

# USED NEWS

## Wyoming Solid Waste & Recycling Association

### WSWRA Annual Conference 2014

The Wyoming Solid Waste & Recycling Association Annual Conference 2014 was a huge success this year. There were 288 attendees which included new members, old members and numerous vendors and exhibitors from around Wyoming and surrounding states.

From Registration to Awards the event was filled with activities, learning and fun. Look inside for our Sponsor Spotlights and event highlights.



**Andy Frey: "Howdy!"**



**Bad joke? Or good joke? It seems it depends on your perspective.**



**Steve Moldt: "So let's get this party started!"**



**This is an intervention Myron, everyone wants to know where your cowboy hat is.**



**Bob Doctor: "Cheers!"**

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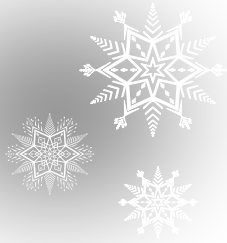
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# WSWRA Annual Conference 2014

A great big thank you to all the speakers and presenters. Your contribution to the success of this year's conference is invaluable!

Craig McOmie , Luke Esch, Mike Jennings, Patrick Troxel, Bob Doctor, Bob Breuer, Rebecca Dietrich & Dale Anderson - Wyoming DEQ  
Michael P. Bradford & Ken Schreuder— Trihydro



Andy Frey—FCSWDD  
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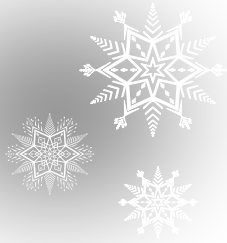


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Travis Evans & Bill Hensley – Solid Waste Professionals of WY  
Beth Andress - Keep Casper Beautiful  
Allyson Weaver – Metech Recycling  
Matthew Evans & Bradley Coleman – Burns & McDonnell







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Horseshoe Pitching in the Dark!?  
Is that similar to Moonlight in Monte Carlo?



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# WSWRA Annual Conference 2014



There was plenty of  
food, fun, friends  
and family!



We had some very cute kids!



Lots of Finger Pointing!



"Spirited" Conversations!



And Loads of Fun Tailgating!





## WSWRA Waste Diversion Committee News

### 2014 Conference Recap and Updates

By Michael Foote, Diversion Committee

The Waste Diversion Committee discussed a variety of topics at the conference last summer. One exciting development was the unveiling of the new look for our organization via logos and graphics. We hope to use these materials as we move forward with our outreach and promotion plans. There is a co-branding opportunity brewing and the Committee hopes to have some updates in the coming months. Also, keep an eye out for enhancements to WSWRA's web site and future Facebook page. The use of Social media will hopefully help us keep you better informed.

In order to consolidate efforts, the Policy and Infrastructure subcommittees will be incorporated into the Resource Sharing Committee. If we get to a point where we need to have separate working groups again, then we can spin them out to better focus our collective energies. In the meantime, we'll meet as a larger group to better utilize everyone's limited volunteer time.

Regarding our Policy & Legislative efforts, the Committee has prepared a draft Strategic Plan that will help us organize our thoughts and guide us through future actions. There are three (3) key policy and legislative efforts that we would like to continue pursuing.

- The first is the Reporting initiative with the goal of establishing how much MSW is going into landfills and how much material is being diverted. We have worked hard to revise the form so that it is user friendly and simple to complete.
- The second action item is to set a State Diversion goal. The idea is to create a numeric goal based on the information and data collected from the Reporting Forms and comparing that data to the Waste Diversion Study.
- The third effort will be to seek a State Environmental Fee to help fund diversion programs around the state and to pay for a full-time State Recycling Coordinator position at DEQ.

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# New News & Announcements

## CONFERENCE TOPICS FOR 2015

It is already time to start lining up speakers for the 2015 conference. What topics are of most interest to you? Do you know a great speaker? If you have answers to either question, please e-mail Mary at [mcrosby@lcwy.org](mailto:mcrosby@lcwy.org). Each year, the WSWRA Board puts out a call for speakers for the conference with a list of requested topics and contacts potential speakers to see if the logistics can be worked out. Please help us get a great conference put together. Don't worry about being late because it is never too early to start planning for 2016!



