

MANAGING DISPOSAL AND DIVERSION

SPEAKERS BIO

KEN KOMISKE – KEY NOTE

Kenneth Komiske

Director of Utilities, City of Norman, OK

BS; Environmental Engineering; Pennsylvania State University, MBA; University of Illinois

Licensed Engineer; NM, IN, ID, PA

Worked in Norman for 15 years. Over 35 years of experience in the utility field. Ken has worked in the different operation fields of investor owned utilities, contract operations and municipal governments. He has had experience in the management, planning, engineering, financing and operations of utilities in eleven states. Really swell guy.

SCOTT PASTERNAK

Associate and Senior Project Manager for the Solid Waste and Resource Recovery Practice for Burns & McDonnell

He holds a Masters' of Science in Community and Regional Planning and Bachelor of Arts with Honors, both from the University of Texas. Past Director for SWANA's Planning and Management Technical Division and serves on the Municipal Solid Waste and Resource Recovery Advisory Council for the State of Texas Board of Directors for the Lone Star Chapter of SWANA. Telephone: (512) 589-3411 E-mail: spasternak@burnsmed.com

DAVE YANKE

Managing Director, NewGen

City of Stillwater – Evaluation of Recycling Options

NewGen Strategies and Solutions, in conjunction with Parkhill Smith and Cooper (PSC), was retained by the City of Stillwater in the Spring of 2019 to conduct a Solid Waste Assessment and Management Study. Key tasks were to evaluate the City's recycling options going forward, observe its current residential and commercial collection operations, determine the feasibility of long-hauling the City's waste, review the current solid waste ordinances, and finally develop a long range solid waste master plan. The scope was expanded and NewGen conducted a solid waste cost of service and rate design study as well as a series of citizen recycling task force meetings to obtain feedback. This presentation will be to discuss the approach taken by NewGen

and PSC in evaluating various options for the City’s recycling program from an operational and cost perspective. This presentation will also describe the approach taken during the citizen recycling task force meetings to share information with the citizens, as well as obtain their feedback which will then be presented to the City Council.

In Attendance to Answer Questions: Chris Knight, Waste Management Director, City of Stillwater

LISA ROBINSON & DEANNE CRANE– NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL

Lisa R. Robinson, CFLE, Senior Program Manager

Lisa Robinson is an experienced public speaker with more than 20 years of expertise in successfully addressing behavior change. She brings passion and enthusiasm to the topic of transportation safety.

As a senior program manager with the National Safety Council, she works on influencing behavior and policy change through effective and proven strategies to address preventable motor vehicle crashes, aligning with the Council’s transportation initiatives. She serves as a subject matter expert and spokesperson for transportation safety, building strong relationships within the employer and transportation communities, including state governmental agencies.

She holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Oklahoma State University and the designation of Certified Family Life Educator from the National Council on Family Relations. Lisa is a member of ASSP, the National Association of Women Highway Safety Leaders, Impaired Driving Task Force, TxPRIMA, a CPS Technician, an Alive @ 25 certified instructor and is Car Fit trained.

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SANFORD BRITT

Sanford (Sandy) Britt is Senior Hydrogeologist at QED Environmental Systems, Inc. He is a Professional Geologist and Certified Hydrogeologist in California. Mr. Britt is a SERDP and ESTCP researcher and developer of the Snap Sampler passive groundwater monitoring method. Previous to his work on the Snap Sampler, Mr. Britt was a regulator with the California Department of Toxic Substances Control and worked in private environmental consulting.

DARRYL WALTER

SWANA DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP

REGION 3 DIRECTOR

MICHAEL CARLETON

PROJECT MANAGER
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Mr. Carleton has been involved in evaluating actual projects that have changed municipal ownership and operations.

His presentation will focus on key issues to consider when selling, leasing or potentially purchasing a waste management facility.

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ANNA CABRERA

Deputy Director of Post Disaster Programs
Tetra Tech, Inc.

Worked nationwide on numerous major post-disaster activations since Hurricane Wilma in 2005, where she has served in a variety of roles focusing on reimbursement for more than \$2 billion from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Ms. Cabrera has worked on behalf of cities and counties throughout the United States and is a highly regarded expert in the debris management industry. She has worked with a number of clients on longer-term financial recovery, including serving as a technical resource to clients during implementation of the FEMA Public Assistance (PA) Program and other federal grant programs and assisting in the preparation, development, and review of FEMA PA Project Worksheets (PWs) for disaster related activities, state appeals, and closeout processes. Within the Tetra Tech post-disaster practice Ms. Cabrera is the lead technical expert on the FEMA PA Program remaining up to date on policy and guidance changes and providing a resource to our post-disaster projects across the board to ensure consistency in understanding and implementation of requirements.

DR. JASON VOGEL

Director of the Oklahoma Water Survey

Professor OU School of Civil Engineering and Environmental Science

For more than 20 years, worked to facilitate and develop solutions for water issues throughout the Great Plains, with prior positions at OSU and the USGS. Prior to joining the Survey, held faculty and research positions at Oklahoma State University in the Department of Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering and at the U.S. Geological Survey. While at OSU, developed an award-winning research and extension program on storm water and stream management. Dr. Vogel presented and organized water-related educational programming to more than 12,000 individuals, including water-industry professionals, government officials, regulators, youth and the general public at more than 270 events.

DANNY EDWARDS

BancFirst Insurance Services
Risk Consultant and Insurance Broker

Throughout his 19-year career, Danny has served the waste & recycling industry for the entirety of his career helping develop insurance solutions, create and launch safety programs, consulting on claims, and helping his clients navigate the complex issues of regulatory compliance. He has served as the keynote speaker on risk and safety for a host of organizations including the National Waste & Recycling Association, and Devon. Danny holds an advanced certification on risk and insurance from Florida State University, in conjunction with the National Alliance for Insurance Education, and performed his bachelor studies at The University of Oklahoma.

BRANDI NEAL & HARVEY REDFERN

Brandi - Program Development Officer for the City of Denton, TX Solid Waste and Recycling department.

Worked for the City the past 8 years and began in the Solid Waste department as a scale house attendant. Promoted to administrative assistant, then Business Account Coordinator, and transitioned into her current role in November 2019.

As Program Development Officer, she works closely with all the departments in Solid Waste & Recycling to implement new programs like the downtown area valet trash and recycling program with the goal of attracting, supporting, and retaining customers.

Harvey –

Harvey began working for the City of Denton in March of 2006 in the water meter shop. He later served as a field service worker in the street department and made a last move in December 2008 to join the Solid Waste and Recycling department as a heavy equipment operator. He spent 11 years as a driver in the Residential department. In June 2019 he signed on to help build the valet program and was soon promoted to his current role of crew leader for the valet

SCOTT MOUW

The Recycling Partnership
Senior Director of Strategy and Research

Scott enjoys putting recycling data to work to help community programs thrive. Prior to joining The Partnership, Scott spent a career directing North Carolina's highly regarded recycling program. He has participated in a wide range of regional and national initiatives to advance recycling, including overseeing the development of The Recycling Partnership while serving on board of the Southeast Recycling Development Council and working with the Sustainable Packaging Coalition, the Association of Plastics Recyclers, the Glass Recycling Coalition, and AMERIPEN.