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# Tribal Solid Waste Advisory Network

## TSWAN Headlines



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### Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde host TSWAN Grant Writing Workshop and Fall Meeting



TSWAN sponsored a one day intensive Grant Writing Workshop this September. Hosted by the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde in Oregon, attendees were given tools for researching requirements and the logistics of applying for grants, especially those through government and private sources dedicated to waste management issues. The focus on having a viable strategic plan for sustainability of a program was discussed as this is a requirement now for so

much of the competitive funding available. TSWAN developed a Strategic Planning Template for tribal members to use for their programs, and this is also very helpful through the grant application process. Gathering and filling in the tribal specific numbers for this sustainability template helps tribes arrive at a customized Strategic Plan. This plan gives grantors a way to see what the specific needs are, where and how their monies will be spent, and how they will be managed, and maybe more importantly, the means with which the tribe intends on obtaining sustainability for programs and projects. TSWAN staff is available to provide technical assistance to their member tribes for use of the Strategic Plan Template.

TSWAN members at the quarterly meeting participated in an interests and needs assessment to outline the work plan for the proposed fiscal 2012 IGAP application. A matrix of the results was put together by TSWAN Executive Director, Kami Snowden which categorized the results and gave some very definite direction for TSWAN programs.

Several new Region 10 tribes attended the meeting and are very interested in joining TSWAN. Two are currently working on the resolution process with their tribal council. Tribal councils must agree to support the program goals of TSWAN and appoint the delegates who will attend the meetings and training events.



The officers of TSWAN are pictured at right.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### HHW Training March 8th

8:30—4:30 pm

#### TSWAN Meeting

#### March 9th

8:30—4:30 pm

#### Member Tribal Caucus

#### March 10th

8:30—Noon

Chehalis Tribal  
Community Center  
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## Makah Tribe Present New Environmental Program

The Makah Tribe recently held a Community Outreach Event at the Makah Community Hall in Neah Bay to discuss the closure of Warmhouse Beach Open Dump and provide information on transitioning to the new transfer station. Over 80 community members attended, including members of the Makah Tribal Council and the Makah Environmental Division. Solid waste management consultants from Ridolfi, Inc. also attended to answer questions.



Steve Pendleton of the Makah Environmental Division presented an overview of the impact of the Warmhouse Beach Open Dump to the local Puget Sound environment and shared information and ideas to help transform disposal practices as the community transitions to the new transfer station. Tonya Alstatt briefed the community on composting and recycling ideas and a composting presentation developed by the local high school students under Sharon Kaniky's supervision was shared.

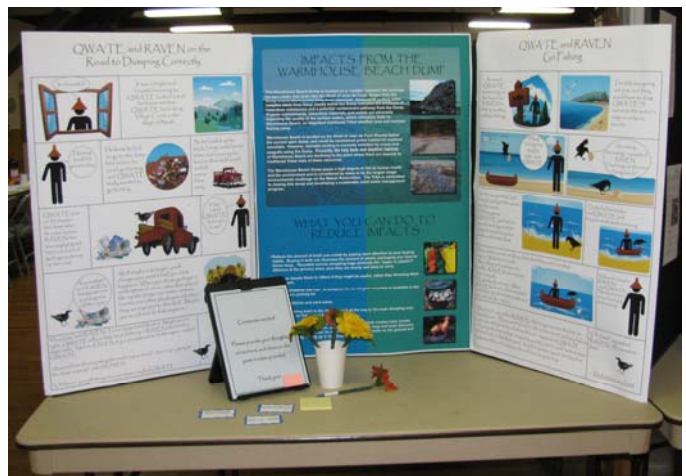
The students gave their report on the status of the dump and reviewed alternatives to reduce waste. Displays included cultural storyboards regarding the proper disposal of garbage and how open dumping affects fishing in Neah Bay. The Makah Environmental Department gave handouts which included a fact sheet on the open dump closure, a summary of a community waste disposal survey and information and examples on recycling and composting. Attendees also received re-useable shopping bags with pens, cups, magnets and other items that will help them with recycling projects.

Ridolfi, Inc consultants fielded questions about contamination studies. Although seafood has not yet been affected, arsenic and lead have been found in sediments and surface water down gradient from the dump. The new transfer station will handle household hazardous waste such as cleaners, paint, lacquer thinners, hardware store type of materials. They will not accept asbestos or commercial/industrial hazardous wastes. The Environmental Office will provide assistance in determining proper disposal of those items not accepted at the transfer station.

