclingReform>

Service Provider Registration Website: https://ecology.wa.gov/waste-toxics/reducing-recycling-waste/our-recycling-programs/recycling-reform-act/service-provider-registration?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery



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AGENDA ITEM 8: *Department of Ecology Update*

PRESENTER: *Steven Gimpel - Ecology*

BOARD ACTION: Action Item Discussion Information

SIGNIFICANT POINTS OR EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Steven Gimpel will provide an update from the Department of Ecology

COMMITTEE ROLE / ACTION REQUESTED

None

ATTACHMENT(S)

None

