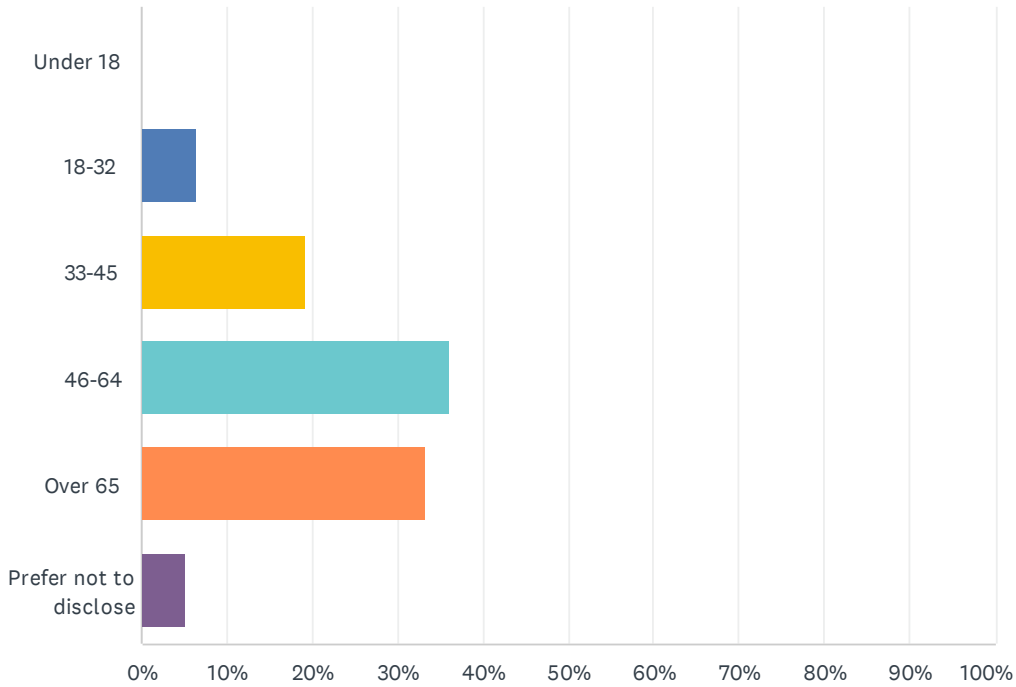


Q1 What is your age range?

Answered: 219 Skipped: 0



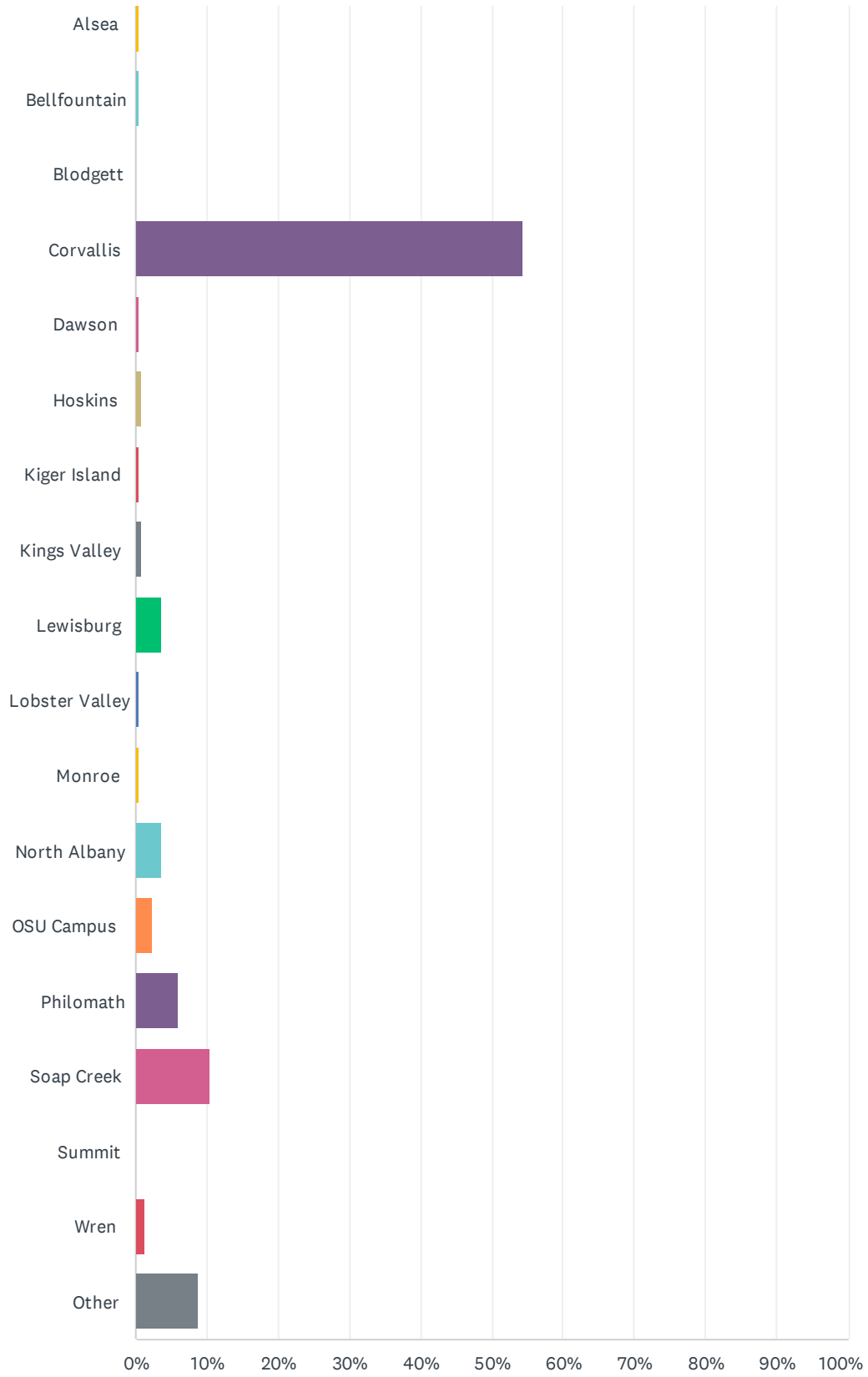
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0.00%	0
18-32	6.39%	14
33-45	19.18%	42
46-64	36.07%	79
Over 65	33.33%	73
Prefer not to disclose	5.02%	11
TOTAL		219

Q2 In which community or area of Benton County do you live? (Check one)

Answered: 219 Skipped: 0



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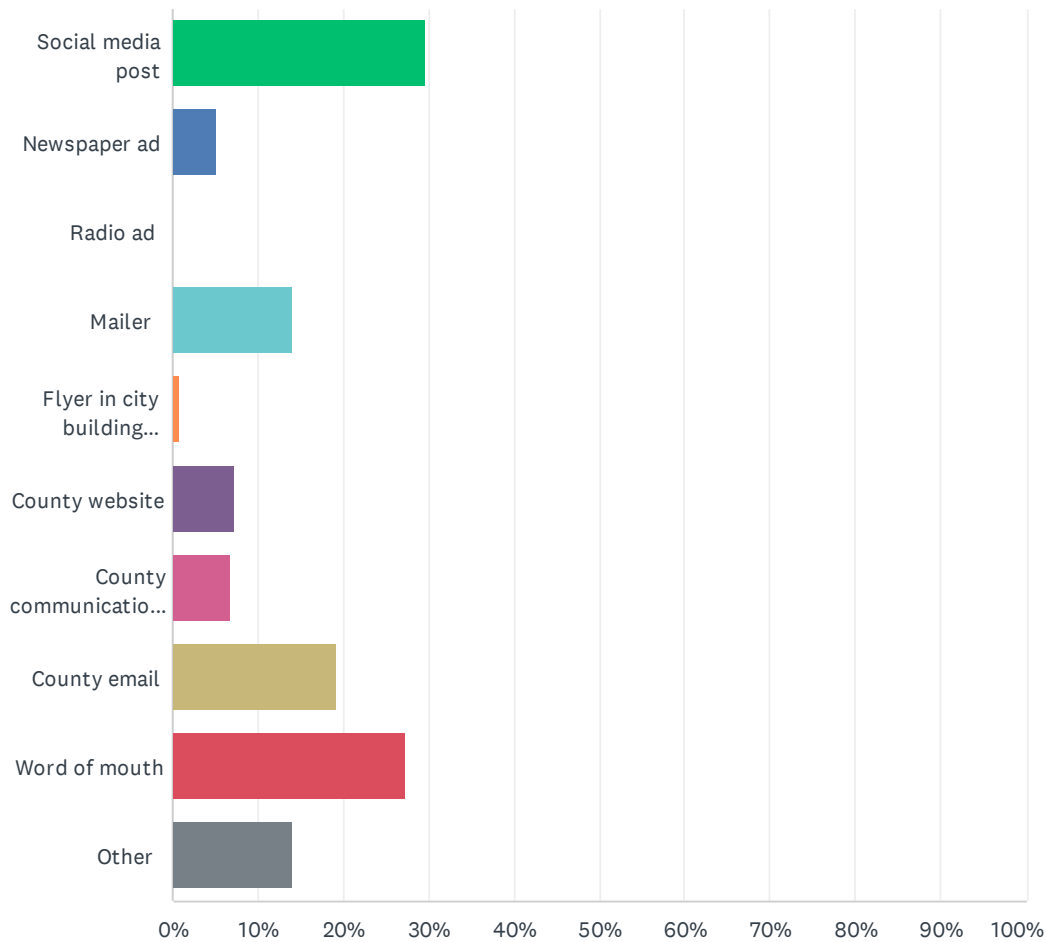
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Adair	4.57%	10
Alpine	0.46%	1
Alsea	0.46%	1
Bellfountain	0.46%	1
Blodgett	0.00%	0
Corvallis	54.34%	119
Dawson	0.46%	1
Hoskins	0.91%	2
Kiger Island	0.46%	1
Kings Valley	0.91%	2
Lewisburg	3.65%	8
Lobster Valley	0.46%	1
Monroe	0.46%	1
North Albany	3.65%	8
OSU Campus	2.28%	5
Philomath	5.94%	13
Soap Creek	10.50%	23
Summit	0.00%	0
Wren	1.37%	3
Other	8.68%	19
TOTAL		219

Q3 How did you learn about this survey? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 219 Skipped: 0

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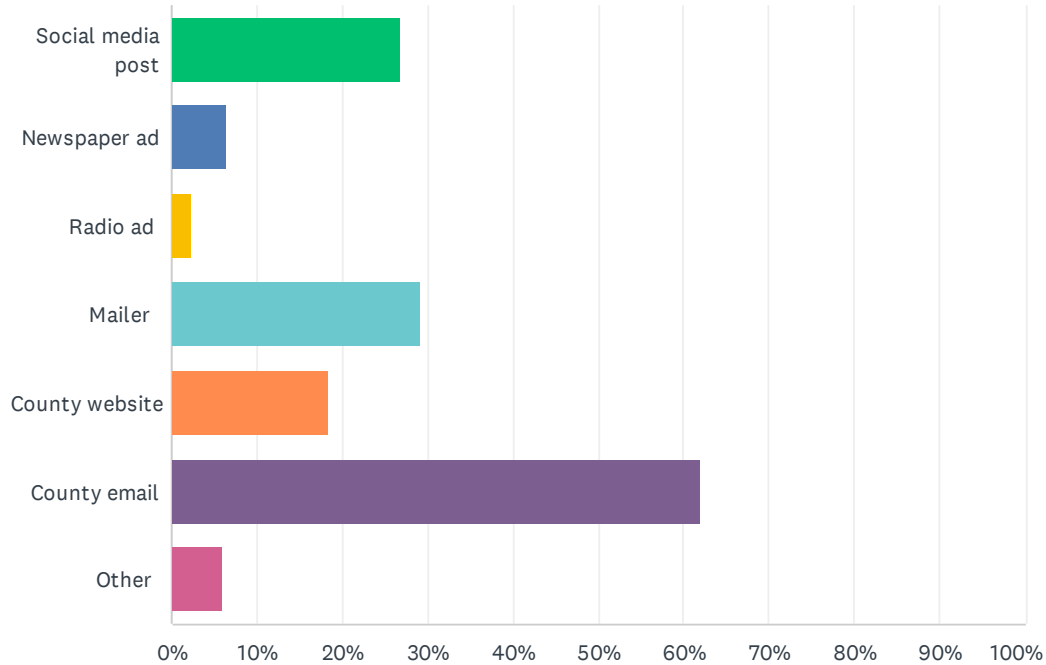


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Social media post	29.68%	65
Newspaper ad	5.02%	11
Radio ad	0.00%	0
Mailer	14.16%	31
Flyer in city building (library, etc.)	0.91%	2
County website	7.31%	16
County communication for something else I am involved in	6.85%	15
County email	19.18%	42
Word of mouth	27.40%	60
Other	14.16%	31
Total Respondents: 219		

