

Alaska Solid Waste Workgroup Meeting Minutes November 15, 2005

Attended by

Joe Sarcone - EPA
Ray Paddock – CCTHITA
Jennifer Williams – ITEP
Roland Shanks – RCAC
Simone Sebalo – Zender Environmental
Debbie Rutherford – USDA Rural Development
Cindy Roberts - Denali
Connie Sumida – ITEP
Lisa Trimmer – Craig Community Association
Larry Zirkle – Total Reclaim
Kerri Sheakley – CCTHITA
Vivian – Klawock
Honor Carpenter – Rural Cap Raven Americorps
Kurt Eilo – AFE
John Ward – Simpatico
Annabelle Alvite – NW Arctic Borough
Gerry Sam – TCC
Violet – Yakutat

Joe

The Tribal Open Dump Cleanup Grant will be called the Tribal SWM Grant and the RFP will go out in the next week or so. Good source of funding. Nationally competitive. 1/3 to 1/2 of all proposals are from AK 5-7 usually get funded in the \$100-\$200,000 range. Due sometime in January. IGAP solicitation has gone out. IGAP can be used for direct sw implementation activities. \$7million worth of sw/haz waste projects were funded. Largest source of funding for sw projects in AK. You can submit unmet needs proposals at any time. Contact project officer for info.

Jennifer

4 ITEP trainings for this year. Toksook Jan 12-14 2006. Then Selawik, and possibly Kalskag March and April, and Soldovia in June. Jen is the coordinator for the waste and recycling tracks at the Forum and Molly and Roland will be coordinating another recycling summit. Contact Jen with any feed back for the waste sessions at the Forum.

Kurt

RALO – AK Forum received grant from EPA for 4 RALO trainings with SWANA and will be held between Jan and May and the tentative locations will be Dillingham, Bethel, Ft Yukon, and Kotzebue. They will announce the final dates through their newsletters and website. There will be some scholarship travel for landfill operators only. Look up the forum website (on the ralo link) for more info. May also do 4 trainings the following year as well. Contact Kurt or Jen for more info.

Gerry

TCC – usually holds training in the spring. One training per year on TCC swm class. They bring in people in region. It is also open to tribes outside of region. They have a good manual for this course. They work with Diane Ervin, Office Env Health and DEC. And will also hold an IGAP training sometime soon.

Joe

The TCC manual is a great resource that all Tribes can use. Contact Gerry for further information.

Roland

Zero Waste Council – we had meetings during the ANTHC conf. Put together the articles and by-laws. Now they're trying to get ready for AFE. 279 1126 rshanks@rcac.org There will be a call on Thurs to talk

about what they're doing at the Summit at AFE. Need to get speakers organized now. They did a newsletter that they passed out at the ANTHC conference. If anyone has anything they want to include in future newsletters, contact Roland. RCAC is a resource for technical support for solid waste and beyond.

Cindy

Denali just released their RFP for solid waste grants and expect to fund proposals \$100k or less. They received \$750,000 for FY 06 from USDA. Get proposals into Denali by mid Dec 15 just to get in the queue. If they don't get funded this time around, you have a better chance the next time. The RFP are posted on the Denali website and on SWAN. Hopefully the RFP's for FY06 funds will be announced February 1. People turning in RFP's Dec 1st should find out by Feb 1st if they will be awarded.

Honor

RuralCap had a deadline of Nov 4th for their Americorps grants. However, they decided to extend the deadline to get more applicants. If you know of any Villages that want to work on sw issues, they have 20 positions that will open. Contact Honor at hcarpenter@ruralcap.com 800 478 7227 ext 380 if someone is interested. Also see RuralCaps website or SWAN's calendar for their applications. They haven't set a new deadline so people should just call Honor if they're interested.

Debbie Retherford

USDA swm grants are open and due between now and dec 31. Go to their website or swan for more info on these grants. Both swan grants are for tech assistance for swm, water, wastewater, and are nationally competitive. In past years, they had 5-6 successful apps from Alaska, but last year only 2 from Alaska. It's a scoring process. The earlier people get the grants in, the better the chance. Send them to the palmer state office first so they can help review it before it goes to the national office. They fund training of landfill operators, small recycling efforts, sw studies and more. You can contact Debbie for more info at 761 7726.

At this point the conference call was cut short because the sound quality deteriorated. Ray was going to call Joe to discuss either a "part 2" for the call sometime soon, or to just schedule a new call in a couple months.