

EXCERPT FROM:

**SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON
COUNTY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 14, 2006**

283 4:00 p.m. - The Council convened as the Solid Waste Disposal District Board to meet with the Solid Waste
284 Advisory Committee (SWAC) regarding recommendations for San Juan Island. Present: Jon Shannon, Public
285 Works Director, on behalf of Matt Zybas, Utility Manager; Mike Kaill, Chair of SWAC; Ed Hale, Solid Waste
286 Manager; and interested citizens. Mr. Shannon explained that although the Council had heard the initial report on
287 October 24, 2006, more specific direction was necessary. On that date, the Council had stated that they looked
288 forward to Phase II of the process; and, that once the final report was received, they would consider the report and
289 schedule a public hearing at which a final decision would be made. Mr. Shannon referred to the original report
290 dated October 18, 2006 from Matt Zybas, which listed the items for specific consideration on the first page. Chair
291 Lichter asked Mr. Kaill for his comments on behalf of SWAC. Mr. Kaill explained that the County is dealing with a
292 facility that requires definition and the funding levels for the sites must be known. There were seven topics
293 recommended for required services. The process used is like the SEPA approach – “no action is an action.” He
294 then reiterated that the majority of SWAC and the public that attended the nine months of meetings did not want
295 mandatory curbside service. Many wanted waste not to be hauled to Oregon and to keep as much on the island
296 for reuse and recycle as possible. The Council then discussed all seven items on the list in depth. Questions
297 concerning the cost of each item, feasibility, location, and the ability of the County to actually fund them were
298 posed and answered by staff. Mr. Rose offered that the decision of the Council is to afford staff the ability to
299 prepare for the level of service the Council desires. As the “plan” is made, it is done for all levels on the list and
300 that will determine the size and cost of the facility. He emphasized that there can be phasing and the Council
301 could stop at any given level of service, leaving it to future Council members to consider modifications. He
302 recommended that the Council support the SWAC recommendation while striving to reach all levels, support the
303 budgetary requirements with a goal to provide the level of service of those items recommended by staff, and to be
304 “serious enough” to build a stateofthe art facility. The Council discussed the proposal further and then took the
305 following action:

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307 Moved by Ranker, seconded by Lichter, to direct Public Works to work with the Solid Waste Committee to
308 move forward with the formal SEPA discussion for siting of a solid waste facility on San Juan Island to
309 strive to include the seven items as listed on the Staff Report dated October 16, 2006, *[Date Corrected]* which
are:

[view report at: <http://www.sanjuanco.com/transferstation/docs/transfersitedocs/SWACReportOct162006.pdf>].

310 (1) Municipal solid waste transfer; (2) Collection, transfer and storage of recyclable materials; (3) Self-hauling
311 of both solid waste and recyclable materials; (4) Household hazardous waste collection and storage; (5)
312 Waste exchange; (6) Construction, demolition and land clearing debris recycling; and (7) Green waste
313 recycling. Under discussion, Councilman Myhr again thanked SWAC for their work but restated that he had
314 requested itemized costs associated with these items before and had not received them. Mr. Kaill was allowed to
315 make a statement: “Everyone involved in the process has asked for figures.” He explained that because of the
316 many facets of determining all of the issues involved with any new site, remodeling or rebuilding the existing site,
317 costs cannot be determined until all information has been decided and formal approval given to go forward. The
318 consultants had explained that some costs could be estimated for the existing site but not the cost of regarding at
319 that location until the final site was identified. There were no other comments under discussion and the question
320 was then called. Motion carried.