**Q4 What is your preferred method of communication from the County?
(Check all that apply)**

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Answered: 219 Skipped: 0

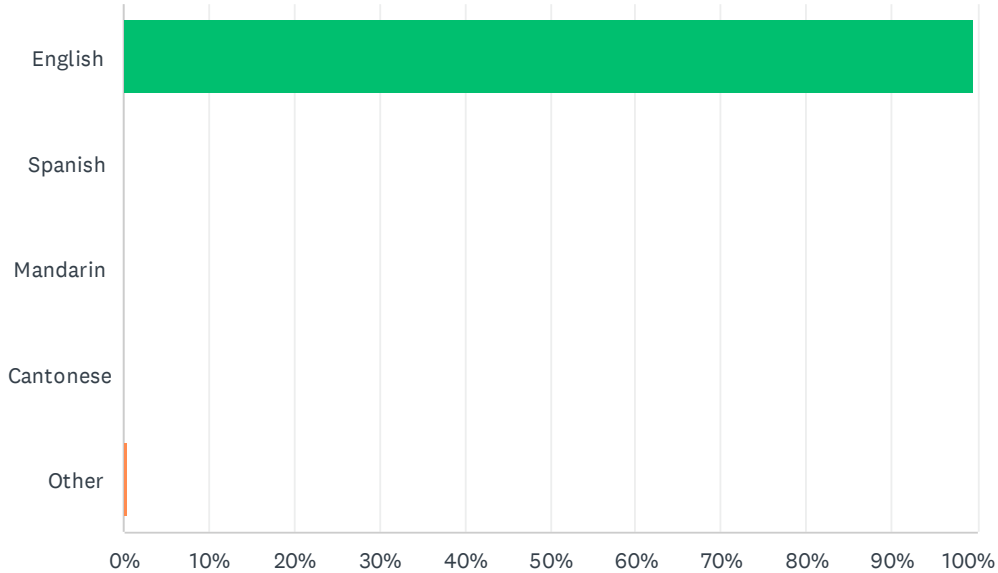


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Social media post	26.94%	59
Newspaper ad	6.39%	14
Radio ad	2.28%	5
Mailer	29.22%	64
County website	18.26%	40
County email	62.10%	136
Other	5.94%	13
Total Respondents: 219		

Q5 What language do you prefer to receive County communications?

Answered: 219 Skipped: 0

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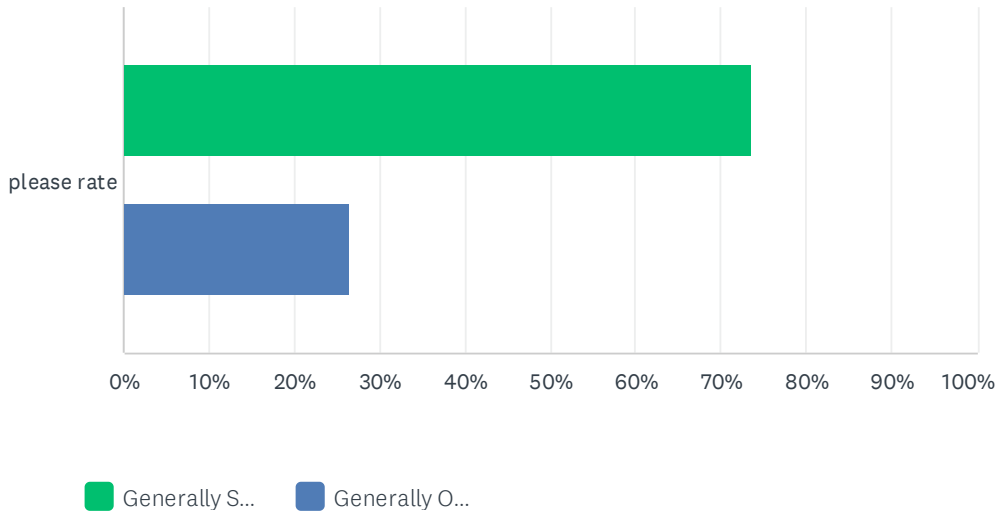


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
English	99.54%	218
Spanish	0.00%	0
Mandarin	0.00%	0
Cantonese	0.00%	0
Other	0.46%	1
TOTAL		219

Q6 SMMP Recommendation 1 A Benton County SMMP should be developed within a Sustainable Materials Management framework, reflecting full lifecycle impacts. The development of a SMMP should consider: 1) the 2040 Thriving Community Initiatives and our communities' Core Values, 2) national, state and local goals, vision documents (The Dept. of Environmental Quality's (DEQ's) Materials Management in Oregon 2020 Framework for Action), plans, policies, ordinances, etc. relating to materials management and climate change, 3) examples of values and goals expressed in state and local jurisdiction materials management plans, and 4) long-term strategies (to 2040) with short-term action items (5 years or less).

Answered: 132 Skipped: 87

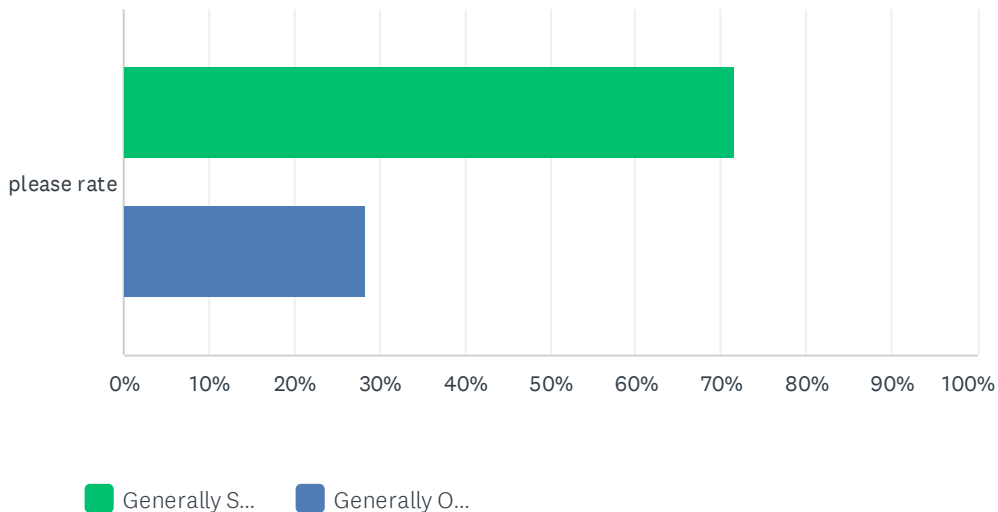
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	GENERALLY SUPPORT	GENERALLY OPPOSE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
please rate	73.48% 97	26.52% 35	132	1.27

Q7 SMMP Recommendation 2 Benton County (County) should use the 2040 Thriving Community Initiatives as a high-level lens to frame our communities' Core Values in developing the SMMP.

