Director Goodloe updated the Board on progress of three Solid Waste issues from the December meeting – Don Gerrard PCS request, Louie Gibson Permit Application, and Ray Thayer piles of wood waste. Goodloe outlined her process with Don Gerrard and indicated she had coordinated with Darryl Piercy on the plan. Gerrard has been told to complete the SEPA forms and return them to Piercy’s office to go through that review process. She asked for clarification on whether or not the BOCC has to give permission to Gerrard to bring these materials into the county for use on his private property. The SW Plan does not specifically address this question. Goodloe was advised that it is better to get the Board’s approval in cases where there is a doubt. She indicated she will provide this information to Piercy and they will work together on this issue.

Commissioner Huston indicated that he wanted Goodloe and Piercy to be able to distinguish between Gerrard’s request and an earlier issue with Pat Deneen over a PCS recycling facility in the upper county. Specifically, why did Pat Deneen need a CUP for his operation and Mr. Gerrard does not? Goodloe noted this question.

Goodloe reported that she is working with Brenda Larsen, code enforcement officer, on the review of the fire threat at the Louie Gibson property on Horlick Rd. as part of his permit application process. She advised that she had talked to Darryl Piercy about how to proceed with this issue, and he had advised her to get a second opinion on a fire suppression plan. The demands made by Fire Chief D.J. Evans are somewhat excessive and may have some aspects that are inappropriate as they do not address the points of a fire suppression plan. Goodloe indicated she had talked to one other of the Fire Chiefs in the county, and he had referred her to Brenda Larsen. Goodloe also reported that Piercy had suggested she talk to someone from DNR. Piercy indicated he would provide her with a contact for this discussion. Commissioner Huston suggested the SEPA review process seemed appropriate to use in terms of working this application (even though a SEPA is not required). He reviewed the goal of SEPA as being able to determine the probable, significant or adverse impacts of a project, in this case a fire occurring at the Horlick Rd. site. He suggested the review process be focused on these determinations and noted that the county does not need the approval of the fire chief to process this application. He also discussed the “rule of reason” with respect to these determinations and how it applied in this case. Goodloe discussed some enforcement issues around this issue. Huston responded to the questions and encouraged Goodloe and Piercy to get to work on any ordinances that might need to be in place to deal with this issue.

Goodloe reported that she had sent a letter to Ray Thayer with information on what he needed to do to run a legal operation without the need for a permit for his wood waste piles—keep his total accumulation under 500 cu. yds. of material.

Cathy Bambrick presented a draft document for a different oversight agreement for Dacia Carver. This agreement involves staff from the Yakima Health District.
providing the supervision. The Board advised her to contact legal counsel to determine if something like this needs to be an interlocal agreement.

Bambrick presented a document outlining some talking points about enforcement for EH programs. She asked for input from the Board on how far they wanted to see the EH enforcement procedures go. The Board indicated they would support whatever was needed to get the job done and put some “teeth” into enforcement. They guided Bambrick to consider three questions when developing her policies:

1. What can we do—according to the WACs and RCWs?
2. What will we do?
3. What tools do we need to use in the processes we develop?

No further business. The meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm.