

REGIONAL SOLID WASTE MEETING SUMMARY
 DECEMBER 1, 2006
 Marion County Landfill

Attendees: Citrus County, Marion County, Sumter County, Hernando County, Lake County, Alachua County, City of Gainesville, New River Solid Waste Association, Columbia County, Putnam County, Clay County, Consultants

Agenda Outline:

- INTRODUCTIONS
- FLORIDA SOLID WASTE REGULATIONS AND ACTIVITIES 1970'S TO 2000'S
- CURRENT FACILITIES
- IMPACT OF URBANIZATION
- IMPACT OF CARBONE DECISION
- IMPACT OF ALTERNATE FUELS
- EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES
- PUBLIC SOLID WASTE PROGRAM COMPONENTS
- OTHER REGULATORY ISSUES
- PRIVATE DISPOSAL FACILITIES
- ACTIVE SOLICITATIONS
- WHAT NEXT?
- ACTION ITEMS

Summary:

Susie Metcalfe arranged and facilitated this meeting as a result of the 9/12/06 Citrus BOCC direction to investigate regional cooperation for disposal. Those present represent all the counties from Hernando north to the state line in the center of the state (none from the east coast). The table below indicates what facilities each jurisdiction uses for solid waste management and how they are funded.

County	Landfill	WTE	Transfer Station	Rural Dropoffs	Collection Required	Funding *
<i>Hernando</i>	x			2	partial	T,R,
<i>Citrus</i>	x					T,R,C,
<i>Sumter</i>			x			T,A
<i>Lake</i>	x	x		5	partial	T,R
<i>Marion</i>	x		x	18		T,R
<i>Alachua</i>			x	5	partial	T,R,C
<i>New River</i>	x (host)					T,G
<i>Columbia</i>	x				yes	T,R,G
<i>Putnam</i>	x					T
<i>Clay</i>			x		yes	T,R

* T = tipping fee, R = residential assessment, C = commercial assessment, A = ad valorem tax, G = grants

Current status relative to interlocal cooperation:

Hernando County is permitting vertical expansion of existing cells and construction of new landfill cells. Their site could provide capacity for themselves decades.

Citrus County is in the process of developing a transfer station for out-of-county disposal and is investigating public disposal options. It will be about three years until waste could be transferred.

Sumter County has abandoned their composting process and is transferring waste out of county to the Waste Services Inc. landfill in Holopaw, Florida. Funding is a problem. Their contract runs for several years. The Villages currently use the County system but may manage by themselves in the future.

Lake County is permitting additional landfill space and will have separate cells for WTE ash and MSW. At current and projected generation rates, they have a site with capacity for 18-25 years, unless there is an emergency event or urban encroachment interferes. The contract on the WTE plant runs through 2014. They do not have agreements with the 14 cities in the County. They have no current interest in sending waste to or receiving it from other communities but they are interested in exploring potential long term alternatives.

Marion County is using their own landfill and transferring waste to the Waste Management Inc., Cheshire Island Georgia landfill. Their contract does not require any minimum deliveries, but their landfill cannot be expanded on the current site. Operating reserves are dwindling. Ocala transfers their waste to the Veolia Environmental Services landfill in Valdosta Georgia.

Alachua County and Gainesville are transferring all the waste they control to New River. A significant part of their commercial waste stream is diverted to the Waste Management Inc., Trail Ridge Landfill near Jacksonville. Their Boards requested they investigate regional cooperation as a way to help keep their contract with New River economical. Their contract runs for about 7 more years.

New River SWA has a site with capacity for the current waste stream for 50 (?) years in an area surrounded by state lands used for prisons. They operate a bioreactor landfill and do not wish to increase their waste stream beyond the operating limits of that style. New River would entertain an interlocal agreement with Citrus for our current and projected waste stream.

Columbia County has their own landfill, controls collection and has capacity for 50+ years. They were there as an observer, not a potential participant.

Putnam County has a landfill site with property that can support expansion. The capacity for internal waste would be over 40 years. They have issued an RFP for

privatization of the landfill or purchase of the property or alternate suggestions. The site may be used for a landfill only; not alternate waste disposal technologies. According to the RFP, the site can be used for disposal of out-of-county waste. The distance from Citrus County is about the same as to New River. The deadline for proposals is in February 2007.

Clay County transfers their waste to the Cheshire Island Georgia landfill owned by Waste Management Inc. Their contract continues for several years.

Similar information was provided for Pinellas, Hillsborough and Polk Counties via their previous directors who indicated that they are self sufficient for the next 50-years or so (unless urban encroachment interferes).

David Horne (Hernando) described the startup of a regional solid waste authority in Virginia in which he played an active part. An existing utility authority was used as the underlying organizational structure to speed implementation. Participating cities and counties assigned representatives to be on the Board of Directors. The biggest hurdles were in having Board members vote for the good of the regional group, rather than looking out for local concerns only. Multiple facilities were developed, including a regional landfill, transfer stations, and recycling facilities.

Next meeting – immediately after the Putnam County pre-submittal meeting in Palatka, December 18 in the afternoon.

Additional items to explore besides disposal:

- Emergency interlocal (mutual aid) agreements
- Recycling
- Bids/contracts for common goods and services