

September 15, 2022 BCTT Workgroup Meeting Minutes

1. Agenda

| Topic | Lead | Start | Duration | Materials |
|---|--------------|-------|----------|---|
| Welcome New Member Introductions Review Participant Meeting Instructions Review Agenda Approve Draft Minutes from Last Meeting | Imperati | 3:00 | 15 mins | Agenda Draft Minutes |
| Public Comment | Public | 3:15 | 30 mins | Comments |
| Meeting One Evaluation: Highlights | Imperati | 3:45 | 5 mins | BCTT M1 Evaluation |
| Meeting Two Homework: Highlights | Imperati | 3:50 | 15 mins | Homework Summary |
| Break | All | 4:05 | 10 mins | |
| Explore Common Understandings Section Refine List of Missing Topics/Questions | Workgroup | 4:15 | 45 mins | Common Understandings Table of Contents |
| Dinner Break with "Get to Know You" Exercise | All | 5:00 | 30 mins | |
| Discuss SWMP Table of Contents Concept | Workgroup | 5:30 | 45 mins | SWMP Table of Contents |
| Triage Charge Elements/Workplan Why are we Here? Participation | Imperati | 6:15 | 30 mins | |
| Next Steps: 1) Member Meeting Two Evaluation (Due Tomorrow) 2) Tour: 9/24/22 @ 10:00 AM 3) Neighborhood Tour Update 4) Homework for Next Meeting: a. Track Change Common Understandings Sections b. Track Change SMMP Table of Contents 5) Next Meeting: 10/6/22 @ 3:00 PM | Sam Imperati | 6:45 | 15 mins | https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9KG9VXF |
| Adjourn | All | 7:00 | | |

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2. Attendance

| Organization Interest Group | WORKGROUP Member | Alternate | Polling | Ex Officio | Charge | Present |
|--|---|---------------------|----------------|-----------------------|---------------|----------------|
| SWAC/DSAC | Joel Geier | Chuck Gilbert | X | | All | X |
| SWAC/DSAC | Marge Popp | | X | | All | X |
| Planning Commission | Nancy Whitcombe | | X | | All | X |
| Planning Commission | Elizabeth Irish | | X | | All | Online |
| Republic: National | Russ Knocke | Ginger Rough | X | | All but C | X |
| Republic: Local | Shawn Edmonds | Julie Jackson | X | | All but C | X |
| Public | John Deuel | | X | | All | X |
| Public | Kathryn Duvall | | X | | All | X |
| Public | Christopher McMorran | Catherine Biscoe | X | | All | X |
| Public | Ryan McAlister | | X | | All | X |
| Public | Mary Parmigiani | | X | | All | X |
| Public | Ed Pitera | | X | | All | X |
| Public | Louisa Shelby | | X | | All | X |
| DEQ | Brian Fuller | | | X | All but D | X |
| Neighboring Jurisdiction | Brian May Marion County Admin. Designee | | | X | Only C | X |
| Neighboring Jurisdiction | Shane Sanderson Linn County Admin. Designee | | | X | Only C | |
| Benton County Staff | Daniel Redick | | | X | All | X |
| Benton County Staff | Sean McGuire | | | X | All | |
| Benton County Staff | Darren Nichols | Jen Brown | | | | X |
| Benton County Staff | Greg Beretta | | | | | |

