



Department of Natural Resources and Parks

Solid Waste Division

King Street Center, Suite 5701

201 S. Jackson St.

Seattle, WA 98104-3855

206-477-4466

TTY Relay: 711

www.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste

Received
Records Management
02/23/2023
State of WASH.
UTIL. AND TRANSP.
COMMISSION

23 February 2023

To the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission:

King County Solid Waste Division (SWD) would like to express its interest in the ongoing upgrades at Cascade Recycling Center (CRC). King County encourages infrastructure improvements that support resource capture, safety, and the growing needs of our communities. As a solid waste system, these investments are essential as we continue to work towards a goal of zero waste of resources by 2030.

It is also SWD's responsibility to represent its cities and unincorporated areas. From cities and customers, there have been concerns raised surrounding the customer cost of improvements such as those at CRC and the lack of prior consultation with jurisdictions and community on these changes. In cases such as these, it is in our interest to prioritize early-stage dialogue as well as continued conversation throughout changes. This is an easy fix to make, and the UTC is well placed to strongly encourage franchise owners to be more transparent and upfront about their plans with elected officials and the communities they service prior to the formal process times required by the UTC.

In terms of ensuring that only the costs associated with the handling of King County recyclables are reflected in the new tariffs King County residents in certificated areas are paying, we have not been able to review all of the relevant cost details that have been submitted to the UTC. We would ask that the UTC ensures that King County residents are not subsidizing other jurisdictions materials that are handled through the same facilities and transfer stations. Due to the inability to fully review the CRC cost and proposal provided to UTC, King County is undecided on supporting or opposing this proposal.

The King County Solid Waste Division also retains flow control of residuals from collected materials in our service area. We look forward to receiving a full account of the materials collected and the residuals that are returned to for final disposal in our system.

2/23/2023

Page 2

I will continue to be the main point of contact for SWD's Recycling and Environmental Services Division. His contact information is as follows:

Andy Smith

Recycling and Environmental Services Manager

206-263-3387

AndySmith@KingCounty.gov

Thank you for your continued commitment and collaboration to best serve our shared customers across the region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'ASMT', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Andy Smith

Recycling and Environmental Services Manager