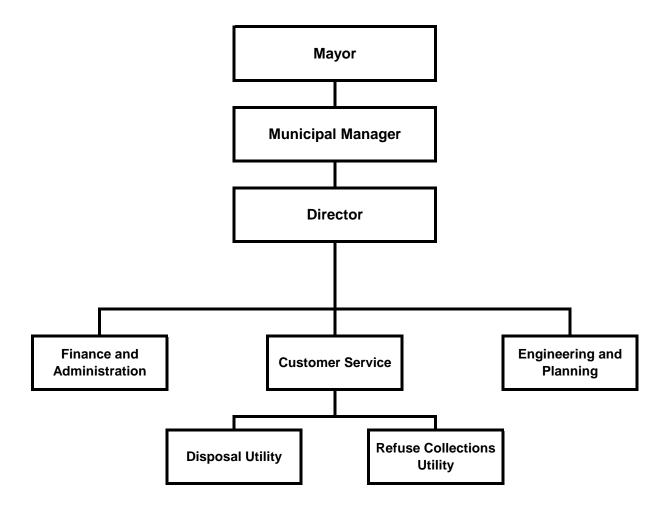
Solid Waste Services



Solid Waste Services - Disposal 8 Year Summary

(\$ in thousands)

Financial Overview	2012 Actuals	2013 Proforma	2014	2015	2016	2017 Forecast	2018	2019
Financial Overview Revenues	22,467	23,516	22,664	22,777	22,891	23,006	23,121	23,236
Expenses	18,894	17,460	20,386	20,999	21,629	22,277	22,946	23,634
Net Income (Loss)	3,573	6,056	2,278	1,779	1,263	728	175	(398)
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Workforce Authorized per Budget FT*	48(116)	55(117)	55(117)	55(117)	55/(117)	55/(117)	55/(117)	55/(117)
* Total number of Utility FT and (all SW: Admin (21), Refuse (28)	S Employees). In 2013, 4	Vehicle Main	tenance Empl	oyees shifted	into Disposal	. SWS total in	cludes SWS
Capital Improvement Program	2,727	10,180	9,273	8,477	7,057	8,551	7,122	8,594
Bond Sales/ New Debt	-	-	-	3,957	10,574	16,657	15,740	15,740
Net Plant (12/31)	52,410	59,897	66,115	71,186	74,346	78,096	80,061	84,137
Utility Revenue Distribution	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net Assets (12/31)	47,025	46,085	45,163	44,260	43,374	42,507	41,657	40,824
General/Construction Cash Pool	(7,818)	(5,567)	(6,901)	(7,147)	(6,883)	(6,611)	(6,331)	(4,880)
Future Landfill Closure Liability	23,724	25,491	27,231	29,023	30,869	32,770	34,728	34,728
Landfill Closure Cash Reserve**	6,625	11,777	11,777	13,066	14,912	16,813	18,771	19,933
**In 2008, a restricted account to fund la	andfill closure	e & post-closu	ure was appro	ved by the MC	OA Assembly.	August 31, 2	2013 balance	is \$9.3 million
Bond Redemption Cash	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Cash	9,281	8,147	8,553	8,810	9,074	9,346	9,626	9,915
IGC's - General Government	3,515	2,521	1,943	2,001	2,061	2,123	2,187	2,252
MUSA - 1.25%	211	244	257	258	260	262	264	266
MUSA - Regular	699	803	908	915	922	968	993	1,043
Total Outstanding Debt	16,745	15,027	15,027	13,308	15,547	20,467	25,369	23,291
Total Annual Debt Service	1,958	1,967	1,942	2,125	2,278	2,396	2,710	2,764
Debt Coverage	4.56	5.43	4.11	3.92	3.70	3.47	3.20	2.92
Debt/Equity Ratio	1.80	1.84	1.76	1.51	1.71	2.19	2.64	2.35
Rate Percentage Change (CTS /ARL) Tipping Fee Rate per Ton (ARL /	Φ.Γ.Ο./Φ.Ο.Ο.	\$50/\$00	Φ . ΓΟ (ΦΟΟ	#F0/#00	φτο (φ οο	φ <u>το</u> (φοο	φ <u>το</u> (φοο	Φ . ΓΟ/ΦΟΟ
CTS)	\$58/\$68	\$58/\$68	\$58/\$68	\$58/\$68	\$58/\$68	\$58/\$68	\$58/\$68	\$58/\$69
Pickup Rate per Load	\$16	\$16	\$16	\$16	\$16	\$16	\$16	\$16
Car Rate per Load	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6
Statistical/Performance Trends								
Tons Disposed	331,413	301,171	326,442	326,442	326,442	326,442	326,442	326,442
Vehicle Count	256,479	239,273	264,173	264,173	264,173	264,173	264,173	264,173

Solid Waste Services - Disposal 2014 Statement of Revenues and Expenses

	2012 Actuals	2013 Proforma	2013 Revised	2014 Proposed	14 v 13 % Change
Operating Revenue					
Landfill Disposal Fees	19,827,281	19,338,631	19,962,509	19,962,509	0.0%
Hazardous Waste Fees	259,485	233,507	257,675	257,675	0.0%
Area Wide Reycling Surcharges	690,339	478,099	446,174	446,174	0.0%
Landfill Methane Gas Sales	204,000	1,121,682	1,351,118	1,351,118	100.0%
Recycle Rebate	(424,620)	(100,000)	(125,000)	(125,000)	0.0%
Reimbursed Costs	214,876	225,000	300,000	300,000	0.0%
Unsecured Loads	17,150	16,391	17,851	17,851	0.0%
Other	161,168	87,671	79,150	79,150	0.0%
Total Operating Revenue	20,949,679	21,400,981	22,289,477	22,289,477	0.0%
Non Operating Revenue					
Interest from cash pool	511,591	284,964	300,000	300,000	0.0%
Misc. non-operating Revenue	1,800,000	1,967,996	-	-	0.0%
Unrealized Gains/Losses	(793,919)	(137,855)	25,000	25,000	0.0%
Other Property Sales	-		50,000	50,000	0.0%
Total Non Operating Revenue	1,517,672	2,115,105	375,000	375,000	0.0%
Total Revenue	22,467,351	23,516,086	22,664,477	22,664,477	0.0%
Operating Expenses					
Labor					
Labor and Benefits	4,629,982	5,103,895	5,461,126	5,650,006	3.5%
Overtime	518,281	793,933	499,213	499,213	0.0%
Total Labor	5,148,263	5,897,828	5,960,339	6,149,219	3.2%
Non Labor					
Non Labor	3,715,413	3,672,180	5,149,661	5,405,261	5.0%
Travel	-	6,162	11,808	5,000	-57.7%
Landfill Closure Costs	1,574,818	1,582,468	1,689,225	1,689,225	0.0%
Debt Service	237,671	233,634	233,671	233,671	0.0%
Depreciation and Amoritization	3,776,701	3,213,888	4,053,302	4,053,302	0.0%
Transfers (Musa and Gross receipts)	926,367	907,866	908,057	908,057	0.0%
Total Non Labor	10,230,970	9,616,198	12,045,724	12,294,516	2.1%
Total Direct Cost	15,379,233	15,514,026	18,006,063	18,443,735	2.4%
Charges from other departments	3,514,891	1,946,942	1,946,942	1,943,197	-0.2%
Total Operating Expense	18,894,124	17,460,968	19,953,005	20,386,932	2.2%
Non Operating Expense					
Total Non Operating Expense	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Total Expenses (Function Cost)	18,894,124	17,460,968	19,953,005	20,386,932	2.2%
Net Income	3,573,227	6,055,118	2,711,472	2,277,545	-16.0%
Appropriation	-,,	-,,	,,	, ,	
Total Expenses				20,386,932	
Less: Non Cash items				20,300,332	
Depreciation and Amortization				4,053,302	
Total Non Cash			_	4,053,302	
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Solid Waste Services - Disposal Reconciliation from 2013 Revised Budget to 2014 Proposed Budget