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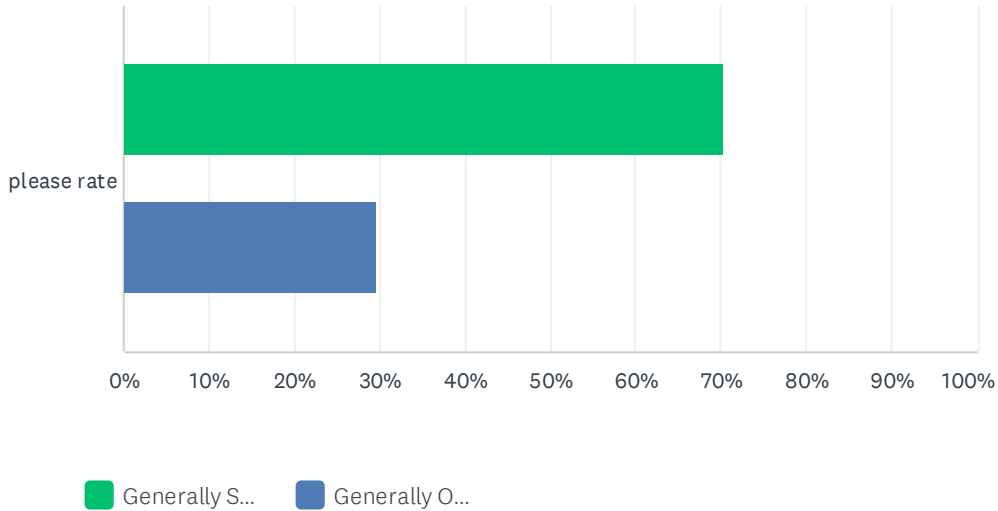


	GENERALLY SUPPORT	GENERALLY OPPOSE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
please rate	71.65% 91	28.35% 36	127	1.28

Q8 SMMP Recommendation 3 The SMMP should not just be about how the County can better manage materials, but to also address how to

approach inter-county collaboration from a regional perspective. The request for proposal (RFP) should indicate the need for researching and exploring opportunities for a regional multi-county approach to achieve the goals of sustainable materials management. RFP firms with experience with Oregon’s materials management legislation, policies and other county materials management plans may have the capability to address this need.

Answered: 128 Skipped: 91

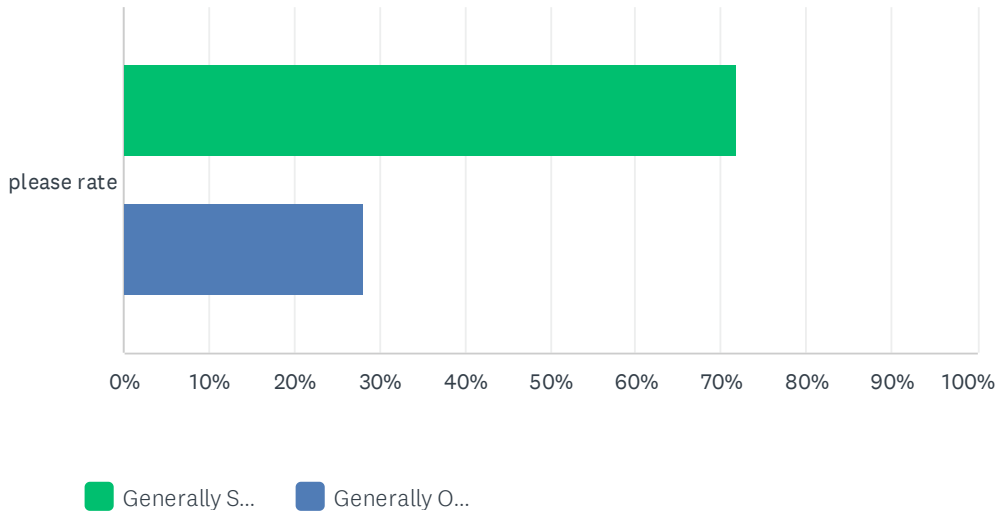


	GENERALLY SUPPORT	GENERALLY OPPOSE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
please rate	70.31% 90	29.69% 38	128	1.30

Q9 SMMP Recommendation 4 Counties impacting Benton County through their materials management practices (including by contributing materials to Coffin Butte Landfill) should have an SMMP in place. The SMMP should have a perspective on how to strategize this.

