



Solid Waste Advisory Council
AGENDA
June 22, 2022
6:00 pm

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- I. 6:00 p.m., 5 Minutes – Call to Order..... Chair
- II. 6:05 p.m., 5 Minutes – Approval of the Minutes..... Chair
- III. 6:10 p.m., 10 Minutes – Update on OCA (Oregon Consensus Assessment) status.....Chair
(Old business). Members will brief the public on what they know about the assessment.
- IV. 6:20 p.m., 15 Minutes – Community Member Comments..... Chair
Anyone can bring up news, information, questions to discuss with the Council.
- V. 6:35 p.m., 10 Minutes – Bylaws: Discuss / Decide on ChangesMY/CG
(Old business.) Mark and Chuck will guide us through some recommended changes to the Council bylaws, to be submitted as a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners.
- VI. 6:45 p.m., 5 Minutes – Sustainable Materials Management Grant Initiative: Results ... Staff
(Old business.) Staff will report on the outcome of the grant applications for projects advancing better sustainable materials management in the county.
- VII. 6:50 p.m., 20 Minutes – Forming a Regional SWAC Coalition: First Steps Chair
(Old business.) SWAC bylaws require county staff concurrence for the creation of subcommittees, which was not received. Council will revisit this action.
- VIII. 7:10 p.m., 20 Minutes – Charter for SWAC, Charter for DSAC: Discuss Operating Rules..... Chair

(New business.) The County has recommended that SWAC cancel the June 22, 2022 meeting due to the ongoing Oregon Consensus Assessment. Let's discuss this request in light of our operating rules as SWAC (county-mandated) and DSAC (state-mandated).

- IX. 7:30 p.m., 5 Minutes – Member Requests..... Chair
- X. 7:35 p.m., 5 Minutes – Agenda items for next meeting Chair
- XI. 7:40 p.m., 5 Minutes – Wrap Up and Adjourn..... Chair

Next Meeting July 27, 2022 (DSAC and SWAC)

On our event horizon:

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Reports on this initiative area and opportunities to decrease food waste going to the landfill.

- DEQ Waste Generation Summary

Information has arrived from Oregon DEQ about statewide trends in waste production.

BENTON COUNTY
Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC)
May 25, 2022 DRAFT Minutes

Members Present: Ken Eklund, John McEvoy, Marge Popp, Joel Geier, Chuck Gilbert & Mark Yeager. Staff Present: Daniel Redick & Greg Verret

Members Excused: Deborah Gile

Call to Order/Introductions. Ken Eklund, Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

Approval of Minutes for April 27, 2022

Mark noted a change in the minutes to reflect that “Mark nominated Ken to be promoted from the temporary chair”. With that edit, Mark made a **MOTION** to approve the April 27, 2022 minutes. Seconded by Joel, the minutes were **APPROVED unanimously**.

Community Member Comments

None.

Oregon Consensus Assessment

Joel began the discussion by sharing what he knew about the role of Sam Imperati (Oregon Consensus) as three-fold, to collect feedback about the landfill, collection franchise and the holistic solid waste management.

Marge expressed concern that SWAC was not asked to weigh in on the establishment of the process of the assessment.

Ken expressed his concern that there has been a lack of information which easily leads to speculation. He emphasized that developing the factual basis should be part of the process. (For example, the remaining lifespan of the landfill, or what is the current operating plan of the landfill.)

Chuck made a recommendation for the Oregon Consensus to work with the Benton County GIS to connect with maps and data.

Sam Imperati from the Oregon Consensus joined the meeting. He is the facilitator working with the county and community members in reflection of the CUP. Sam described how he was hired, which was that Benton County requested that Oregon Consensus conduct a request for proposals for an independent facilitator; Sam submitted a proposal and was selected to start work on May 16th. Sam read the Planning Commission’s decision to deny

the CUP application to expand the landfill along with the comments made by the public during the public hearing. Sam spoke with the Community Development Director, County Administrator and County Counsel. Sam also spoke with: Jeff Kleinman, attorney for the neighborhood group; Republic Service's attorney; SWAC member, Joel Geier. Sam explained that his job is to conduct an assessment about what process, if any, the participants might agree to for moving forward. They are looking for a consensus agreement about what process could be most helpful. Topics for conversation between the parties could include: What process could be used to determine what parts, if any, of a landfill expansion CUP the county could approve? Similarly, what process could be used for the collection franchise? Another topic would be holistic solid waste management with the potential for a regional dialogue.