		Positions		
	Appropriation	FT	PT	Т
2013 Revised Budget	14,782,849	55	6	6
Transfers (to)/from Other Agencies				
- Charges to/from others	(577,216)	-	-	-
- Landfill Closure Liability	1,689,225	-	-	-
Changes in Existing Programs/Funding for 2014				
- Salary and benefits adjustments	188,880	-	-	-
- Repair and Maintenance-VMT Maintenance contracts	345,450	-	-	-
- Utilities	40,000	-	-	-
- Contracted Services Other- asbestos testing, gas monitoring device testing	21,500	-	-	-
2014 Continuation Level	16,490,688	55	6	6
2014 Proposed Budget Changes				
- Misc. Non Labor Savings	(216,000)	-	-	-
- Travel Reduction	(6,808)	-	-	-
- Supplies	65,750	-	-	-
	16,333,630	55	6	6

Solid Waste Services - Disposal 2014 - 2019 Capital Improvement Program

(in thousands)

Project Category		2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Equipment		1,938	4,952	4,192	1,739	3,927	2,989	19,737
ARL Improvements		6,985	3,220	2,640	6,707	3,170	5,500	28,222
CTS Improvements		325	280	200	80	-	80	965
Office Equipment		25	25	25	25	25	25	150
	Total	9.273	8.477	7.057	8.551	7.122	8.594	49.074

Funding Source		2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Clean Water Loan		6,835	4,185	2,800	6,537	2,000	3,614	25,971
Commercial Loan		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Equity/Operations		2,438	4,292	4,257	2,014	5,122	4,980	23,103
	Total	9,273	8,477	7,057	8,551	7,122	8,594	49,074

Solid Waste Services - Disposal 2014 Capital Improvement Budget

(in thousands)

			State/Fed	Equity/	
Project Title		Debt	Grant	Operations	Total
Tractors		-	-	653	653
Trailers		-	-	449	449
Cover Trucks		-	-	663	663
Misc Trucks		-	-	20	20
Pickup Trucks		-	-	102	102
Light Plant		-	-	51	51
ARL DESIGN CONTRACT		-	-	100	100
ARL Gas system expansion contingency		-	-	50	50
Cell 12 Lining		-	-	4,185	4,185
Cell 8B Lining		-	-	2,500	2,500
Leachate pipeline JBER		-	-	150	150
CTS Ramp Heating System		-	-	200	200
CTS Recycling Ed Center		-	-	100	100
CTS Haz Waste Expansion		-	-	25	25
PC Replacement		-	-	25	25
	Total	-		9,273	9,273

Solid Waste Services - Disposal Statement of Cash Sources and Uses

	2012	2013	2014
Cash Flows From Operating Activities	Actual	Proforma	Budget
Receipts from Customers	21,412,994	21,400,981	22,289,477
Payments to Employees	(8,009,966)	(9,475,230)	(8,092,416)
Payments to Vendors	(4,121,253)	(5,104,222)	(6,650,584)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	9,281,775	6,821,529	7,546,477
Cash Flows From Non Capital and Related Financing Activities			
Intergovernmental Revenue			
Transfers to Other Funds	(926,367)	(907,866)	(908,057)
Transfers from Other Funds	-	-	-
Net Cash Used by Non-Capital and Related Financing Activities	(926,367)	(907,866)	(908,057)
Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities			
Proceeds from Grants	2,000,000	-	-
Proceeds from Clean Water Loans	-	-	-
Proceeds from Commercial Loans	-	-	-
Principal Payments on Long-Term Obligations	(1,718,267)	(1,718,267)	(1,718,267)
Interest Payments on Long-Term Obligations	(239,878)	(248,984)	(233,671)
Acquisition and Construction of Capital Assets	(2,727,298)	(10,180,480)	(9,293,000)
Landfill Post Closure Cash Reserve	(1,779,601)	(1,653,240)	(1,689,225)
Gain on Asset Impairment	-	-	-
Proceeds from Disposition of Capital Assets	416,000	-	50,000
Net Cash Used by Capital and Related Financing Activities	(4,049,044)	(13,800,971)	(12,884,163)
Cash Flows From Investing Activities			
Proceeds from Sale of Investments	-	-	-
Investment Income (Loss)	633,438	300,000	300,000
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Investing Activities	633,438	300,000	300,000
Net Increase in Cash	4,939,802	(7,587,308)	(5,945,743)
Cash, Beginning of Year	20,309,758	25,249,560	17,662,252
Cash, End of Year Reserved Landfill Closure Account, End of Year	25,249,560 8,166,784	17,662,252 9,820,024	11,716,509 11,509,249
Components of Cash			
Components of Cash Cash and Cash Equivalents	45 000 040	47 004 750	11 710 000
Cash and Cash Equivalents Capital Acquisition and Construction Accounts	15,896,948	17,661,752	11,716,009
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	9,352,612 25,249,560	500 17,662,252	500 11,716,509
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Teal	23,249,300	17,002,232	11,710,309
Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided By Opera Operating Activities	ating Activities		
Operating Income (Loss)	2,965,215	3,279,930	2,810,602
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash	2,000,2.0	0,270,000	2,0.0,002
Provided by Operating Activities:			
Depreciation	3,776,699	3,213,888	4,053,302
Special Item – NPO/OPEB Write-Off	-	-	,,,,,,,,
Amortization of Landfill Closure Costs	1,574,818	1,653,240	1,689,225
Changes in Assets and Liabilities Which Increase (Decrease) Cash:	,- ,	,,	,,
Accounts Receivable	463,315	-	-
Prepaid Items and Deposits	(162)	-	-
Accounts Payable	346,622	-	-
Compensated Absences Payable	17,722	-	-
Accrued Payroll Liabilities Payable	137,546	-	-
	-	-	
Net Pension and Other Postemployment Benefits Obligation		8,147,058	8,553,129
Net Pension and Other Postemployment Benefits Obligation Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	9,281,775	0,147,030	0,000,120
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Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	9,281,775 896,791	-	-

Solid Waste Services - Refuse Collection 8 Year Summary

(\$ in thousands)

Financial Overview	2012 Actuals	2013 Proforma	2014 Budget	2015	2016	2017 Forecast	2018	2019
				44.704	44.040		44.050	40.040
Revenues	8,951	8,976	11,722	11,781	11,840	11,899	11,958	12,018
Expenses	8,646	8,828	9,384	9,666	9,955	10,254	10,562	10,879
Net Income (Loss)	305	148	2,338	2,115	1,884	1,645	1,396	1,139
Workforce Authorized per Budget FT* * Total number of Utility FT and (all SW includes SWS Admin (21), Disposal (6)		23(116)). In 2013, 5	28 (117) Vehicle Main	28 (117) tenance Emplo	28 (117) byees shifted	28 (117) into Refuse C	28 (117) Collection. SW	28 (117) 'S total
Capital Improvement Program	1,206	1,703	997	1,619	1,512	1,650	997	1,201
Bond Sales	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net Plant (12/31)	4,575	3,950	4,645	4,634	5,139	5,425	5,810	5,530
Utility Revenue Distribution	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net Assets (12/31)	10,685	10,833	11,288	11,304	10,909	10,190	9,229	8,146
General/Construction Cash Pool	5,752	5,870	5,136	4,495	3,612	2,439	1,385	1,275
IGC's - General Government	1,123	1,335	1,742	1,794	1,848	1,904	1,961	2,019
MUSA - 1.25%	1,123	1,333	1,742	1,794	1,040	1,904	1,901	2,019
MUSA - Regular	- 55	59	70	70	- 77	81	87	82
Total Outstanding Debt	-	39	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Annual Debt Service		_	_		_	_	_	_
Debt Service Coverage	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Debt/Equity Ratio	0/100	0/100	0/100	0/100	0/100	0/100	0/100	0/100
Rate Change Percentage			16.69%					
Residential Rate per month**		!		0 pay as you thr	ow variable res	sidential rates		
Commercial Rate (3Yd-1 per wk)	\$85.70	\$85.70	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
**Phasing in automated collection: cha rates ranging from \$14.10 - \$36.50 per	nging from flat	t rates to var	iable pay-as-y	ou-throw rates	eliminates th	e \$18.25 flat	•	· ·
Statistical/Performance Trends								
Waste Collected (Tons)	36,566	37,000	37,500	37,500	37,500	37,500	37,500	37,500
Average Residential Services	12,120	12,120	12,120	12,120	12,120	12,120	12,120	12,120
Average Dumpsters Services	4,063	4,063	4,063	4,063	4,063	4,063	4,063	4,063

Solid Waste Services - Refuse Collection 2014 Statement of Revenues and Expenses

	2012 Actuals	2013 Proforma	2013 Revised	2014 Proposed	14 v 13 % Change
Operating revenue					
Commercial	5,014,513	5,386,012	5,605,386	7,855,386	40.1%
Residential	3,192,751	3,220,706	3,277,253	3,277,253	0.0%
Dumpster Container Rental	461,224	459,420	460,436	460,436	0.0%
Other Collection Revenues	119,062	97,414	123,000	88,000	-28.5%
Total Operating Revenue	8,787,550	8,847,432	9,466,075	11,681,075	23.4%
Non Operating Revenue					
Interest from cash pool	134,905	71,878	5,000	5,000	0.0%
Misc. non-operating Revenue	28,373	500	500	35,500	78.0%
Total Non Operating Revenue	163,278	128,348	5,500	40,500	636.4%
Total Revenue	8,950,828	8,975,780	9,471,575	11,721,575	23.8%
Operating Expenses					
Labor					
Labor and Benefits	2,035,945	2,672,422	2,727,422	2,809,387	3.0%
Overtime	103,609	85,102	116,320	116,320	0.0%
Total Labor	2,139,554	2,757,524	2,843,742	2,925,707	2.9%
Non Labor					
Non Labor	3,149,161	3,238,196	3,564,019	3,694,317	3.7%
Transfers (Musa and Gross receipts)	54,882	71,211	71,456	71,456	0.0%
Depreciation and Amoritization	775,924	893,714	949,166	949,166	0.0%
Total Non Labor	3,979,967	3,970,863	4,584,641	4,714,939	2.8%
Total Direct Cost	6,119,521	6,510,289	7,428,383	7,640,646	2.9%
Charges from other departments	2,526,812	1,702,402	1,680,135	1,742,951	3.7%
Total Operating Expense	8,646,333	8,828,153	9,108,518	9,383,597	3.0%
Non Operating Expense					
Total Non Operating Expense	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Total Expenses (Function Cost)	8,646,333	8,828,153	9,108,518	9,383,597	3.0%
Net Income	304,495	147,627	363,057	2,337,978	544.0%
Appropriation					
Total Expenses				9,383,597	
Less: Non Cash items					
Depreciation and Amortization			_	949,166	
Total Non-Cash			_	949,166	
Amount to be Appropriated (Cash Expenses)			_	8,434,431	

Solid Waste Services - Refuse Collection Reconciliation from 2013 Revised Budget to 2014 Proposed Budget

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		Appropriation	FT	PT	T
2013 Revised Budget		8,159,352	28	-	1
Transfers (to)/from Other Agencies					
- Transfers to/from others		62,816	-	-	-
Changes in Existing Programs/Funding for 2014					
- Salary and benefits adjustments		81,965	-	-	-
2014 Contin	uation Level	8,304,133	28	-	1
2014 Proposed Budget Changes					
- Misc. Non Labor Savings		(88,000)	-	-	-
- Petro, Oil and Lube		26,850	-	-	-
- Gasoline Issues		27,443	-	-	-
- Diesel		164,005	-	-	-
2014 Propo	 osed Budget	8,434,431	28	-	1

Solid Waste Services - Refuse Collection 2014 - 2019 Capital Improvement Program

(in thousands)

Project Category		2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Vehicle Replacement		612	1,234	1,127	1,265	612	816	5,666
Containers		350	350	350	350	350	350	2,100
Office Equipment		5	5	5	5	5	5	30
Data Processing		30	30	30	30	30	30	180
-	Total	997	1,619	1,512	1,650	997	1,201	7,976

Funding Source		2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Equity/Operations		997	1,619	1,512	1,650	997	1,201	7,976
	Total	997	1,619	1,512	1,650	997	1,201	7,976

Solid Waste Services - Refuse Collection 2014 Capital Improvement Budget (in thousands)

			State/Fed	Equity/	
Project Title		Debt	Grant	Operations	Total
Frontloaders		-	-	612	612
Lids		-	-	75	75
Dumpsters		-	-	275	275
Replace Office Equipment		-	-	5	5
Replace Data Processing Equipment		-	-	30	30
	Total	-	-	997	997

Solid Waste Services - Refuse Collection Statement of Cash Sources and Uses

	2012 Actual	2013 Proforma	2014 Budget
Cash Flows From Operating Activities	notaai	Troionna	Buagot
Receipts from Customers	8,803,321	8,847,432	11,681,075
Payments to Employees	(2,114,818)	(2,757,524)	(4,668,658)
Payments to Vendors	(5,744,439)	(5,105,704)	(5,437,268)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	944,064	984,204	1,575,149
Cash Flows From Non Capital and Related Financing Activities			
Intergovernmental Revenue			
Transfers to Other Funds	(54,882)	(71,511)	(71,456)
Transfers from Other Funds	-	-	-
Net Cash Used by Non-Capital and Related Financing Activities	(54,882)	(71,511)	(71,456)
Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities			
Acquisition and Construction of Capital Assets	(1,898,598)	(929,800)	(997,000)
Proceeds from Disposition of Capital Assets	-	500	500
Principal Payments on Long-Term Obligations	-	-	-
Interest Payments on Long-Term Obligations	-	-	-
Net Cash Used by Capital and Related Financing Activities	(1,898,598)	(929,300)	(996,500)
Cash Flows From Investing Activities			
Investment Income			
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	177,149	-	-
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash	(832,267)	(16,607)	507,193
Cash, Beginning of Year	6,584,210	5,751,943	5,735,336
Cash, End of Year	5,751,943	5,735,336	6,242,529
Components of Cash			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	5,070,763	5,735,336	6,242,529
Capital Acquisition and Construction Accounts	681,180		
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	5,751,943	5,735,336	6,242,529
Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided By Operating	ating Activities		
Operating Income	100,057	90,490	2,368,934
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income to Net Cash			
Provided by Operating Activities:			
Depreciation	775,925	893,714	949,166
Changes in Assets and Liabilities Which Increase (Decrease) Cash:			
Accounts Receivable	15,771	-	-
Prepaid Items and Deposits	(66)	-	-
Accounts Payable	27,641	_	_
Deferred Revenue	16,546	-	_
Compensated Absences Payable	8,190	-	-
Accrued Payroll Liabilities Payable	-	-	-
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	944,064	984,204	3,318,100

Solid Waste Services Workforce Projections

Division	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Refuse Collection	23	28	28	28	28	28	28	28
Disposal	48	55	55	55	55	55	55	55
Administration	21	18	18	18	18	18	18	18
Vehicle Maintenance	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total full time	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101
Part time/Seasonal	15	16	16	16	16	16	16	16
Total Positions	116	117	117	117	117	117	117	117
Total FTE	116	117	117	117	117	117	117	117

In 2013, 9 FT Vehicle Maintenance Employees shifted into Refuse Collections (5) and the Disposal Utility (4).