Answered: 128 Skipped: 91

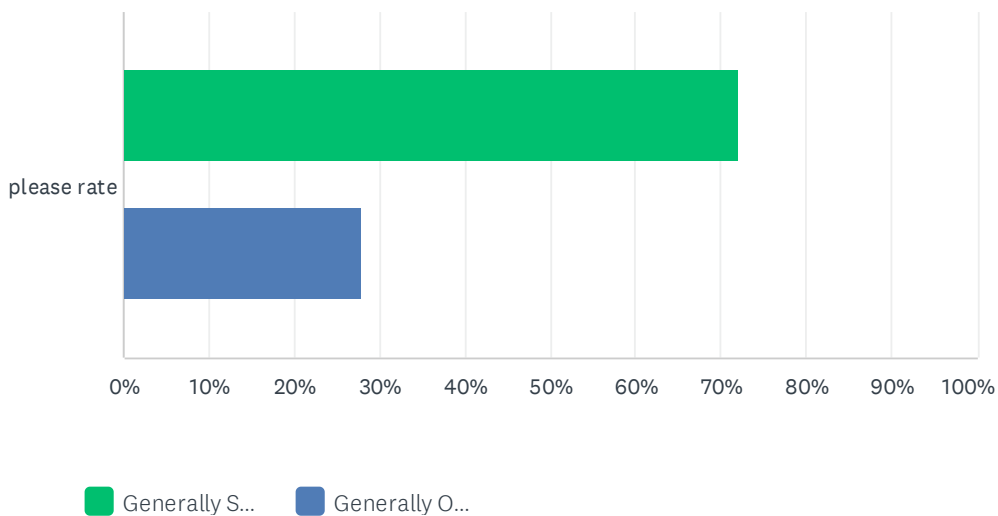
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	GENERALLY SUPPORT	GENERALLY OPPOSE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
please rate	71.88% 92	28.13% 36	128	1.28

Q10 SMMP Recommendation 5 SMMP content should incorporate the sustainability of materials management strategies/tactics. The result of the process should give us a method of measuring costs and benefits to evaluate the impact on economic, social, and environmental indicators. Specific goals should be included of how materials in the County can fit within a circular economy, cradle-to-cradle, or similar framework.

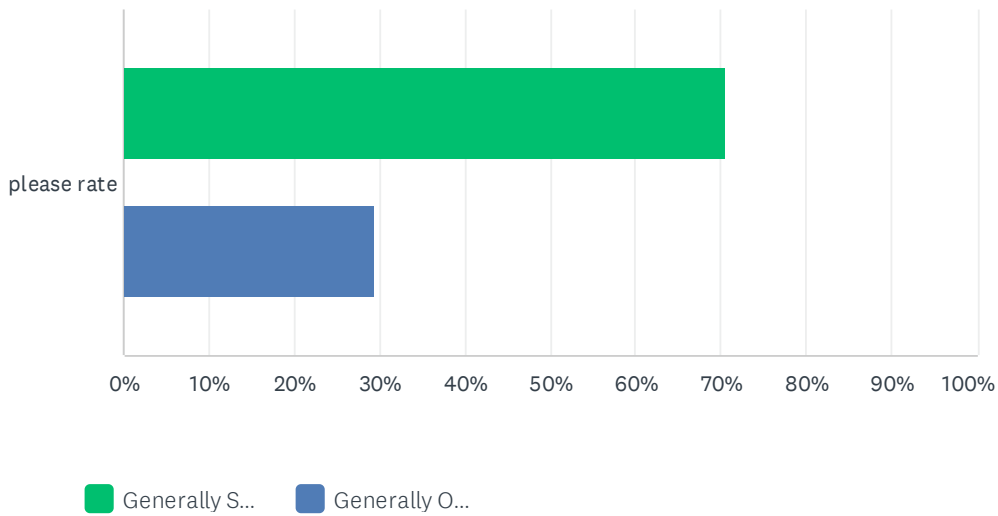
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	GENERALLY SUPPORT	GENERALLY OPPOSE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
please rate	72.00% 90	28.00% 35	125	1.28

Q11 SMMP Recommendation 6 The SMMP should clarify Benefit-Cost perspectives being addressed through an equity analysis, including: 1) financial cost impacts associated with materials management and outcomes, 2) the equity of circular economy, how it engages and impacts consumers, 3) a perspective that goes beyond landfilling, and 4) a “who’s at the table” list of stakeholder perspectives.

