

Alaska Solid Waste Workgroup Meeting - ATCEM November 2013

Attendees

Simone Seballo, Zender Environmental
Brian Barger, Native Village of Kivalina
Jolene John, Ruralcap
Bernard Murrin, Native Village of Hooper Bay
Steven Price, Yukon River Inter-Tribal Watershed Council
Lynn Zender, Zender Environmental
Jerry Sam, Tanana Chiefs Conference
Trisha Bower, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Solid Waste Program (ADEC SWP)
Sandra Woods, ADEC SWP
Rebecca Colvin, ADEC SWP
Neil Leonard, ADEC SWP
Kitrina Persson, ADEC SWP
Ava Marie Graber, Copper River Native Association
Anahma Shannon, Kawerak
Brian Hammond, Kawerak
Peter Tyson, St. Mary's Tribal Council Member
Desiree Orrison, Rampart Village Council
Anna Ftika, Marshall Traditional Council
Olga Soolook, Marshall Traditional Council
Ted Jacobson, Ruralcap
April Reed, Zender Environmental
Mary Fisher, Alaskans for Litter Prevention and Recycling (ALPAR)
Father Nick, Lower Kalskag
Octavia, Wales IGAP
Lola Hannon, Koyuk IGAP

Round Robin with everyone in the room to share what services they provide, grants available, resources available related to solid waste.

- **Simone Seballo (Zender)** – We are a non-profit organization. Funded for solid waste technical assistance and training program – we can provide free technical assistance statewide. We provide around 4 solid waste trainings per year: water quality, ISWMP, and SSWM. December solid waste training. Coming up is a ISWMP/SSWM training in December, a water quality training in May. An ISWMP and SSWM in Aug/Sept 2014. Through our technical assistance program we can help in a broad way – from grantwriting, to helping with igap, researching how to recycle or backhaul, help with solid waste plans, and beyond. Other solid waste programs we're involved include our CEDP program with ANTHC where we manage environmental demonstration grants (those will be coming out very soon). And we have an environmental job training program which April will talk about further.
- **Brian Barger – Native Village of Kivalina.** Collect light bulbs, batteries, pop cans. No e-waste since we don't have a connex. Mostly just the small stuff.
- **Jolene John (Rural CAP)-** from Tooksook Bay. Focus on energy and environmental projects. Senior Corps to recruit elder volunteers with a smaller stipend (it's an

opportunity for elders to connect with youth. Not necessarily a job. Very small stipend. Doesn't need to be 40 hours a week. Can be as little as 15 hours), BIRCH working in behavioral health, AmeriCorps RAVEN positions around environmental issues, then VISTA focused on energy efficiency, home renovation, and financial education. You do get a stipend of \$1200 a month. Also get \$5500 education award if you complete a full year of service. Some colleges will double that amount since you were a volunteer. Currently recruiting 20 new members. Charlie Ess coordinates. We have a booth. We want to encourage young people and adults to be AmeriCorps volunteers. Rural cap also has senior employee Ted Jacobson. He and Eric can assist villages on solid waste management grant funding. Very specific to 43 villages. Grant proposal due Nov 22. Up to 80,000 per site. Agency support would be great with these projects. Funded 7 communities this past year.

- **Bernard Murran (IGAP Native Village of Hooper Bay)** – been with IGAP 6 years. Have issues with current site that is unpermitted due to location. Honeybuckets and hazardous materials are going in the dump. We have a backhaul program and we need more funding for this. It takes a few months to fill one connex with e-waste. Leftover IGAP funds go to pay for half of freight for recycling. YRITWC pays the other half of freight. Applied for mini grant to study new landfill site. It has been studied and it can be permitted. It's about a mile away. We have to cross the lowland. It is ready. Our native village corporation signed documents to get a new site recently. ALPAR helps ship out 7 tons of pop cans. Also apply for mini grant from Rural Cap for \$40,000 to get 7 trash bins and an ATV. Seven is not enough for 1200 people. We need to apply for more grants. Vendor (Tok welding) is working with us to improve the trash bins.
- **Steven Price (Yukon River Inter-Tribal Watershed Council)** – I am solid waste department manager. My job is to help Tribes get rid of hazardous waste, batteries, and light bulbs. We work with University of Washington to provide trainers for hazardous waste technician training. Training is two 1-week classes. It will be in Feb and March. First week is HAZWOPER then second week is DOT regulations and transport information. They are free. Eligible to all Tribes but we have preference to Tribes in Yukon River watershed. We have some travel scholarship funding. Will be in Fairbanks.
- **Lynn Zender** – RACEJT (job training program) provides funding for unemployed people to be trained and work on environmental issues. We are working with UAF Bristol Bay campus to try to get an occupational endorsement. This should help the statewide effort towards training. For example, RALO or HAZWOPER trainings could count as a UAF class and people could qualify for financial aid and tuition.
- **Jerry Sam (TCC)** – environmental technician. 30 communities to manage solid and hazardous waste. Working on improving landfill conditions. Trash can get overwhelming. Taking action is not an easy step for some communities but you can make good changes. I'm seen good changes in 10 years. Host 3 day spring training. Funded from USDA on an annual basis. I have a good knowledge of rural Alaska and we try to make things as useful as possible for rural solutions to solid waste issues. The relationship with tech assistance and the state is definitely improving.
- **Trisha Bower (DEC)** – Work with interior and northern Alaska. Permitting and technical assistance. Last spring we changed regulations. We have simplified permit application forms. They are PDF'd on our website.