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3. Minutes

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| # | Topic | Minutes |
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| 1 | Welcome New Member Introductions Review Participant Meeting Instructions Review Agenda Approve Draft Minutes from Last Meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sam welcomed everyone. • New present members and staff introduced themselves. • Sam reviewed the agenda. • Sam reviewed the meeting minutes and asked for any changes from workgroup members. Two changes were recommended: 1) Change to page 7, section b, clarify that a surrounding tour would take place at a different time than the primary tour. (2) Greg “Paretta’s” name on page 3 needed a correction. • Sam made a last call on questions and refreshed the group on the polling process. |
| 2 | Public Comment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul Neitfeld (engineer and distant neighbor to the landfill): Issues: Historic intake for coffin butte. Shows a graph with landfill input and a table with projections for landfill life, including Cell 6. Quarry challenge. Shared a desire to document intake, life, and quarry in a final report. • Sam’s shared an example about assumptions used by different parties and the need to test them collaboratively. The use of sensitivity analyses. • Ryan McAlister adds that life events make landfill input eb and flow. • Chuck Gilbert: Referenced the memo submitted on sustainability & looking at the landfill as a resource, and encouraged the members to read it. • Ken Ekland: Followed up on Paul’s presentation. He had concerns about volume numbers in the report/document being incorrect, so the lifespan Paul predicted may be too generous. Shared comments on the history of the Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC) and the Disposal Site Advisory Committee (DSAC.) • Brian Fuller also shared comments on the topic of comparing the different assumptions and metrics used by different groups. • A subcommittee should be set up so people from different groups can discuss these assumptions and then present together to the workgroup. Sam also encourages people to send in additional written comments on these topic. |
| 3 | Meeting One Evaluation: Highlights | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sam shared the results and explained how the evaluations are compiled. Amelia pulls comments from SurveyMonkey and formats it for easy of review. |
| 4 | Meeting Two Homework: Highlights | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 people responded, with 12 polling and 3 ex-officio. • Comments were organized in alphabetical order to share with workgroup members. |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sam walked through the responses to each HW question. • Sam pulls up the question “Is the workgroup balanced fairly?” He explained that he and Darren have a check-in meeting with the Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, so, after discussing today, people can change their answers to HW questions 6 and 7 before he and Darren make their recommendation to the Board. • The workgroup members had a brief discussion about fair and balance in the workgroup process. • Discussed Tribal (C) Consultation v. (c) coordination. • The concept of open houses and surveys for the public in the future was brought up. • Workgroup comments about balance of the workgroup membership. • Homework Polling Q4. Responses to "All things considered, the BCTT Workgroup membership is balanced fairly." <p><u>Fifteen Responses:</u></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="659 831 1479 1194"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Strongly Disagree (zero)</th> <th>(one)</th> <th>(two)</th> <th>Neutral (three)</th> <th>(four)</th> <th>(five)</th> <th>Strongly Agree (six)</th> <th>Avg.</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Polling Votes</td> <td>2</td> <td>0</td> <td>2</td> <td>1</td> <td>4</td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>3.3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ex-Officio Votes</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>3</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Votes</td> <td>2</td> <td>0</td> <td>2</td> <td>1</td> <td>7</td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>3.5</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific names to consider: • BIPOC, students could be added. • Confused on the site location and what surrounds it. Is the Oregon Game Commission next to this landfill? Should they be involved? Ex Officio member? • Filling in missing info on landowners butting against the landfill. ODFW & private landowners. • Sam discussed the workgroup’s polling homework feedback on topic allocation. • Sam points out the anomalies in the numbers (0%’s) and explains that this was unexpected to him, as the workgroup was charged with all five issues. However, breaking down these issues can be done with subcommittees. | | Strongly Disagree (zero) | (one) | (two) | Neutral (three) | (four) | (five) | Strongly Agree (six) | Avg. | Polling Votes | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3.3 | Ex-Officio Votes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 4 | Total Votes | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 3.5 |