One FT Administration position shifted into 2 PT positions, and 1 Disposal Utility Recycling Coordinator in 2014 went from PT to FT.

Two Administration Engineering Technicians shifted to the Disposal Utility.

About Solid Waste Services

Solid Waste Services (SWS) is composed of two separate utilities. The Refuse Collections Utility provides refuse collection service to residential and commercial customers in the "City of Anchorage" Service Area. The Solid Waste Disposal Utility operates multiple transfer stations and the regional landfill providing affordable and environmentally responsible municipal solid waste disposal services for the entire Municipality. SWS is divided into three organizations. The organizations include Refuse Collections and Solid Waste Disposal, which are separate operating utilities, and Administration, which is a support organization that fully charges out expenses to both Refuse Collections and Disposal Utilities.

Refuse Collection Utility

History

Refuse Collections Utility was originally a function of the former City of Anchorage Public Works Department. When the City and Borough merged in 1975, Refuse Collections became an enterprise activity of the Municipality.

Service

Refuse Collections Utility provides garbage collection to the service area of the former City of Anchorage, which is approximately 20% of the population of the Municipality of Anchorage. Since at least 1952 there has been mandatory service for all occupants of the Refuse Collections Utility service area. The Refuse Collections Utility has three types of services: commercial dumpsters, automated roll cart service, and can and bag service.

Refuse Collections Utility services over 5,000 dumpsters per week with six daily dumpster routes, and two Saturday routes to serve its commercial and multi-family residential customers.

Most residential customers are serviced using automated vehicles and roll carts. Curbside recycling included in the service. A small number of residential and commercial customers remain can and bag customers. While the Refuse Collections Utility planned to switch the remaining can and bag customers to automated operations in 2012, the roll cart delivery was delayed until winter; therefore, the last 2,000 can and bag customers will be phased into automated operations in 2013.

Regulation

The Refuse Collections Utility is regulated by the Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA). The utility is granted the exclusive right to collect solid waste within its defined service area by a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. The Alaska Public Utilities Commission (predecessor to the RCA) relinquished economic regulation authority to the Anchorage Municipal Assembly.

As a part of Solid Waste Services, the Refuse Collections Utility has a seven member advisory commission. The members are appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the assembly. The commission meets monthly and, when necessary, holds special meetings. The advisory commission advises and makes recommendations to the administration and assembly on matters pertaining to the operating budget, capital budget, rules, regulations, and administrative guidelines for the Utility.

Environmental Mandates

Although there is no specific state or federal regulations governing refuse collection, the Utility must comply with a number of federal and state mandated regulations. These regulations include, but are not limited to, the Federal Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act and OSHA. These regulations have and will continue to impact the economics and operations of the Refuse Collections Utility.

Physical Plant

The Refuse Collection Utility's assets include:

Industry Specific truck fleet

- 10 commercial refuse collection vehicles
- 9 residential refuse and recycling vehicles (automated)
- 1 rear load vehicle for MOA paper collection and recycling
- 6 support vehicles

By the end of 2012 with the implementation of automated operations, the Utility will have purchased over 24,000 roll carts of various sizes for the use by residential customers for trash and for curbside recycling.

Refuse Collections maintains a 27,000 square foot building that contains vehicle maintenance and warm storage space and administrative offices.

Future Planning Efforts

In 2013, Refuse Collection will complete the switch from can and bag operations to automated collection services for all Solid Waste Services residential and small commercial customers.

Solid Waste Disposal Utility

History

Municipal solid waste disposal was originally a function of the City Public Works Department, which operated the city landfill at Merrill Field. Under unification, the Municipality acquired responsibility for five waste disposal sites from Peters Creek to Girdwood. The Solid Waste Disposal Utility was formed to operate and maintain these sites, while managing solid waste disposal matters throughout the Municipality. The five sites were closed and waste disposal was consolidated to a single site near Eagle River. The Anchorage Regional Landfill (ARL), an award winning, "state-of-the-art", fully lined, modern landfill, was started in 1987 and is the only operating landfill in MOA.

Service

The Solid Waste Disposal Utility serves the entire MOA. The services include the disposal of solid waste and collection of household hazardous waste. Municipal solid waste is received at three transfer stations located within MOA. The waste is then transported by the Utility to ARL for final disposal.

The ARL has a total land area of approximately 275 acres and is being developed in phases called cells. Currently 9 of 12 cells have been constructed, with the last cell completed in 2010. ARL is projected to have a total capacity in excess of 42.3 million cubic yards. It is estimated that ARL will reach full capacity in the year 2043. In 2011, 308,647 tons were deposited in ARL, 9,244 tons less than in 2010, a 3% decline from 2010.

Solid Waste Disposal Utility also operates three transfer stations located at Girdwood, midtown Anchorage (Central Transfer Station, CTS), and ARL. The transfer stations allow the Solid Waste Disposal Utility to reduce traffic flow to the landfill and to restrict access to the working face of the landfill. CTS receives the largest amount of solid waste, having received over 222,330 tons in 2011 from over 164,600 customers. This facility has an operating capacity of 1,600 tons per day. The 2011 quantity was 134 tons less than 2010. The Solid Waste Disposal Utility operates a fleet of 17 transfer tractor and trailers that transport the solid waste from CTS. The trailers have a capacity of 120 yards each.

Solid Waste Disposal Utility operates a 6,000 square foot hazardous waste collection facility built in 1989. In 1992, the facility was the only Hazardous Waste facility in North America to receive Solid Waste Association of North America's "System Excellence" award. Through 2011, the facility has collected over 22 million pounds of hazardous waste that otherwise may have been improperly disposed of at the landfill, the storm drain system or people's backyards.

Household hazardous waste can be dropped off at CTS or the Hazardous Waste Facility located at ARL. The hazardous waste is then handled by a contractor that sorts and processes the waste in proper containers. Hazardous products are shipped out of state to federally approved hazardous waste disposal sites. Other materials are rendered inert and landfilled, processed locally or recycled. In March 2000, a new reuse program was successfully implemented. Anchorage residents bring household items such as paints, cleaners, and solvents to Reuse Centers at CTS or at ARL. The items are then stocked for other Anchorage residents to take home for reuse on household projects. In 2011, over 1,800 people took advantage of the program and as a result over 14,500 items were reused.

Regulation

The Solid Waste Disposal Utility is not economically regulated by any non-municipal agencies. However, the Utility operates under numerous permits and many EPA regulations. ARL is operated under a Solid Waste operating permit issued by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC). This permit must be renewed every five years. ARL construction and certain operations must comply with the EPA Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) subtitle D. The facility is also regulated under a Title V air emissions operating permit issued by ADEC. The Disposal Utility operates under two permits from AWWU for industrial water discharge, one for disposal of leachate from ARL and one for discharge of leachate contaminated groundwater at Merrill Field. ARL has permits from the US Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game for bird management.

The Solid Waste Disposal Utility, as a part of Solid Waste Services, also has a seven member advisory commission. The members are appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the assembly. The commission normally meets monthly and when necessary holds special meetings. The advisory commission advises and makes recommendations to the administration and assembly on matters pertaining to the operating budget, capital budget, rules, regulations, and administrative guidelines for the Utility.

Environmental Mandates

The Solid Waste Disposal Utility must operate under and comply with numerous environmental mandates. These mandates have a significant economic impact on the cost of operations and construction for the Utility. The main environmental mandates that have a significant impact on the Disposal Utility are RCRA subtitle D, the Clean Air Act, New Source Performance Standards (NSPS), the Clean Water Act, SARA Title 3 (Super Fund), NESAP (asbestos), and NPDES (storm water discharge). In 2010, EPA added greenhouse gas monitoring and reporting

requirements that affect both active and closed landfill sites. It is projected that the environmental mandates regarding operating and constructing a landfill will become even more stringent in the future.