In response to questions from SWAC members, Sam stated that the topic of limiting the amount of waste taken from other counties could be on the table, and that who is involved in the process can be decided by the participants.

Ken asked about representation at the discussion and surety of inclusiveness. Sam suggested that inclusiveness could be accomplished several ways, such as creating an advisory committee group of 15-30 representatives. (At any meeting, public comment would be allowed.) Sam would like to conduct a public survey that is widely distributed. He also suggested open houses. Most likely the decision on how to proceed with the subsequent process would come from the County Board of Commissioners. Sam re-iterated that what he is looking into is whether there is a consensus from interested parties about what would be a viable process.

To ensure inclusivity and that all interested groups would be heard, Sam will be asking SWAC members and others on who should be involved in the discussion.

Grant Initiative

The Solid Waste Grant Initiative applicants were available at this meeting for questions and feedback from SWAC Members. The projects are as follows;

- Philomath High School – effort to reduce paper towel use the school and an educational campaign to promote hand dryers. The school requested funding for 6-9 hand dryers.
- ARC of Benton County – request for funding to “upcycle” furniture which will be used in their clubhouse which serves people with developmental disabilities. A second request with this application is funding for a videographer. SWAC members asked about the requested funding on this item and the flexibility on the amount. Diane Scottaline (representative of ARC) stated that funds from other cash donations could be put towards the videographer.
- McGuire Mechanism – request for funding to purchase scrap metals to repair and/or make equipment. An example of the process would be designing and implementing mechanization of small processes on small farms. Matching funds would be coming from the customers paying for the items.
- Corvallis Sustainability Coalition – request for funding to create a reusable takeout container program. Matching funds and donations would be from additional grants from Republic Services. The reusable containers are durable and will be pelletized and reconstructed at the end of the products' useful life.

- C Machines – request for funding to create and send out a survey for interest and participation in their workforce development program.
- Vina Moses – request for funding to create a space for collection and storage of reused bags as part of their thrift store operations.

Coalition with other SWACs

Members discussed how best to approach other Solid Waste Advisory Councils in other counties around Oregon and the purpose of the potential conversations. Members noted that communication towards this endeavor should start with the respective counties' Board of Commissioners and hosting department. Marge suggested starting a conversation with the Benton County BOC to begin. Ken appointed Chuck, John and Joel to form a subcommittee that would look into what it would take to establish a regional group of SWACs and report back at the June meeting on their progress. A suggestion was made that if this regional committee is created, the initial focus should be working together on reducing waste and diversion strategies. Staff stated that they would look into the by-laws and public meeting law with regard to this type of committee and would discuss further with SWAC.

Agenda Items for June Meeting

- SWAC Bylaws
- Progress towards a Regional SWAC Coalition
- Independent Audits for Coffin Butte Landfill

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Gilbert Comment

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDICK Daniel](#)
Subject: Regional SWAC Committee - Regional Counties SWAC's, Transfer Stations and Recycle facilities 5-30-2022
Date: Monday, May 30, 2022 3:57:34 PM
Attachments: [Regional SWAC Committee Benton County - County Contacts 5-30-2022.docx](#)

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Hi Daniel,

When your time permits, would you please forward the attachment to John and Joel.

I researched the majority of Oregon Counties that have solid waste advisory committees that have recycling & transfer stations, some that also handle solid waste at the transfer stations.

Also attached is a referenced EPA report regarding transfer station dated year 2002, but still has relevant information regarding the use and design.

Would you please also copy (cc) me with your transfer e-mail.

Also in the future with any additional information, I will update a revised date on the transmittal.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Chuck

Regional SWAC Committee - Regional Counties SWAC's, Transfer Station & Recycle facilities – 5-30-2022

Columbia County, Oregon
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<https://www.columbiacountyor.gov/departments/SolidWaste>

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https://www.lanecounty.org/government/county_departments/public_works/waste_management/garbage_recycling/lane_county_transfer_stations

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<https://www.co.marion.or.us/PW/ES/disposal/programs/SWMAC>

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<https://www.co.polk.or.us/cd>

<https://www.co.polk.or.us/cd/eh/solid-waste-household-hazardous-waste-recycling>

Republic Services

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Washington County, Oregon

Garbage and Recycling Advisory Committee (GRAC)

Our 10-member advisory committee works closely with the Washington County Board of Commissioners on regulation of our solid waste and recycling system. Sound interesting? Contact us at 503-846-3605 or recycle@co.washington.or.us to learn more. Meeting minutes and agendas can be found [here](#).