- **Sandra Woods (DEC)** – tech assistance southwest Alaska and NW arctic borough. We are regulators but we want to help.
- **Rebecca Colvin (DEC)** – special projects person not assigned to regions. Also general point of contact for the region. For example for big construction projects, etc.
- **Neil Leonard (DEC)** – class I and II landfills. Still getting familiar with smaller landfills.
- **Ava Marie Graber (Copper River Native Association)**- brand new Tribal response program coordinator
- **Anahma Shannon (Kawerak)** - environmental coordinator in Nome
- **Kitrina Persson (DEC)** – Bristol Bay area generally.
- **Brian Hammond (Kawerak director of community planning and development)** – this is my introduction to ATCEM
- **Peter Tyson from St. Mary’s Tribal council member**
- **Reilly Kosinski (Total Reclaim)** – we recycle lights, batteries, electronics, and computers. We did 77 junk vehicles and 900 tires in southeast. We try to be a jack of all trades.
- **Desiree Orrison (Environmental Coordinator for Rampart)**
- **Anna Fitka with Marshall Traditional Council**
- **Olga Soolook with Marshall Traditional Council**
- **Ted Jacobson (Rural CAP)** – been doing this since 2006. Help desk for solid and hazardous waste statewide. Current president of SWANA Alaska chapter which developed the RALO training. We saw a need for training for rural communities so we put it all together to produce the RALO training. 3 day class – landfill tour and SWM training. We keep updating and adjusting as we get new feedback. We are looking to see if we can get RALO to be a one credit college course.
- **April Reed (Zender)** – RACEJT manager. We are funded by EPA and ADOL and other additional funders. 4 week program covering RALO, HAZWOPER, Freon removal to help people get jobs in their rural communities. This is our 3rd year. 2 weeks on in Anchorage, two weeks off, and then two weeks off. We assist people for up to 12 or 18 months in getting a job.
- **Mary Fisher (ALPAR)** – out program is cans and #1 PETE bottles. Airlines supply free shipping. IGAP normally runs the collection and sends us the recycling. Northern Air Cargo works with us so those are the communities we work with. Unfortunately, not southeast. We do youth litter patrol grants for kids to pick up litter and we provide big yellow bags. Those are available for flooding cleans as well and we have the big marine debris clean up bags as well. We have recycling mini grants \$500 to \$1000 but not for bins. We provide money for scales, or to help build big wooden recycling bins. Depends on what you need. Just call me. We make it really simple to get the money. Cans be crushed or whole, it doesn’t matter. Trying to convince people to do that individually. It saves space. Marine debris bags are about twice the size as the yellow bags, generally for collecting plastic and Styrofoam. Some airlines like double bagging.
- **Father Nick** – work part time environmental assistant as **Lower Kalskag**. Work with ALPAR and I’m still learning. Just started last year. The older I get the more I think about our environment especially with my children and grandchildren.

- **Octavia (Wales IGAP assistant)** – crush cans and clean bottles. Take tabs out to separate bin because the tabs will get you money. Boyfriend’s mom knows where. Where do these tabs go? You get money back.
- **Lola Hannon form Koyuk IGAP**
- **Ted** – Jolene mentioned \$80,000 ceiling for the ruralcap grants. But it can be a smaller amount if you want. This is coastal cleanup funding. This funding will be gone by October 2016. There will be another RFP in 2015 and that’s it. Application is on rural cap solid waste website. Eric Milliken can be emailed to get a word version of the proposal. It’s YK delta area.
- Are CEDP grants out yet? RFP will be coming out soon. They are mini grants. See <http://www.zendergroup.org/cedp.html>