Engineering to close the dump will involve consolidating contaminated sediments in the central part of the dump and drainage pathways will be sealed. The dump will then be capped with a combination of specified materials including a geosynthetic clay liner and topsoil to prevent the inflow of water. A barrier will be built between the existing dump and the uncontaminated soil. The geology below the dump site is dense clay, so contamination has not reached a great depth. Hot spots will be removed before closure.



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## Muckleshoot Tribe Host November Meeting and Tour



Eddy Chu of the Muckleshoot Public Works Department and delegate from his tribe to TSWAN, hosted the group for their November meeting. He provided a tour of the Muckleshoot Tribe's Solid Waste Program which is managed through their Public Works Division. Chu drove the group to the main Public Works Office, they were given a packet of information that is mailed to Muckleshoot members regarding their Solid Waste Collection Program. It outlines the policies regarding everything about the program from how to request a dumpster and service; codes on property site clean-up and assistance available; demolition projects and assistance available; outlines the items which may be brought to the dumpsites and includes a map of the site

so that members will know where to go to dispose of their items once they are on site.

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## Muckleshoot Tour Continued

The Muckleshoot Reservation is six square miles, but they are not all continuous. There are approximately 2400 members in 243 homes. They also service their brand new school which has 350 students, as well as the 45 tribal government buildings and several churches. Their items are disposed of through King County, with an annual dumping fee of approximately \$340,000.

Chu provided information on the equipment they use, the layout of their facilities, the costs they pay for each item through various waste vendors. He said their E-waste is handled by vendors who have documented preferred standards with Basal Action Network (BAN) and stays mostly within the state of Washington. They have facilities to store the E-waste indoors so it is not water damaged and therefore brings the highest price. At this time, none of their vendors are native owned.

After driving through the dump site facility, Eddy took the tour bus around some of the tribal offices and the new school on the way back to the meeting space at the Muckleshoot Casino in Auburn.



## On the TSWAN Calendar, 2011

### TSWAN Meetings

March 9-10th, 2011 Meeting — Chehalis Tribal Community Center, Oakville, WA 98568; Accommodations at Eagle's Landing Hotel, 12840 188th Ave SW, Rochester, WA 98579.

June, 2011 Stakeholders Meeting, Boise, ID Dates TBA

September, 2011 Meeting, hosted by The Confederated Tribes Of the Grand Ronde, Oregon TBA

November, 2011 Meeting — Dates and Location TBA

### TSWAN Trainings

Household Hazardous Waste Manager Training, Chehalis Community Center, Oakville, WA 98568. See March TSWAN Meeting information for accommodations.

April, 2011 Mobile Meth Lab ID on Indian Lands TBA

May, 2011 Spill Incidence Response Training, Quinalt Host 24-Hr. Emergency Response Tech Certification

August, 2011 Tribal Green Building Conference, Seattle, WA

## TSWAN Executive Board

Interested in learning more about TSWAN and what it can do for your tribe? Want to hear it from a tribal member who is directly involved in our organization? Please feel free to contact any of our Executive Board pictured at right.

We assist our Member Tribes, working to solve their solid waste management issues in Indian Country. Our nationally recognized Integrated Waste Management System Template is available to our membership to help your tribe implement a customized IWMP. Membership is FREE.

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*"We, the members of the Tribal Solid Waste Advisory Network, have gathered together to combine our voices to pursue natural resource, cultural and environmental protection for our Communities through solid waste management."*  
*Excerpt TSWAN by-laws*

For information on how to become a member Tribe of TSWAN, contact Kami Snowden, TSWAN Executive Director, (509) 235-6007 or write to P. O. Box 505, Cheney, WA 99004. A membership packet will be sent to you. You can also find membership information on our website.

## TSWAN Member Tribes

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Shoshone-Bannock  
Siletz  
Snoqualmie  
Spokane  
Sun'aq  
Tulalip  
Umatilla  
Venetie  
Warm Springs  
Yakama

## **TSWAN March Meeting** **March 9th—10th, 2011**

Accommodations: Eagle's Landing Hotel  
12840 188th Ave SW, Rochester, WA 98579  
**Members contact Elaine for room reservations at: [ewelk@tswan.org](mailto:ewelk@tswan.org)**  
**Meeting and HHZW Training to be held at :**  
Chehalis Tribal Community Center  
461 Secena Road, Oakville, Wa 98568

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGER TRAINING**  
March 8th, 2011, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm  
Further information and registration form at [www.tswan.org](http://www.tswan.org)

## ► **March 2011**

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