

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

REGIONAL SOLID WASTE PLAN – 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

Regional Solid Waste Management District	<u>Reporting Period</u>
Southwest Central RSWMD	September 1, 2016 – December 31, 2017

A. COLLECTION

1. Weekly curbside/roadside and/or drop-off collection services should be made available for all household solid waste for residential dwellings within the state by city, county or private collection.
- Has the District achieved this state goal? **Yes, all residents in Clark, Garland and Hot Spring County have available either weekly collection service or drop-off service available.**
 - If not, what is the District's target date to achieve this state goal? **N/A**
 - What actions will you implement to achieve your target date? **N/A**

2. A minimum of semi-monthly yard waste collection services should be provided for all residential dwelling within the state. Collected yard wastes must be managed at a Class CY compost facility or an alternative approved pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §8-6-220 (b). Each district should include the schedule of implementation within its solid waste plan, beginning with the larger cities.
- Has the District achieved this state goal? **Partially, the City of Hot Springs currently collects yard waste and owns/operates a permitted Compost Facility.**
 - What is the District's target date to achieve state goal? **Uncertain.**
 - What actions will you implement to achieve your target date? **The other member entities of the District would have to investigate the cost to implement a Compost Facility.**
 - If completed, attach your schedule of implementation. **N/A**

3. Collection services or a suitable alternative (transfer stations or community based drop-off locations) for bulky items should be made available for all residential dwellings within the state. Implementation of the program should be included in each district's plan and be based upon population.
- Has the District achieved this state goal? **Yes, all residents of the District have either bulky collection service or drop-off service available.**
 - If not, what is the District's target date to achieve state goal? **N/A**
 - What actions will you implement to achieve your target date? **N/A**

B. DISPOSAL

1. Evaluate the disposal capacity of permitted landfills. Establish a seven-year minimum of disposal capacity for each district. If a district has no existing Class 1 landfill or has a facility with less than seven years' capacity, it can partner with an adjoining district or neighboring state to offer low cost disposal for their residents.
- a. How much disposal capacity is available in your District? **The SWCRSWMD does not have a Class I Landfill located within it's boundaries. The District has a Disposal Contract with Waste Management, Inc. through September 2019 to dispose of Class I Waste Materials.**
 - b. If disposal capacity is under 7 years, what is the District's target date to achieve this state goal? **The SWCRSWMD contracts with Waste Management, Inc. to dispose of Class I Landfill materials at the Pulaski County and Jefferson County Class 1 Landfill facilities.**
 - c. What actions will you implement to achieve your target date? **Continue to explore available options for disposal of Class I Landfill materials.**

2. Evaluate the waste stream in the geographical area of each district through an annual waste audit. Develop a business plan for the diversion and recycling of waste based on the audit results.
- a. Has the District achieved this state goal? **No**
 - b. What is the District's target date to achieve this state goal? **Uncertain.**
 - c. What actions will you implement to achieve your target date? **Current diversion and recycling of waste is adequately serving the District.**
 - d. If completed, attach a copy of the business plan. **N/A**

3. Require districts to establish a household hazardous waste program (either permanent sites or collection events) within their boundaries. This action item is currently mandated by Ark. Code Ann. §8-6-714 (a)(1)(B)(ii) for districts that charge up to \$2 per ton under the authority of that same provision and is a goal for districts that do not access this fee.
- a. Does your District access the \$2 fee under Ark. Code Ann. §8-6-714? **Yes**
 - b. Has the District achieved this state goal or mandate? **Yes, the District funds/operates a Household Hazardous Waste Program with Rineco, Inc..**
 - c. What is the District's target date to achieve this state goal or mandate? **N/A**
 - d. What actions will you implement to achieve your target date? **N/A**

C. RECYCLING

1. All municipal waste recycling programs should evaluate the economic viability of accepting the following items: paper products including new print, cardboard, white office paper, mixed paper, magazines, junk mail catalogs, phone books, boxboard and chipboard; metals, both steel and aluminum cans; plastic - #1PET, #2 HDPE and others where possible; clear and colored glass (no window glass, glass ceramics, light bulbs or ovenware); and white goods (large residential appliances).

a. How many items does each of your recycling programs accept? Attach an addendum listing District recycling drop-off locations with the types of items accepted at each. **All of the items listed above are accepted.**

b. What recyclable materials has the District evaluated for accepting in this reporting period? **None**

c. What recyclable materials has the District started accepting this reporting period that it didn't accept before this reporting period? **None**

d. What actions will you implement to achieve your target date? **N/A**

2. All incorporated cities with a population of 5,000 or more will offer residential curbside recycling. Communities of this size must work with the districts to make available convenient opportunities for commercial and multi-family recycling. A minimum of semimonthly collection services or a suitable alternative system (e.g. transfer stations) for recyclable material collection should be made available for all residential dwellings within the state. Cities should be required to implement a curbside recycling program, beginning with the most populated cities and eventually including cities of all sizes. The implementation schedule should become part of each districts plan.