Answered: 126 Skipped: 93

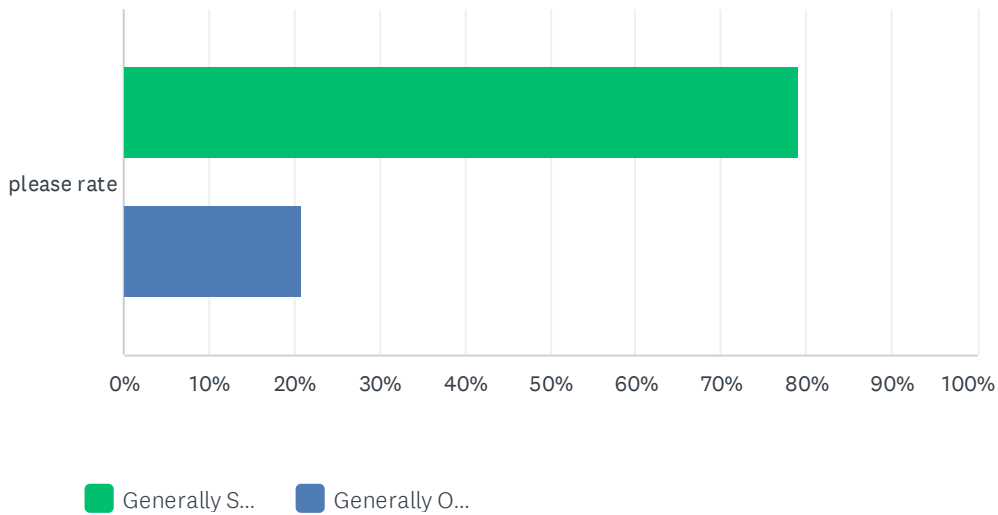


	GENERALLY SUPPORT	GENERALLY OPPOSE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
please rate	70.63% 89	29.37% 37	126	1.29

Q12 SMMP Recommendation 7 Bring “lessons learned” into the process from other sources, including international examples as well as other counties, lessons from past Benton County experiences, and West Coast states.

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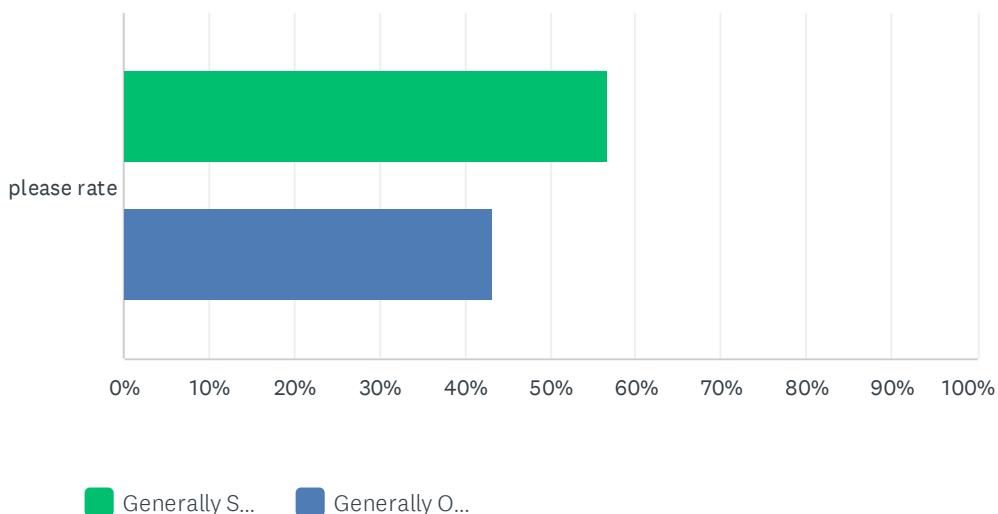
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	GENERALLY SUPPORT	GENERALLY OPPOSE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
please rate	79.03% 98	20.97% 26	124	1.21

Q13 SMMP Recommendation 8 Beyond those in the County, a wide assortment of stakeholders should be brought to the table. Stakeholders include community members, advocacy groups, businesses and industry, local and state government, and resources for innovation. The consultant should provide recommendations based on analysis and extensive outreach and engagement with community stakeholders from the “who should be at the table” list. These stakeholders should represent a broader area than Benton County.

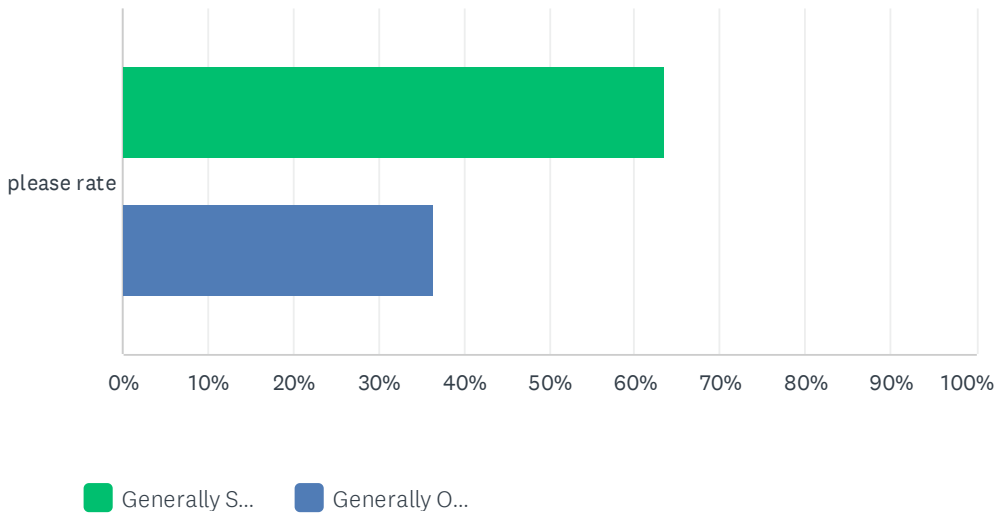
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	GENERALLY SUPPORT	GENERALLY OPPOSE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
please rate	56.67% 68	43.33% 52	120	1.43

