

**SUMMARY MINUTES**  
**SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Technical Review Subcommittee**

CAPITAL AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
6800 Burleson Road, Building 310, Suite 165  
Austin, TX 78744

**May 6, 2010**  
**10:00 AM**

Jack Ranney, *LCRA*, **Chair**  
Gerry Acuna, *City of Austin*  
Pete Correa, *Williamson County*  
Steve Jacobs, *Private Industry Rep.*  
Lee Kuhn, *Private Industry Rep.*  
Richard McHale, *City of Austin*  
Jon White, *Travis County*  
Ralph Wueller, *Private Industry Rep.*

CAPCOG Staff:

Kelly Freeman, Solid Waste Program Coordinator  
Ashley Fisher, Regional Environmental Coordinator  
Mark Sweeney, Regional Services Director

Guests:

Jon Deckard, Southwaste Services  
Brian Dudley, Cook-Joyce, Inc.  
Paul Gosselink, Lloyd-Gosselink  
Jennifer Hoffman, Cook-Joyce, Inc.

**1. Welcome and Introductory Remarks** **10:00 am**

Jack Ranney welcomed attendees; all attendees introduced themselves.

**2. Consider Southwaste Disposal Application** **10:15 am**

Applicant representatives answered questions from the SWAC technical review subcommittee. Southwaste Disposal has made an application to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a Type V permit for a liquid waste processing facility to serve Austin and the surrounding areas. The TCEQ is currently reviewing the application. Southwaste Disposal has also applied for a City of Austin development permit which is under review and will apply for a City of Austin wastewater discharge permit. The proposed liquid waste processing facility will be located on Linger Lane near 183 and the Colorado River, near the closed Govalle Wastewater treatment plant in an industrial area in the City of Austin. The previous use of the property was as a gravel pit and vehicle storage yard. All processing of liquid waste at the facility will be done inside of a building to be equipped with air scrubbing equipment. Other site improvements will include paving and erosion control. The facility will separate solids and oils

from the water component of the waste. The solids and oils, as appropriate, will be sent to a composting facility, a biogas facility or a landfill. The liquids will be discharged to the City of Austin wastewater treatment system. Southwaste Disposal states that this facility will improve commerce in the area by providing a conveniently located processing facility and will help to deter illegal dumping of liquid waste. Neighboring landowners within ¼ mile have been notified of the intent to build the facility, as required, and no comments have been received by either TCEQ or the applicant. The site is separated from residential properties by either the Colorado River or Highway 183.

SWAC Subcommittee members asked several questions regarding odor control, facility size, waste acceptance plan, waste types accepted and compliance history. The applicant and representatives responded as follows.

Odor control will be a top priority and will be accomplished through air scrubber technology and enclosed operations, as no unloading of waste will be done outside of the facility building. Any truck washouts will also be conducted indoors and the facility is equipped with drains and berms to accommodate washout activities as necessary.

The facility is designed with two unloading lanes that will accommodate dual truck traffic.

The waste acceptance plan indicates that drivers will be asked to indicate what materials they are hauling into the facility for processing to ensure that unacceptable wastes are not offloaded into the facility. Facility staff may also visually inspect the waste. If any unacceptable waste is identified, drivers will be told that they may not offload their waste at the facility.

Waste types accepted include sludge, food waste mixed with water, vegetable oils mixed with water and grit and grease trap waste. Grit and grease trap waste will be handled separately from the other wastes.

The compliance history for other facilities owned by Southwaste Disposal included some instances of nuisance odor. It was explained by the applicant and applicant representative that these facilities had at the time of violation less sophisticated odor control methods, that issues have been addressed, and that similar issues should not be expected at the proposed facility.

The SWAC Subcommittee voted to recommend to the full SWAC that the application be found to be in compliance with the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan.

**3. Consider River City Rolloffs Application 11:00 am**

Jon White, Travis County, provided an update on the status of the River City Rolloffs development permit and other outstanding issues. All outstanding issues have been resolved and the development permit has been issued. The SWAC Subcommittee voted to recommend to the full SWAC that the application be found to be in compliance with the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan.

**4. Adjourn 11:30 am**