## ANNOUNCING!

### 2015 WYOMING SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING CONFERENCE

**When:** August 24th through August 27th, 2015

**Where:** Hilton Garden Inn in Laramie, Wyoming

**Go to:** [www.wswra.com](http://www.wswra.com) for registration and information

**Online registration will be available starting June 1st, 2015**

### *"Quotable Quotes"*

**"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."**

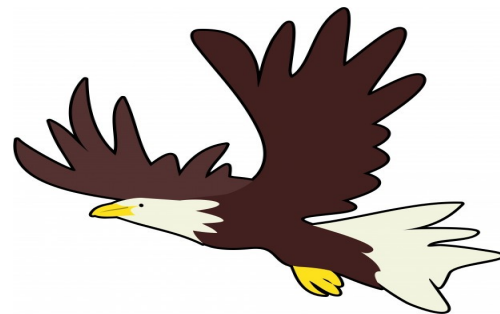
**Margaret Mead**

**Coming in the next Used News Issue we will have the latest information from the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality Commission and the highlights from the 2015 WSWRA Conference. Those wishing to submit something for publication, please contact Mary at:**

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Steven F. Moldt



# Executive Board President's Message

March 27, 2015

It continues to be busy times in the solid waste industry in our great state of Wyoming. I like to use this time of year to reflect on accomplishments, and to get geared up for the challenges ahead. The Board members of WSWRA and members of the Governor's Citizen Advisory Committee (GCAC) on Solid Waste Management were active throughout the year communicating the needs of the Districts and Communities to our state legislators, primarily members of the Joint Minerals and the Joint Appropriations Committees. What resulted from the legislative session were 4 bills that directly impacted solid waste facilities, and one bill that indirectly impacted future facilities. Thank you to all who attended meetings and provided comments to the committee members. I have to admit this is the first year of me monitoring legislation closely that all of the bills passed through both houses with very little controversy. I firmly believe it was because of the efforts of those who attended the meetings and provided the testimony as well as a thorough understanding of the issues by several key legislators.

Here is my take on the legislation passed in the 63<sup>rd</sup> Legislature:

## **SF0022 (SEA 2) - Landfill Remediation Prioritization Bill (from the LSO Website):**

- Pursuant to 2014 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 26, Section 333(c) and W.S. 35- 11-524 (b), this act establishes a prioritized list of projects qualified for participation in the municipal solid waste facilities remediation program.
- The act provides the Department of Environmental Quality the discretion to change the order of the projects listed to optimize efficiency, based on project readiness or compliance with program qualifications or conditions, or to address emergency or immediate environmental concerns.
- The act also requires the Department of Environmental Quality to report to the Joint Minerals, Business and Economic Development Interim Committee, not later than June 30th each year, regarding modification of the prioritized list encompassed in this act.

### ***My Comments:***

This bill was the annual priority list for the remediation program. I believe there were only minor changes to the list. Feel free to contact Craig McOmie at DEQ with any questions.



**A summary of SF0025 (SEA 17) - Landfill Cease and Transfer Prioritization Bill (from the LSO Website): is as follows:**



- The act establishes a list of projects and amounts for expenditure by the Department of Environmental Quality for purposes of the Municipal Solid Waste Cease and Transfer Program.
- The act allows the Department of Environmental Quality the ability to change the order of the projects listed to optimize efficiency, based on project readiness or compliance with grant or loan qualifications or conditions, or to address emergency or immediate environmental concerns.
- The act also requires the Department of Environmental Quality to report to the Joint Minerals, Business and Economic Development Interim Committee and the Joint Appropriations Interim Committee, not later than October 15th each year, regarding modification of the prioritized list encompassed in this act.
- Repeals the 2014 cease and transfer list (2014 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 91).

***My Comments:***

This bill was the annual priority list for the Cease and Transfer Program. The list was modified from the previous list with some projects dropping off, the order of projects moved around, and estimated construction costs were modified where new information was obtained by the DEQ. It should be noted that the previous “limits to the top 21 projects” language that was added to last year’s budget bill was removed by an amendment in this year’s budget bill. Hopefully these changes will allow SLIB and DEQ to better manage the approval of more projects.

**A summary of HB0054 (HEA 39) –Corrective Action Account Bill (from the LSO Website):**

- Currently in statute, funds in the Corrective Action Account are expended by the Department of Environmental Quality to remediate leaking gasoline or diesel fuel storage tanks.
- There has historically been deposited in the Corrective Action Account between \$10,000,000 and \$13,000,000 a year to remediate these leaking storage tanks.
- The storage tank remediation program is beginning to wind down, but will require a certain amount of funds each year for new leaks and maintenance.
- This Act transfers a portion of the funds from the Corrective Action Account to the Municipal Solid Waste Remediation Account. The portion of funds directed to the Municipal Solid Waste Remediation Account increases from 2019 through 2023. In 2024 and thereafter, the director of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) determines the amount to transfer between the two accounts, based on the expected need to remediate storage tanks, but in no event shall more than \$5,000,000 remain in the account after July 1 of each year.
- The director of the DEQ is authorized to withhold distributions from the Corrective Action Account to the Municipal Solid Waste Remediation Account:
  - In cases of an emergency involving a leaking storage tank;
  - If monies in the Corrective Action Account are less than the amount required by federal law to provide financial assurance coverage or adequate remediation of underground storage tanks.