Physical Plant

The Disposal Utility's assets include:

Anchorage Regional Landfill

- 275 acres, estimated to last through the year 2043
- 42.3 million cubic yard capacity
- Phased construction of cells lasting four to five years each
- Nine of the twelve landfill cells are constructed
- Located on municipal land
- Scale house and a 22,000 square foot shop with an adjoining storage facility
- Heavy equipment fleet: dozers, loaders, dump trucks, boom truck, water truck, leachate trucks, tankers, lube trucks, grader and solid waste compactor
- Two leachate storage, treatment lagoons with a 2.9 million gallon capacity
- Gas collection facility with 700 square foot blower and flare station with a 2,000 cubic feet per minute capacity enclosed flare
- Gas processing facility under construction by Doyon Utilities will be completed by the end of 2012. The facility will process gas to fuel quality and will transport it by pipeline to Doyon Utility's power generation system to produce electricity on adjacent military lands

Three transfer stations provide intermediate disposal, easy access for public

- Cash Booths at Girdwood, Central, and the ARL public site
- One Scale house at CTS
- 21 transfer tractor and trailers haul from stations to landfill

Hazardous waste management

- 6,000 square foot collection facility for household hazardous waste
- Opened in 1989, operated by private contractor
- Received the "System Excellence Award" in North America from Solid Waste Association of North America

Future Planning Efforts

Future projects include:

- In 2011, completed development study for the next five landfill cells. Development of remaining cells will occur by 2020 with an estimated cost of \$38 million.
- Landfill methane gas to electricity project with Doyon Utilities was approved in 2011.
 Construction will be completed in 2012, with commercial operation expected to begin in 2013. The Disposal Utility will sell methane gas to Doyon under a twenty year agreement. Doyon will generate electricity to sell to JBER military customers.

Solid Waste Services Organizational Overview

Solid Waste Services, comprised of the Refuse Collection Utility and Solid Waste Disposal Utility, is defined as a municipal utility by Anchorage Municipal Code [AMC 26.10.015]. The Utilities are self-funded and self supporting by revenues derived from operations; primarily customer fees for services. No tax dollars are used by Solid Waste Services (SWS) operations. By Code and Municipal Charter, each utility is required to operate in accordance with general business standards common to the solid waste industry [Charter Article 16.01] and to provide a reasonable profit in accordance with industry standards [AMC 26.10.060].

To support Refuse Collection and the Disposal Utilities, SWS is comprised of three operating divisions: Engineering, Customer Service, and Administration. Each SWS supervisor reports to the Director.

Director

The Director is responsible for the overall management of SWS. The Director oversees operational decisions, with the Solid Waste and Recycling Advisory Commission providing an overview of strategies, operating plans and budgets, along with offering input on solid waste issues, ordinances and policies.

Refuse Collection Utility

Refuse Collection Utility provides both residential and commercial service to the "City of Anchorage" service area.

Commercial refuse collection is performed with a fleet of six commercial frontload refuse collections vehicles with a single operator on six routes serviced Monday through Friday and two routes on Saturdays. Refuse Collection services over 5,000 dumpsters weekly, with a route average of 635 dumpsters weekly and 127 dumpsters daily. All commercial refuse collected and unloaded at the Central Transfer Station.

Commercial dumpster service is supported by a container repair technician who is responsible for the transportation of commercial refuse containers between sites while operating a medium-duty flatbed truck and forklift, as well as the repair, cleaning, and inventory of dumpsters.

Residential service is changing, with all customers shifting into automated operations in 2013. Residential refuse and curbside recycling collection is performed with a fleet of five automated sideload vehicles with a single operator on five routes serviced Monday through Friday. Three automated residential trash routes service over 10,000 customers weekly, with a daily route average of 726 services. Recycling curbside is performed by two routes that service over 9,500 customers weekly, with an average of 700 daily. The remaining 2,000 can and bag customers receive traditional can/bag service collected manually, and are scheduled for conversion to automated service in the 2013. All residential refuse is collected and unloaded at the Central Transfer Station. Residential recycling is transported and unloaded at the Anchorage Recycling Center. Refuse Collections pays a recycling tipping fee.

Residential automated service is supported by a container inventory technician who is responsible for the transportation of trash and recycling roll carts between customer locations by a medium-duty cargo van, as well as the repair, cleaning, and inventory of roll carts.

Mixed paper and cardboard recycling collection for municipal offices began in 2005, and is provided on a weekly, bi-weekly, and monthly basis to more than 50 locations using 64-gallon roll-carts. Recycling service is provided using a semi-automated vehicle with a single operator. The average weight of mixed paper and cardboard collected annually is 112 tons. Mixed paper and cardboard is transported and unloaded at the Anchorage Recycling Center with no tipping fees and at no cost to MOA general government. The donation to general government is being evaluated.

All refuse and recycling collection activities are currently performed by the following positions:

General Foreman – Responsible for a total program of refuse collections.

Working Foreman – Coordinates daily activities associated with refuse collections.

Commercial Equipment Operators – Operates commercial frontload vehicles to service dumpsters for collection of commercial waste.

Residential Equipment Operators – Operates automated sideload vehicles to service roll carts for collection of residential waste.

Swampers – Assists with collection of commercial and residential waste.

Container Repair Technician – Responsible for transportation, repair, cleaning, and inventory of commercial dumpsters.

Container Inventory Technician – Responsible for transportation, repair, cleaning, and inventory of residential trash and recycling roll carts.

Refuse collection fleet consists of ten 40 cubic yard commercial frontload vehicles, nine 27 cubic yard automated sideload vehicles, one 25 cubic yard rear loader, six light-duty support vehicles, and one forklift. When Refuse Collection eliminates can and bag service in 2013, the residential manual 20 cubic yard vehicles and a 40 cubic yard frontloader will be sold.

Located within a warm storage facility at the central transfer station, Refuse Collection vehicle maintenance employees repair and maintain the refuse collection fleet.

Refuse Collection employees are members of the Teamster's union and Vehicle Maintenance employees are with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. All operators are required to participate in a pre-route safety-operations briefing, and daily DOT required pre-shift and post-shift vehicle inspections.

Disposal Utility

The main function of the Disposal Utility is to dispose of household and commercial refuse generated in the Municipality. The refuse is brought to three locations: Girdwood Transfer Station, Central Transfer Station and the Anchorage Regional Landfill. The Disposal Utility has an extensive fleet of specialized equipment for the disposal of refuse that is maintained, operated and supported by highly skilled and trained individuals located at the landfill.

The Girdwood Transfer Station (GTS) receives over 10,000 household garbage loads totaling 800 tons of refuse annually. GTS has a paved area where garbage is discarded into an enclosure containing a 120 cubic yard trailer for transfer to the Central Transfer Station. GTS accepts used oil and batteries from customers. The items are picked up by Household Hazardous Waste contractors for proper disposal, recycling or for reuse.

The Central Transfer Station (CTS) is located between the old and new Seward Highways on 56th Avenue. The CTS transfers on average 50 loads totaling 1,000 tons per day. The refuse is transferred to the landfill by SWS tractors pulling 120 cubic yard open top trailers, referred to as

transfer trucks. First, commercial and residential refuse is dumped on the tipping floor. Next, the transfer trucks pull into one of two loading pits and the refuse is pushed into the trailers by front end loader operators on the tipping floor. The refuse is then packed down in the trailers by a knuckle boom crane operator located above each loading pit. Finally, the loaded trailers are then driven to Anchorage Regional Landfill. CTS accepts residential used oil, batteries and appliances that are picked up by contractors for proper disposal, recycling or for reuse.