a. Has the District achieved any part of this state goal? **Yes**

b. How many of cities in your district offer residential curbside recycling? **The City of Arkadelphia and the City of Hot Springs.**

c. What is the District's target date to achieve the state goal listed above (residential curbside recycling, commercial and multi-family recycling, and semimonthly collection services for recyclable material collection)? **Uncertain.**

d. What action will you implement to achieve your target date? **Uncertain.**

e. Attach an implementation schedule. **N/A**

3. Districts will encourage the development and implementation of public venue/special event recycling programs. Districts will offer guidance for best management practices, education assistance and information, along with collection and marketing strategies for public venue facilities and special events. Districts will discourage use of non-recyclable items like Styrofoam cups.

a. Has the District achieved any part of this state goal? **Yes, the SWCRSWMD Recycling Advisory Committee coordinates all Public Education Program Information utilized throughout the District.**

b. What is the District's target date to achieve this state goal? **N/A**

c. What actions will you implement to achieve your target date? **N/A**

D. SPECIAL RECOVERABLE MATERIALS

1. Encourage districts to exercise due diligence in the selection, use and operation of recycling and disposal facilities.
 - a. Has the District achieved any part of this state goal? **Yes, the SWCRSWMD will only contract the sale or acceptance of it's recyclable materials with a company permitted by ADEQ.**
 - b. What is the District's target date to achieve this state goal? **N/A**
 - c. What action will you implement to achieve your target date? **N/A**

2. Develop an illegal dump program that provides additional resources to identify and remediate illegal dumps, while providing education and enforcement to prevent future dumping.
 - a. Does the District have an illegal dump program? **No**
 - b. Explain the education and enforcement instituted by the District to prevent future dumping.
The SWCRSWMD works with the local member entity's Law Enforcement authorities "as needed" to coordinate individual entity Illegal Dump Control within the District.
 - c. Explain the additional resources the District provides to identify and remediate illegal dumps.
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 - d. Does the District employ or partner with a county within the District that employs an illegal dumps control officer? **No**

E. EDUCATION AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Every regional solid waste management district should have an updated, accurate website (or webpages on a partner's website) that provides citizens easy-to-use access to information about recycling, composting, waste reduction and waste management services in their communities.

Information should include which materials are accepted, days and hours of operation, physical location, how materials are collected/accepted and contact information for further questions. The districts are to ensure that city and county recycling/diversion programs are financially sustainable and are using best management practices.

- a. Does the district have a website, and if so, what is the address? **Yes, the website is www.swcrswmd.org.**
- b. Does the district have a webpage on a partner's website, and if so, what is the address? **Yes, the website that is available is www.wcapdd.org.**
- c. If no to both questions above, what is the District's target date to achieve this mandate? **N/A**

2. Districts should develop partnerships within communities to improve information dissemination. Solid waste districts and individual waste management entities (cities, counties, designated recycling collection centers, etc.) should use social media to increase awareness of waste management methods and opportunities.

- a. List the methods in which you disseminate information to the public.

The public is notified of Board of Directors meetings utilizing the website and through newspaper publications in THE DAILY SIFTINGS HERALD (Arkadelphia), GURDON TIMES, THE SENTINEL RECORD (Hot Springs) and MALVERN DAILY RECORD. Also, the Board has general information brochures at each City Hall and County Courthouse that includes information on recycling opportunities. The District also has a Recycling/Waste Reduction Education Grant is made available to all School Districts within the SWCRSWMD.

- b. List partnerships formed with the District.

The District is comprised of Clark, Garland and Hot Spring Counties. The Board of Directors is comprised of the three County Judges and the four Mayors of the first Class Cities (City of Arkadelphia, City of Gurdon, City of Hot Springs and City of Malvern).

- c. List examples of social media utilized.

The District's website is www.swcrswmd.org.

F. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. Provide a brief summary of other goals the District would like to implement over the next 5 years.

***Explore possibilities of a potential Class I Landfill Site.**

***Explore possibilities of a potential Licensed Compost Facility for Garland County.**

***Reduce illegal dumping of Waste Tires through the use of Legislative actions and Public Education.**

2. Provide a listing of programs initiated previously that are not listed in goals or mandates.
N/A

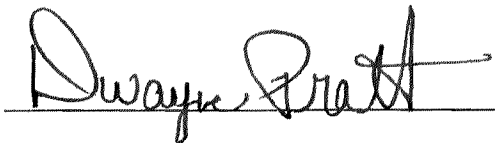
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