Solid Waste & Recycling

503-846-3605

Solid Waste & Recycling, a division of the Washington County Department of Health and Human Services helps community members, property managers and businesses sustainably manage materials to prevent waste, recycle and dispose of garbage properly. We regulate how garbage and recycling is collected, transported, stored and disposed. Code enforcement responds to complaints of potential nuisance, noise, and garbage and recycling service issues in unincorporated Washington County. Contact us at 503-846-3605 or recycle@co.washington.or.us.

We offer waste prevention and recycling information and resources to community members and businesses in all of the cities in Washington County, except the [City of Beaverton](#), which operates its own program. Technical support and education are provided under agreements with Metro and 10 participating Washington County cities. Get to know us better by reading our [current annual report](#).

<https://www.co.washington.or.us/HHS/SWR/Resources/swac.cfm>

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Yamhill County, Oregon

Solid Waste Department
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Liaison Commissioner: Casey Kulla, x7501
Staff: Sherrie Mathison, Solid Waste Coordinator, x3646

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Transfer Station Location – Solid Waste & Recycling

Oregon Revised Statutes 459 requires that material recovery facilities and transfer stations apply to DEQ for a [Solid Waste Disposal Permit](#) prior to starting operation.

Forest Grove, OR – Washington County – Waste Management

Newberg OR – Yamhill County - Waste Management - <https://www.co.yamhill.or.us/content/solid-waste-transfer-stations-and-landfills>

St. Helens - Columbia County – Waste Management
<https://www.columbiacountyor.gov/departments/SolidWaste/transfer-station-general-information>
<https://www.wmnorthwest.com/columbiacounty/recycling.html>

Oregon City – Metro South Transfer Station – South - <https://www.oregonmetro.gov/tools-living/garbage-and-recycling/ask-expert>

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References

EPA – Waste Transfer Stations: A Manual for Decision Making – Yr. 2002

<https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2016-03/documents/r02002.pdf>

Eklund Comment #1

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDICK Daniel](#)
Subject: Re: SWAC Subcommittee
Date: Wednesday, June 8, 2022 10:15:02 AM
Attachments: [writerguy-cube2.png](#)

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Hi Daniel,

Thanks for informing me of staff's decision on this matter.

Can you please relay the following to all the SWAC members (and do cc me / let me know when this message has been passed on to them):

Hello fellow councilmembers:

I received the following from County staff yesterday:

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subcommittee at that time.

This is problematic to say the least, as the assessment consultant may not conclude his work until year-end, and the “facilitation team” (if any) will likely not conclude its work this year and maybe not next.

Let’s do as Daniel recommends, and revisit this topic at our 22 June meeting. As Old Business, I’ll put it high on the agenda.

All best,

Ken

Just as a side note FYI, when we talked earlier, you said the assessment was likely to have been concluded by June 8, i.e., today. That did not happen; it’s barely begun.

All best,

Ken



Ken Eklund, writerguy

Creator of
World Without Oil
Ed Zed Omega
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and other storymaking games

On Jun 7, 2022, at 4:24 PM, REDICK Daniel
<daniel.redick@Co.Benton.OR.US> wrote:

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Best,

Daniel Redick *(He/Him/His)*

Solid Waste and Water Quality Program Coordinator

Benton County Community Development Dept.

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5 min	Members Make Requests of each other, of staffChair	7:30pm
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**Benton County Sustainable Materials Management Grant
2022 Funding Award Summary**

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	Project	Funding Requested	Award Amount	% Funding
1	The Arc Benton Furniture Upcycling Project	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,800.00	100%
2	Small Producer Materials Reuse Program (McGuire Mechanism)	\$ 3,125.00	\$ 3,125.00	100%
3	Benton To Go – A Reusable Take-out Container Program (Corvallis Sustainability Coalition)	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	100%
4	BioSteward Workforce Development Survey (C Machines)	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	0%
5	Hand Dryers in Philomath High School Bathrooms	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 2,848.00	40%
6	Vina Moses Center Reuse & Reusables Project	\$ 2,727.00	\$ 2,727.00	100%
	Total	\$ 26,352.00	\$ 20,000.00	