The Disposal Utility has a Household Hazardous Waste facility operated by a private contractor at CTS. Customers can drop off small quantities (less than 220 pounds per month) of unregulated hazardous waste not allowed in the landfill; some of the items are made available for reuse by the public at a Paint and Materials Exchange building located near the entrance on East 54th Avenue.

The Anchorage Regional Landfill (ARL), located near the intersection of the Glenn Highway and Hiland Road, is a 275 acre, award-winning, subtitle D landfill that disposes of 1,400 tons of refuse daily. Currently, nine cells are constructed, with a total of 12 cells to be developed. Every day the refuse is compacted, and then, by regulation, it must be covered using bulldozers. The cover material comes from the excavation of future cells. Each landfill cell is lined and contains a leachate collection system. Leachate is transported in pipelines to collection lagoons for pre-treatment. The leachate is aerated to increase the oxygen levels. On average, three specially designed leachate tankers transport and dispose of 50,000 gallons a day.

ARL employees are responsible for the daily disposal of refuse, the excavation and hauling of daily cover material, the installation and maintenance of landfill gas recovery wells and lines, the hauling leachate, the building and maintaining roads, snow removal, dust control and equipment repair.

Created in 2008, the Disposal Utility is responsible for a municipality-wide recycling program which has seen success in the last four years, as recycling has increased and trash disposed in the landfill has gone down; thus extending the life of the landfill. Funded from a recycling surcharge, the program promotes recycling and the recycling industry. The most visible feature is the semi-annual 'Anchorage to Zero Waste Guide'. Two part-time recycling coordinators answer public inquiries, and, in coordination with private and non-profit partners, prepare educational media campaigns and events related to recycling.

The surcharge has funded the development of an expanded paved public recycling drop-off site at the landfill that accepts aluminum cans, paper, plastic and cardboard. The materials are taken to the Anchorage Recycling Center.

The program also provides support to public space recycling and to the Anchorage School District which collects mixed paper from all ASD facilities. Recycling is further supported through a grant for Christmas tree recycling, and a grant to offset the Port of Anchorage wharfage fees that the Anchorage Recycling Center pays to ship recyclables out of state. A large, but less visible effort is economic and business development grants. The funds are used for developing local recycling businesses reusing materials in-state, such as glass, tires, construction and demolition debris and organics.

Located within a warm storage facility located at ARL, vehicle maintenance employees repair and maintain heavy equipment and Disposal vehicles.

The main Household Hazardous Waste facility is located at ARL. It is operated by a private contractor that serves the residential and small business customers.

Engineering and Planning

Engineering and Planning consists of one engineer / manager and two engineering technicians. The group has these main functions:

- Planning, design and construction of new facilities;
- Major facility upgrades and repairs;
- Technical landfill operations:
- Landfill gas collection system operation
- Regulatory compliance

The division is responsible for planning, design and management of construction on landfill expansion cells, gas collection system piping, and landfill closure projects. Over the next ten years, the Engineering will manage over \$38 million in planned landfill cell construction. The division relies on contracted engineering services for major design and construction projects. As the landfill development progresses, engineering efforts will turn toward more closure and reclamation projects such as capping, re-vegetation and storm water management. The current closure cost includes \$36 million (2005 dollars) of closure construction work that will be conducted over a period of 20 years.

As facilities age, the Engineering and Planning division is responsible for planning, design and procurement of services for major repair and maintenance activities. These activities include periodic reconstruction of the Central Transfer Station tipping floor, paving of roads and work areas at the landfill, and rehabilitation of landfill gas and leachate wells and piping systems.

The Engineering and Planning division provides technical support to the Solid Waste Disposal landfill operations staff to improve landfill operations and maximize landfill airspace utilization. In 2011 and 2012, the division helped re-engineer outer landfill slopes, recovering landfill volume equivalent of nearly one year of waste disposal. The engineering staff monitors waste compaction and daily cover quantities. The division provides support for planning fill operations, developing access roads, and efficiently mining cover materials from the site. In 2011, in addition to processing approximately 300,000 tons of solid waste, the landfill crew mined in excess of 450,000 tons of gravel for current and future cover operations.

Operation of the landfill gas collection system will change from a compliance activity to a commercial production activity after startup of the Landfill Gas to Energy contract with Doyon Utilities in late 2012. Operation will include daily checks on key operating parameters, as well as routine maintenance of well heads and monitoring equipment. The system will require biweekly checking and rebalancing of the 58 current gas collection points to optimize the efficiency of the gas collection system while maximizing the gas output delivered to Doyon Utilities.

The Engineering and planning division is responsible for compliance with environmental regulations at the Anchorage Regional Landfill, as well as three closed landfill sites. All sites have groundwater monitoring and reporting requirements, as well as solid waste permit compliance requirements relating to operation or post-closure monitoring. The Merrill Field landfill site has active landfill gas and leachate management systems which have both operational and regulatory reporting requirements.

The Anchorage Regional Landfill operates under an active Class I landfill operating permit, as well as a Title V Air Quality operating permit, both issued by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation. In addition to specific operating requirements, these permits require numerous inspections, as well as documentation and reporting requirements. Because the landfill accepts asbestos wastes, it is regulated under National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants which requires inspection and documentation of every load of regulated material received. Both the Landfill and Central Transfer Station have Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plans approved by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation which have regular inspection, monitoring, sampling and reporting requirements.

Customer Service

The Customer Service division is the direct communication link to the two utilities' customers. Not only does the division manage Refuse Collection garbage service requests, explain rates, enforce solid waste municipal codes, manage billing and debt collection, Customer Service also greets Disposal Utility customers, and conducts business with the public and the commercial haulers at the Central Transfer Station, Girdwood Transfer Station, and the Anchorage Regional Landfill. To facilitate and promote waste management efforts, the division collaborates with local organizations such as the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce, Anchorage Downtown Partnership, ALPAR, City Wide Spring Clean-Up, as well as schools, universities, and the military bases.

The Customer Service division consists of a Senior Administrative Officer, Junior Administrative Officer, Debt Collector, Administrative Account Representatives, Scale House/Cash Booth Representatives and a Code Enforcer. Customer Service Account Representatives are located in the main administrative building, but also work at two scale houses and three cash booth locations from Girdwood to Eagle River all days of the week between the hours of 6:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The Customer Service division responds to incoming calls and assists customers at the counter with payments or other service-related matters such as trash collection, proper disposal regulations, municipal ordinances, general hazardous waste disposal, recycling awareness, and billing-related questions. Receiving over 300 calls per day, the representatives setup site services, work to resolve customer's complaints and ensure that the best services are being provided for both trash pick up and disposal. The representatives facilitate work orders for route drivers, assist drivers in the field by radio communication and ensure proper billing for services for each property that Refuse Collection Utility services and for Disposal Utility customer accounts.

The Debt Collection Representative is responsible for the investigation, analysis, and follow-up of overdue customer accounts. To obtain information and to secure the collection of debt, the Representative corresponds with customers, attorneys, outside agencies. To assist customers, payment agreements and plans are prepared.

The Code Enforcer monitors the SWS service area by actively facilitating corrective action for or resolution of code violations observed in the field or by general public complaints received.

Working inside two scale houses or three cash booths, the Disposal Utility Account Representatives screen customer loads, process charges and fees, assist with hazardous waste or recycling questions, and monitor the safety of customers and employees. The Customer Service Division is responsible for face-to-face interaction with over a quarter of a million customers per year.

Recognizing that the solid waste business is dangerous, the Customer Service strives to educate customer about safe disposal of waste and efficiently respond to as many waste related issues as possible to meet the needs of our customers. SWS works together to resolve customer issues as promptly as possible. Safety and customer service are the highest priorities.

Administration

The Administration division provides support to the Director and to each Utility. It is responsible for IT Systems & Communications, Safety, Finance & Accounting, Purchasing, and Accounts Payable, as well as human resources, labor relations, security, code enforcement, facility maintenance, and vehicle parts inventory functions.