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| | Strongly Disagree (zero) | (one) | (two) | Neutral (three) | (four) | (five) | Strongly Agree (six) | Avg. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Polling Votes | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3.3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ex-Officio Votes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Votes | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 3.5 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | Break | 10 min | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | Explore Common Understandings Section Refine List of Missing Topics/Questions | Sam set the stage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking for a complete list of questions, topics, and concerns, cross-referenced with each of the three topic sections. • Start with table of contents rather than a 90-page document. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The process will involve taking work group member’s input to show full spectrum of topics. • The purpose is not to finetune or get precise placement. The goal is to grow a full list of topics. • Workgroup members are encouraged to send in charts/graphs that help with clarification and information sharing. <p>Clarifying questions and comments from workgroup members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are we focused exclusively on this landfill/coffin butte? • Why is there so much detail? All this information can be confusing. • Are we free to eliminate sections as well as add sections? • Please present topics in clear charts/graphs for better understanding. • Belief that land use compatibility statement is required from DEQ. County enforces compliance. • Belief that workgroup and not county staff should determine compliance. • What do the conclusions reached by staff mean? (suggested categories: compliance, non-compliance, not enforced, no longer relevant, impossible to comply, arguable compliance) • “CUP compliance section” – review and polling by workgroup members at future meeting. • There should be a Common Understandings section for Coffin Butte itself, not just the landfill. There are misunderstandings about SWM that go beyond the landfill. • We will take the ~25-page section, convert into a polling list of items. Convert staff decisions part into a mechanical system that can be polled on. Then have subcommittee look at this. • Subcommittee working group (“Nietfeld Dynamic” and ~25-page CUP Section): Nancy, Joel, Sean/Russ, County Staff |
| 7 | Dinner Break with “Get to Know You” Exercise | 30 Minutes |
| 8 | Discuss Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) Table of Contents Concept | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The focus is on scoping tasks, not providing content (or considering the feasibility of the landfill meeting or not meeting specific requirements). • Shared Daniel’s robust outline created based on other counties plans (Deschutes, Lane, Marion, Metro). • The issue of Republic’s compliance is important and at the forefront of much public discussion, what if we have a committee member and a Republic representative get together and then present to the full workgroup. This way less time can be spent during the workgroup meeting. Brian comments in support of this idea. • Timeline / Who’s at the table / Lessons learned. • Overlap between common understandings and SWMP. The process will be fluid. • Comments from workgroup members. |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will send out this plan outline to the workgroup to track change the doc. | | | |
| L | <p>Triage Charge Elements/Workplan Why are we Here? Participation</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start by looking at Q8 from the homework summary. Challenge with allocating percentages. Big picture. <p>Comments from workgroup members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Used strategy with “0”s to get focus on some topics (like C) Sequencing is a big part of the issue Wholistic planning and big picture requires a long-term plan Bad substantive process from last CUP process How timelines fit into this workgroup’s future meeting options <p>Darren’s comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What this workgroup is tasked with? What the opportunity and future consideration should look like. The Board wants advice from the community and will use it to set policy. <p>More comments from members and staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A SWM document takes time. It’s a vision and not a requirement. Advice on how Benton County should think about process and decisions related to solid waste. Workgroup has the ability to make the CUP process better, but might not have time to do a full SWMP. Longer range planning process is later and not for this group. We will never have time, so we need to focus on the plan now. County’s Core Value documents do carry forward into day-to-day policy and budgeting. This doesn’t need to be an either/or issue. Trash needs to be picked up. It’s a health issue. No one has to be hurt by it. Seven-year contracts are possible rather than twenty. | | | |
| 10 | <p>Next Steps: 1) Member Meeting Two Evaluation (Due Tomorrow) 2) Tour: 9/24/22 @ 10:00 AM 3) Neighborhood Tour Update 4) Homework for Next Meeting: a. Track Change Common Understandings Sections b. Trach Change SMMP Table of Contents 5) Next Meeting: 10/6/22 @ 3:00 PM</p> | <p>Wrap-up comments from Sam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “One Text Discussion Draft” Tool – used by Carter and Kissinger to reach the Camp David Accords Combine drafts again and again, until there’s a single document Remember to do meeting evaluations Facility tour proposal – meet at 10 AM on 9/24 Other neighborhood tour planning. Looking at a bus from the county. Date 10/1 (poll: 3 green, 6 yellow, therefore, could work) HW: Send out track change docs for the Common Understandings and SMMP Table of Contents | | | |
| 111 | Adjourn | All | 7:00 | | |

