

## **Staff Report**

July 7, 2025 Council Workshop Meeting

Resolution 25-010 Adopting the Clark County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management

Plan for 2025-2029

Presenter: Rob Charles, Utilities Manager

Time Estimate: 5 minutes

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**BACKGROUND:** All counties in the state of Washington are required to prepare and maintain a solid waste management plan and a moderate risk waste plan as outlined in RCW 70A.205.075 and RCW 70A300.350.

The last approved plan was adopted in 2015 with an amendment occurring in 2022 which included the Contamination Reduction and Outreach Plan.

In 2023, a full revision of the plan which included changes to the solid waste regulations in the state, population growth projections, and updates to the contracts established for sold waste services in the region.

The plan has gone thru State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) review, 30 day public comment period, Washington Utilities and Transportation (WUTC) review, Ecology review, Solid Waste Advisory Commission (SWAC) approval, and reviewed by the Solid Waste System Steering Committee (RSWSSC).

**SUMMARY:** The next step is to formally adopt the plan with each city and town council withing Clark County boundaries. Once this is completed, Clark County Council will sign their Resolution to Adopt. The signed resolutions will be added as an appendix to the plan and submitted to Ecology for formal approval.

**BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY:** Adopting the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan benefits the community by creating cleaner, healthier neighborhoods through coordinated efforts in waste reduction, recycling, and disposal. It ensures residents receive consistent, reliable, and environmentally responsible services that enhance community health and overall quality of life.

**BUDGET IMPACT:** None.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends this Resolution be placed on the July 21, 2025 Regular Meeting Agenda for Council's consideration.