The IT Systems & Communications Section. The IT section manages the solid waste based computer systems that track loads, weights, customer accounts receivable, billing, revenues, as well as the upload of SWS data into the Municipal accounting systems.

In addition, the section is responsible for the maintenance and technical support of the SWS 120,000 pound IP-based commercial truck scales for the Disposal Utility. The commercial scales are a vital resource that must be properly maintained and certified in order to conduct commerce, and are essential in monitoring the amount of waste Anchorage generates. The Disposal Utility has four scales at two locations—the Central Transfer Station and Anchorage Regional Landfill—which weigh and process over 150,000 transactions annually. This information is used for a multitude of business purposes such as revenue accounting, budget forecasting, and estimated landfill life.

The two SWS IT staff maintain all technology devices/equipment, and the associated software applications—nearly 200 networked and local devices running a multitude of applications (AD, SQL, IIS, Tower, Database, File, Print Server, and Antivirus Suites), along with numerous other hardware devices necessary to operate an efficient and safe, local and wide area network.

The SWS IT Staff also researches, evaluates, and implements existing and emerging technologies when deemed necessary, fiscally responsible, and/or becomes critical to operations. For example, in 2005 SWS completed a database conversion, and moved from a mainframe database in use since 1985 to a SQL platform, reducing software and hardware cost by \$20,000 annually (\$140,000 saved and still counting). The solid waste focused PC Scale Tower system that replaced the mainframe is not only less expensive to maintain, but also far more modern, scalable, and advanced than the previous system. It enables users to create and develop reports instantaneously. Current projects under evaluation include a Tower-integrated GPS system, landfill geotechnical systems to aid in proper compaction (less compacter passes, reclaimed air space, extends landfill life), and e-billing implementation.

The IT Staff at SWS recognizes the importance of technology in relation to business, and they are committed to ensuring that business requirements drive that technology—not vise versa.

The Safety Section. The Safety Section ensures that all operations are conducted in a safe manner. The Safety Section is responsible for compliance with OSHA safety standards by ensuring that the work environment is safe, as well as identifying and mitigating potential hazards for SWS employees and the public long before the hazard becomes an accident statistic.

The Safety Section is responsible for the development, administration and enforcement of safety codes, rules and practices. The Safety Officer inspects buildings, projects, equipment, operating practices and working conditions for compliance with various Municipal, State and Federal safety codes and regulatory requirements. The Safety Officer coordinates safety programs in training, personal protective equipment, clothing and devices, as well as organizes and conducting seminars on first aid and OSHA required safety training. The Safety Officer prepares reports and makes recommendations for improvement. By analyzing data on accident rates and compensation claims, the Safety Officer develops methods to reduce costs, loss time and personnel suffering.

Finance & Accounting Section. The Finance and Accounting section manages the financial matters of the two utilities, including the accounting for revenues and expenses, the preparation of budgets, asset management, capital expenditures, as well as providing financial reports to SWS managers, the Advisory Commission, the Administration and the Assembly.

The Purchasing Accounts Payable & Payroll section. The Purchasing and Accounts Payable section is responsible for the procurement of and the payment for all equipment, supplies, and contracts, in coordination with other municipal departments. Two employees process all accounts payable for both utilities. Invoices are received, checked, account coded, approved and entered into PeopleSoft for payment. Purchase orders are initiated at SWS: verifying proper account codes and funding, attaching all supporting documentation, obtaining proper department approval and then forwarding the packets to MOA Purchasing for final approval. Over 100 SWS timecards are processed each week into the PeopleSoft system from the Kronos timekeeping system to ensure proper pay and cost of service coding. Other support duties include: ordering office supplies, processing travel authorizations, expense reports, incoming and outgoing mail, maintaining files, providing administrative support to supervisors and to the SWS Advisory Commission.

The SWS philosophy is to retain a small staff, while encouraging safety and dedication to a job well done.

Solid Waste Services Business Plan

Mission

Provide management of our solid waste resources to create a safe and sustainable waste system for the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) in a way that is economical and environmentally responsible.

Services

The Refuse Collection Utility provides garbage collection to the service area of the former City of Anchorage, which is approximately 20% of the population of the MOA. Since at least 1952 there has been mandatory service for all occupants of the Refuse Collections Utility service area. The Refuse Collections Utility provides three types of service: commercial dumpster, automated roll cart service, and can and bag service.

The Solid Waste Disposal Utility serves the entire MOA. The services include the disposal of solid waste, the collection of household hazardous waste, and the promotion of community recycling. Municipal solid waste is received at three transfer stations located within MOA. The waste is then transported by the Utility to the Anchorage Regional Landfill for final disposal.

Business Goals

- Provide exceptional customer service for an equitable cost to the customer.
- Ensure facilities are safe for the customers and for Solid Waste Services employees
- Provide proper disposal of hazardous waste for commercial and residential generators.
- Promote community involvement through education and be responsive to the needs and concerns of municipal citizens.
- Use technology to optimize operations.
- Plan and prepare for current and future waste collection and disposal needs.
- Create incentives and programs to promote source reduction first, then recycling, then treatment, and finally disposal as the preferred means to handle waste.

Strategies to Achieve Goals

Solid Waste Services strategic plan provides a framework to achieve results for customers. Refuse Collection Utility

- Reduce refuse volumes by promoting waste reduction and increased curbside recycling diversion.
- 2. Reduce injuries associated with residential refuse collection.

Disposal Utility

- 1. Optimize solid waste transfer truck utilization.
- 2. Setting rates that reflect the cost of services while maintaining infrastructure.

Performance Measures to Track Progress in Achieving Goals

Solid Waste Services measures progress in achieving these goals using sets of quantifiable performance measures.

Refuse Collections Utility

- 1. Percent change in recyclable material diverted from the residential waste stream.
- 2. Percent change in worker injuries.

Disposal Utility

- 1. Solid waste transfer truck payload weight.
- 2. Maintain positive revenue stream.

Disposal Utility Solid Waste Services

Anchorage: Performance. Value. Results.

Mission

Dispose of municipal solid waste generated within the Municipality in compliance with state and federal regulations.

Core Services

- Operate the Anchorage Regional Landfill (ARL)
- · Operate the solid waste transfer stations and transfer fleet
- Promote community recycling efforts

Accomplishment Goals

Optimize solid waste transfer truck utilization

Performance Measures

- Solid waste transfer truck payload weight
- Transfer loads per driver shift

The following graph provides actual average payloads by month from January 2009 through June 2013.

Measure #1: Average transfer payload rate.

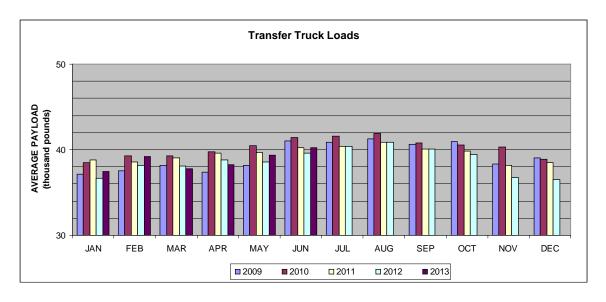


Table 1. Payload Data 2012 – 2013

MONTH	AVERAGE WEIGHT	EXCEEDING TARGET	EXCEEDING TARGET (+/- 5%)
APR-12	38,840	73%	91%
MAY-12	38,579	20%	49%
JUN-12	39,631	43%	84%
JUL-12	40,380	63%	93%
AUG-12	40,871	73%	93%
SEP-12	40,052	59%	85%
OCT-12	39,460	43%	79%
NOV-12	36,784	37%	66%
DEC-12	36,504	34%	60%
JAN-13	37,477	46%	74%
FEB-13	39,212	60%	83%
MAR-13	37,770	51%	80%
JUN-13	40,227	46%	81%

Table 2. Loads per Driver Shift Data 2012 – 2013

MONTH	SHIFTS ≥ 5 LOADS	SHIFTS ≥ 4 LOADS
APR-12	64%	95%
MAY-12	76%	97%
JUN-12	75%	94%
JUL-12	66%	85%
AUG-12	78%	91%
SEP-12	67%	97%
OCT-12	68%	94%
NOV-12	37%	88%
DEC-12	35%	89%
JAN-13	12%	70%
FEB-13	18%	84%
MAR-13	29%	78%
JUN-13	81%	98%

Refuse Collection Utility Solid Waste Services

Anchorage: Performance. Value. Results.