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4. Additional Topics for Common Understandings Table of Contents

| Person | Topic/question addition | Add to section |
|---------------|--|--|
| Brian | History of solid waste management and composting | (A) History of solid waste in Benton County |
| | | (B) Landfill size and development history |
| | | (C) Landfill locations and cell size |
| | What land use regulations are current or old? | (D) Conditions and compliance of past land use approvals |
| | | (E) Reporting requirements |
| | GHG emissions related to materials lifespan | (F) Assumptions |
| | | (G) Economics |
| | | (H) Examples from jurisdictions hosting landfills |
| Various | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add “x”s for Yamhill and Lane County • Ed has some additions • Sites are allowed west of the cascades • Sustainable management/materials • Oregon’s sustainable values? • Benton county’s values? • What values informed the 1977 plan and how should they be incorporated moving forward? – created for the site, not a county wide plan. • 2019 county vision for the future – add to document? | OTHER |
| Catherine | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How Benton county’s jurisdiction/decision making interact with other county’s decision making • Any major events that impacted volume increases in past. | OTHER |
| Russ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contractual issues – franchise agreements, arrangements with the quarry operator, other issues for decision making | OTHER |
| Joel | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Costs of hosing a landfill – roads, infrastructure • Rights and obligations that can be passed through a franchise to another party? | OTHER |

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5. Polling Issues

1: Should select members of the public be able to participate at workgroup subcommittee meetings.

| WORKGROUP Member | Polling | Charge | Not Here | Abstain | 1 | 2 | 3 |
|---------------------------|---------|-----------|----------|---------|----------|----------|----------|
| Joel Geier | X | All | | | X | | |
| Marge Popp | X | All | | | X | | |
| Nancy Whitcombe | X | All | | | | X | |
| Elizabeth Irish | X | All | | | X | | |
| Russ Knocke | X | All but C | | | | X | |
| Shawn Edmonds | X | All but C | | | | X | |
| John Deuel | X | All | | | X | | |
| Kathryn Duvall | X | All | | | X | | |
| Christopher McMorran | X | All | | | X | | |
| Ryan McAlister | X | All | | | | X | |
| Mary Parmigiani | X | All | | | X | | |
| Ed Pitera | X | All | | | X | | |
| Louisa Shelby | X | All | | | X | | |
| Polling Totals: | | | | | 9 | 4 | 0 |
| EX-Officio | Polling | Charge | Not Here | Abstain | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Brian Fuller | | | | X | | | |
| Brian May | | | | | | X | |
| Shane Sanderson | | | X | | | | |
| Daniel Redick | | | | | | X | |
| Scott Kruger | | | X | | | | |
| Sean McGuire | | | | X | | | |
| Ex-Officio Totals: | | | | | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Grand Totals: | | | | | 9 | 6 | 0 |

RESULT: Consensus / No Consensus

Minority Proposal: None

6. ZOOM MEETING RECORDS:

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Workgroup Website with all Links: <https://www.co.benton.or.us/cd/page/solid-waste-process-work-group>

7. MEETING CHAT:

- 00:51:01 Pam Vaughan, City of Corvallis: I think what is important is the relative time lines, not a specific end date.
- 01:01:39 Ken Eklund: Agree with Pam. You can certainly determine the direction of things as an indicator of where you're headed. Some directions clearly have a shorter end date than others
- 03:01:53 Debbie Palmer: Daniel or someone, there is someone in the waiting room to join the meeting - could you please let him in?
- 03:23:12 Greg Storms: Are any other of the Zoom participants having difficulty understanding some of the audio?
- 03:24:08 Debbie Palmer: yes!
- 03:24:36 WG, Liz Irish, Benton County Planning Commission: Not today. But the first meeting it took me some time to adjust. I found it was easier in this meeting. The background noise of people moving and some speakers are not speaking loud enough.
- 03:47:24 Greg Storms: Headphones solved problem.
- 03:51:20 Debbie Palmer: good suggestion, thanks Greg! it does solve the hearing problem
- 03:58:30 Ken Eklund: I think a Sustainable Materials Management Plan would get a big boost if there is a platform of community values already established when it began. The workgroup is able to do that. Otherwise the consultant has to essentially form and run its own workgroup.
- 04:13:40 Debbie Palmer: And how can the public participate in this tour?
- 04:14:43 Debbie Palmer: Landfill tour, that is
- 04:14:58 Ken Eklund: Yes, what is the plan for the public to participate in this landfill tour?
- 04:15:22 Ken Eklund: I for one would like to go on the tour