

AK Solid Waste Workgroup Meeting 11/7/11 ATCEM

Entity Attendees:

Simone Sebalo, Zender Environmental
Lina Taneva, Zender Environmental
Charlie Ess, Ruralcap
Ellen Kazary, Ruralcap
Santina Gay, EPA
Desirae Roehl, ANTHC
Doug Huntman, DEC
Mary Fisher, ALPAR
Misty Hull, USDA
Ted Jacobson, EPA
Larry Zirkle, Total Reclaim
Steve Street, AVCP
Jerry Sam, TCC

Simone Sebalo, Zender Environmental

Thanks for attending this workgroup meeting. We're glad this is up and running again and we hope to be able to continue these meetings at the big conferences such as ATCEM. We're going to do a round robin with all the entities in the room to share what they're doing with solid waste and give any updates about their program. I'll go ahead and start off.. Currently we have 2 different USDA rural development grants – TAT and SWM - and we are able to provide free technical assistance related to solid waste to rural communities through these grants. The assistance we can provide is fairly broad ranging and it includes grant writing and assisting with submitting USDA water/water grants. We develop a quarterly sw newsletter through our tat grant. And through our SWM grant, we are holding 2 ISWMP trainings and 1 sustainable sw training in 2012 (all in Anchorage). Our first iswmp training in 2012 is January 13-15. Contact us to sign up for the trainings. Also if you're looking for tech assistance, contact us. We are also working with ANTHC on the community enviro demo grant project funded through EPA, RFP coming out soon (Desirae who is here from anthc can talk more about this grant). We have a recently funded Brownfields job training program where we are training folks (one track in solid waste) and assisting with job placement (see our table and presentation this week for more information). And we also have an EJ program where we will be holding solid waste summits, gathering sw issues and putting together a report and SW toolbox. See our presentation here this week for more information. The first summit for this program will be at the BIA Providers conference in nov/dec 2011.

Charlie Ess, Ellen Kazary, Rural CAP

Recruiting season for Raven/Birch americorps program, deadline next week, solid waste work, partner with IGAP- we'll be available to talk and recruit, need 20 folks; will be giving a presentation. Raven locally recruited from villages, if you need other positions filled, support; we have a health and wellness program called BIRCH can have more than one position in your community; \$1200/mo and stipend at end for student loans or school, good professional development. See www.ruralcap.com for information.

Santina Gay, EPA Tribal Office

Acting deputy director AK operations office; questions on GAP grants; will be having IGAP training Dec 13-15, draft agenda and flyer here if interested; at Hilton;

Desirae Roehl, ANTHC Healthy Village Enviro Program

Provide grants that will be announced soon through AKTMM (CEDP grants), innovative projects related to SW, AQ, CC, very broad – up to \$30k grants - talk to me or Simone throughout week with questions; also we provide 7 generations training; will have more in 2012; it's a community comprehensive community-based planning tool where communities plan for all enviro concerns in a community, trying to create a plan for the community so funding agencies know what you're doing and your community knows and we talk about SWM in the training too; lots of people tried to sign up for this week but we filled it really quickly; but we'll have more trainings in 2012; another program called the LEO program, brand new=Local Enviro Observer Program; will be recruiting LEOs throughout state to help track cc related or SW changes; For more info see table or call.

Doug Huntman, DEC SW program

Responsible for permitting rural landfills and do landfill inspections and tech assistance, and help assist with landfill related training; we are kind of like helpdesk, work with Ted at EPA tribal liaison, available for questions and even if I don't know, I know someone who knows

Mary Fisher, ALPAR

Run flying cans recycling program, we're kicking off flying plastic bottles #1; only communities who do cans can participate for now, bottles are a little harder bc you have to work with your community so that we can only do #1 PET bottles (soda and water bottles not #1 anything else); Important that the right ones are recycled. Shipping them thru nac and other airlines. 80% of beverages are in cans and 20% in plastics volume of #1 plastics is not as high as alum cans but it's still sig. if you want to participate and do cans just call me or email me and I have to give you okay before you send; we provide free bags for cans and bottles go to alparalaska.com and will have all forms and how to ship on there; also we also have small recycling grants for equipment upgrades or anything that can help you with your recycling program, outreach, printing, upgrades. call me for more info.