Mission

Provide solid waste collection and disposal service to rate-paying customers within our defined service area.

Core Services

- Provide dumpster service to commercial and multifamily residential customers.
- Provide automated garbage and curbside recycle collection and disposal to residential customers.
- Provide manual garbage collection to residential customers not serviced by automated routes

Accomplishment Goals

- Reduce refuse disposal volumes by promoting waste reduction and increased curbside recycling diversion.
- Reduce injuries associated with residential refuse collection.

Performance Measures

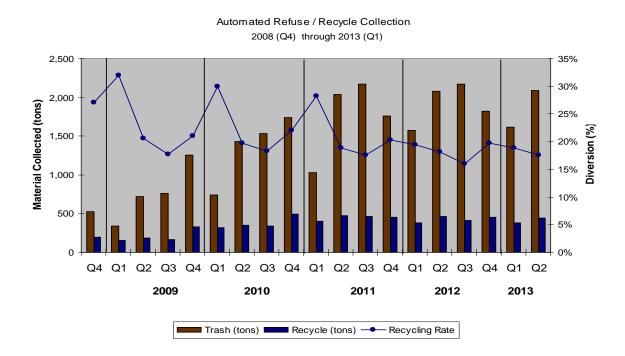
Progress in achieving these goals will be measured by:

- Percent change in recyclable material diversion from the residential waste stream.
- Percent change in worker injuries

The following provides actual data from previous years which quantify these measures:

Measure #2: Increase curbside recycle diversion

Waste and Recycle Tonnage



Measure #3: Improved safety for Refuse Collection Workers

Worker's Comp - Losses 2008 - 2013 Municipal Refuse Collection Utility

Service	Injury	20	009	20	010	20)11	2	012	2013	(Q2)
Туре	Туре	Incidents	Losses	Incidents	Losses	Incidents	Losses	Incidents	Losses	Incidents	Losses
Manual	TLI	2	\$ 76,898	2	\$ 52,820	1	\$17,771	3	\$ 126,687	0	\$ 0
Residental	MO / RO	7	4,565	5	0	1	98	3	2,426	2	0
Automated	TLI	1	1,735	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Residential	MO / RO	2	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Commercial	TLI	2	45,750	2	104,878	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commercial	MO / RO	0	0	2	8,900	0	0	7	3,246	0	0
Vehcile	TLI	0	0	1	83,339	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maintenance	MO / RO	2	717	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	TLI	1	85,571	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1,224
Other	MO / RO	1	0	0	0	4	2,806	0	0	0	0
Total	TLI	6	\$209,954	5	\$241,037	1	\$17,771	3	\$ 126,687	1	\$ 1,224
Total	MO / RO	12	\$ 5,282	11	\$ 8,900	6	\$ 2,904	10	\$ 5,672	2	\$ 0

TLI = Time lost incident

MO = Incident required medical attention but no lost time

RO = Incident required no medical attention or lost time

Solid Waste Services Highlights and Future Events

Disposal Utility

To compare prior years to the 2013 budget, the Disposal Utility 2013 total budget is projected at \$20,663,958 compared to the 2012 approved budget of 20,203,063 and 2012 Proforma of \$20,190,520. The 2013 budget is 2.3% higher than the 2012 approved budget. The increase is due to higher labor, repair, utility, and professional services costs.

One important change in the amount to be appropriated by the Assembly is the removal of two non-cash items, depreciation and landfill closure expense, totaling \$5,742,527. Depreciation expense is projected at \$4,053,302 and the estimated landfill closure cost is \$1,689,225. Although the budget appropriation excludes non-cash items, both depreciation and landfill closure costs will be included in the utility's financial statements.

Removing the \$5,742,527 of non cash items from the total budget of \$20,663,958, results in a 2013 appropriation budget of \$14,921,431, 1.45% higher than the 2012 proforma (without non cash items).

Total revenue for 2013 is projected at \$21,015,168, compared to the 2012 Proforma revenue of \$23,247,016, 4.2% higher than the 2012 budget, primarily due to the \$5 per ton rate increase and to a one-time \$2 million dollar grant for the construction of a landfill gas capital project.

Despite the rate increase and the launch of the landfill gas project, a net income of \$351,210 is forecast for 2013. With the higher anticipated expenses, an additional rate increase will likely be required in the future.

With a capital budget of \$8.2 million, 2013 capital projects include the construction of the next landfill cell, several leachate projects, and landfill equipment.

Refuse Collection

To compare prior years to the Refuse Collection 2013 budget, the Refuse Collection's total operating budget is \$9,017,187 compared to the 2012 Proforma \$8,828,153 and the 2012 approved budget \$8,849,093. The 2013 budget is 2% higher than the 2012 approved budget due to increasing labor, facility maintenance and heating costs.

One important change in the amount to be appropriated by the Assembly is the removal of depreciation, a non cash item. The Refuse Collection budget authorization figure will exclude \$949,166 of depreciation. Although the budget appropriation excludes non cash items, depreciation will be included in the utility's financial statements.

Removing the \$949,166 of depreciation from the total budget of \$9,017,187, results in a 2013 appropriation budget of \$8,068,027, 2% higher than the 2012 proforma (without depreciation).

Total revenue for 2013 is projected at \$9,471,575, compared to the 2012 Proforma revenue of \$8,975,780, a 5.5% increase. The increase is due to a proposed increase for commercial dumpster rates. The estimated Refuse Collection net income is \$454,387 for 2013.

A capital budget of \$1.7 million is proposed. Capital expenses include the purchase of three residential automated side load vehicles, and one commercial front load vehicle, as well as dumpsters for solid waste commercial customers.

Solid Waste Services External Impacts

Disposal

SWS is scheduled to construct five new landfill cells at the Anchorage Regional Landfill before the end of 2020. The Utility anticipates utilizing the State of Alaska Clean Water Loans with a low interest rate and twenty year term, whenever possible. It is unknown if the program will be funded in the future; if the eligible expenses related to landfill construction will further limit use of these funds for construction; or if SWS will be awarded loans based on the program scoring criteria. Currently the total cost of the landfill expansion is over \$38 million, with potential loan amounts estimated at \$28 million to cover those costs.

The Landfill Gas to Energy project will begin commercial operation in 2013. Revenue to the Disposal Utility derived from the sale of landfill gas to Doyon Utilities is based upon the purchase price for natural gas as reported by Chugach Electric to the Regulatory Commission of Alaska. Future revenues anticipated from this project will be based upon gas price projections by Chugach Electric and other area utilities, but the actual revenue generated will ultimately depend upon market price of natural gas in Southcentral Alaska.

Currently Doyon Utilities Inc. holds a minor air quality permit which will allow continuous operation of three generating units at the landfill gas power plant on Fort Richardson. Doyon Utilities is in the process of applying for an additional permit to operate up to five generators. Until that permit is approved, landfill gas consumption at the facility will be limited to the operating annual hours in the current permit; limiting the amount of revenue which can be generated by the project. The duration of the permitting process is highly unpredictable.

2014 Proposed Operating and Capital Budgets
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