***My Comments:***

This bill provides a future funding stream for the Landfill Remediation Program by diverting money from underground storage tank funding starting in 2019.

## **A summary of HB0055 (HEA 37) – Solid Waste Program Amendments (from the LSO Website):**

- This Act specifies that to be eligible to participate in the Municipal Solid Waste Remediation and the Municipal Solid Waste Cease and Transfer Programs, an entity need only employ generally accepted accounting principles if otherwise required to do so by the Uniform Municipal Fiscal Procedures Act (W.S. 16-4-101 through 16-4-125).
- Provides a credit under the Municipal Solid Waste Remediation Program to a local operator which performed remediation activities after July 1, 2006, but prior to enrollment in the program.
- A credit issued to a local operator which performed remediation work shall not exceed:
  - The local operator's 25% share of the total cost of remediation under the Municipal Solid Waste Remediation Program; and
  - 75% of the total cost incurred by the local operator for eligible remediation and monitoring activities after July 1, 2006.

### ***My Comments:***

This bill remedies the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) issue that caused problems for several applicants to the Cease and Transfer Program last year. It replaces the previous language by referring back to the Uniform Municipal Fiscal Procedures Act, which defines the accounting requirements of municipalities and generally provides for simple accounting requirements for communities under 4000 residents. The bill also closed the date "gap" in eligible reimbursement for past activities for those entering the Remediation Program.

### **Budget Bill:**

The Legislature also appropriated \$6.4 million additional funding to the Cease and Transfer Program. We were successful in demonstrating that several communities are gearing up to take advantage of the program and the current funding would likely not be enough to satisfy the needs over the next year. I anticipate that this will be an annual request of the legislature and hopefully it can continue.

### **What's Ahead?**

Your WSWRA Board has been active in the last several months developing strategies to improve our organization, especially through website enhancements and outreach efforts, and by already working on this year's annual convention to be held in Laramie August 24 through 27, 2015. You'll be seeing more information posted on our website starting in May. I look forward to seeing all of you in Laramie and helping make this year's convention the best ever.

So, in summary, I believe we were very successful in this year's legislative session to help improve the programs we've worked so hard to create. There is still much work to do, but the framework for meaningful programs and adequate funding streams have been established.

Steven F. Moldt, P.E.

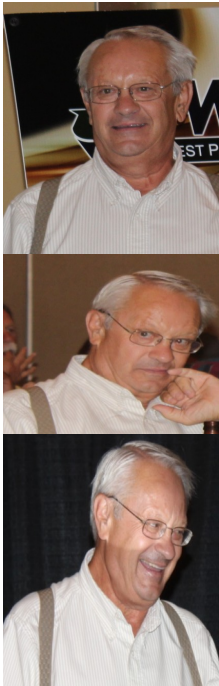
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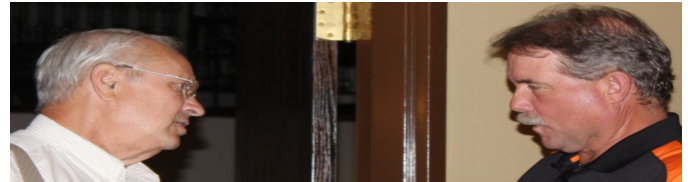
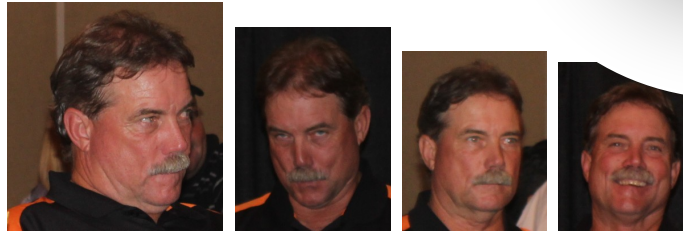
# Farewell! WSWRA Board Retirees



**Mike Nelson**



**Willie Pitt**



# Welcome! New WSWRA Board Members



**Mary Crosby**

Mary works for Lincoln County as the Solid Waste Director. She started on April 1, 2008. She is wondering "Were they trying to tell me something? Starting on April Fool's Day!"

A fun fact: Mary loved scuba diving in Wyoming lakes, at least until she discovered warm salt water.



**Clay Baird**

Clay was born in Worland, but grew up in Idaho. He has been back in Wyoming the last 30 years. The past four years he was the Landfill Manager in Uinta County, and just recently he was promoted to Public Works Director.

A fun fact: The last time he owned a pair of dress shoes was 1973. Clay prefers Tony Lama boots, but says Dan Post, Ariat, and Justin are also good brands.



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## **The WSWRA Mission Statement**

The Wyoming Solid Waste and Recycling Association is dedicated to the advancement of knowledge in the planning, operation and management of solid waste and recycling systems within the state of Wyoming, to protect the health and well-being of Wyoming's residents and resources.

We're on the Web!

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