Misty Hull, USDA RD

We have grants and loans available for construction of landfills and and water and waste, can also do equipment if tied to a construction project; have flyers. See <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/Home.html>

Ted Jacobson, EPA sw tribal liaison

Help desk for all villages in AK, garbage issues we work closely with state, do outreach, used to do a lot more villages but budget is smaller now; but can still do some travel, my info is all around and you can google me too;

Larry Zirkle, Total Reclaim and Reilly

Since 2005, CFC training, outreach, battery, e-waste recycling, outreach on how to package we are available, we used to do a lot of pro bono but it's getting tougher and tougher with

economy, in 2012 we'll start accepting non-ferrous metals, we want to work with barges and carriers and want to take metals out and return money, work with Seattle, we want to get hubs, working with Zender and YRITWC, still in infancy stages but more news as we go

Steve Street, AVCP Bethel

This year we're starting to coordinate some backhaul in middle lower Kusk area villages near Bethel have a little funding to do that, doing a presentation here at atcem about it, very early stages working with some communities who have already made progress on lead acid batteries and e-waste, matter of getting them to hub bc can get out at no cost; right now don't have a lot of money to pay but helping with staging and getting it out and trying to at least reduce costs for villages. Contact me if on the Kuskokwim river to get more info about our program

Jerry Sam, TCC

Working with affiliate tribes, usda grant, on how to improve SWM, going out and doing assessments, working with school district bc largest generator of waste but also educators we are working with kids on educating how waste generated; cover 32 communities, looking to hire a technician based out of Fairbanks. TCC does travel out to communities- looking for what they can do to improve swm.

Steve Clein (sp?) Superintendent at Chevak

brought some students working on a coalition working with traditional council doing a presentation, would like to connect across state with programs like flying cans; the school is kind of like a hub, Chevak waste project facebook page, doing sustainability storytelling and drumming, Check it out and keep them in mind for SW projects

Questions:

Larry to Steve Clein: school district a big waste generator, how do we get school district involved? E-waste, lights, batteries, CFCs...we haven't had much success

Steve: need to work closer together and have better communication; would love to have a compactor and shredder even an incinerator; everything comes in in cardboard other paper packaging, we'd love to make them into logs and give or sell; talk to superintendents and create a coalition of interested persons; we have the students that need to stop generating and learn how to do this stuff from the ground up, get in touch with me and I'll create that coalition, our students are serious about what they're doing, we were on channel 11 Kashunumut school district we have a webpage

Ted to Steve Street: will you be working with City too? Trying...Ted bc there is the closed recycling center that has all the equipment, anything we can do to help? Hoping to figure some of that out today at pres; Mary you guys need an employee; Raven corps?? Use the school and technical education?

Mary to Steve Clein: say you got a grant and got a baler, could you realistically have students operating that? Yes, as long as the CTE teacher is there and this is a program operating through school; yes, we can

Santina: open solicitation period on IGAP, \$125K, can also apply for a special project; AVCP is doing special project for the backhaul project; for that baler and employee could qualify, due Dec 20, we support students coming in for conferences and travel; they're flexible grant programs, doing a lot of sw work and really trying to connect the students;

Larry: this is really exciting, first time we have a superintendent, we can commit to both Steves' programs if we can create 2 hubs this way; could make it a demo and a way to mirror all over native country;

Ted to Ellen: can americorps members operate equipment? Yes, someone could operate a recycling facility but we're doing all local recruitment over 18

Larry: we're not charging for a lot of the electronics any more; with metal pricing we have to work with the carriers; excited bc there is an opportunity to take this to market and offset cost for recycling; people are taking lead acid batteries in Seattle for free bc they're getting 10bucks a battery;

Ques; what are the requirements for backhaul? For snow machine there is a lot of plastic and other stuff in body how do you backhaul for scrap metal;

Larry: everything has value we just have to find the right recycler for you; we're starting an education process to learn how to do that and separate things, value in everything; you never want to do the wire stripping, etc yourself, not safe;

Ques: Billy Maines-about separation and having someone do it, would love to in a small village but in Dillingham; we are a large generator, working with school district but not feasible to do a lot of that stuff for a large community, we've been stockpiling; we are a hub but we can't be the garbage dump for the area bc we have to deal with all that trash; 40k lbs of web in 3 years; as a large community we can't use a lot of these resources, like flying cans;

Ted: in Ketchikan, we'd allow people on fixed income, SS, could come to landfill and could supplement income by salvaging; the city got around by buying a permit to do that for \$25 and sign a waiver; could make a good living; city wasn't getting anything for it but it wasn't going into the landfill; also provided containers around community where people could drop off different recyclables and we'd pick up; baled al cans paid for shipment of almost all other stuff