Q14 SMMP Recommendation 9 The County should use an RFP to find consultant(s) for developing a SMMP.

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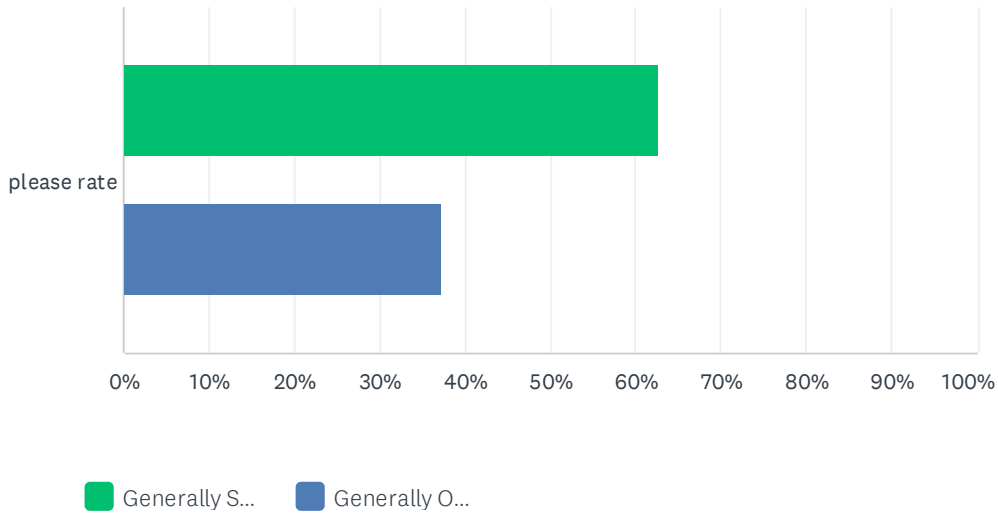


	GENERALLY SUPPORT	GENERALLY OPPOSE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
please rate	63.48% 73	36.52% 42	115	1.37

Q15 SMMP Recommendation 10 The SMMP subcommittee researched other jurisdiction's plans, compared and aggregated a list of subjects, and the SMMP should evaluate and address the subjects listed in the full subcommittee report, answering the 117 questions listed as RFP priorities allow, and include recommended courses of action.

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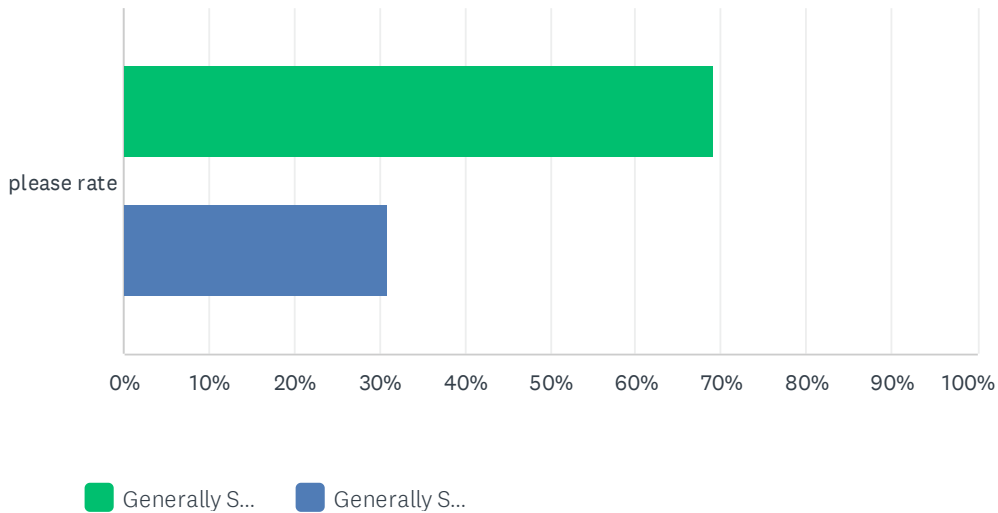
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please rate	62.73% 69	37.27% 41	110	1.37

Q16 SMMP Recommendation 11 Recruitment for the RFP needs to be extensive, and selection of successful proposal should be careful and thorough. Qualities of a successful applicant should include those listed in the full subcommittee report.

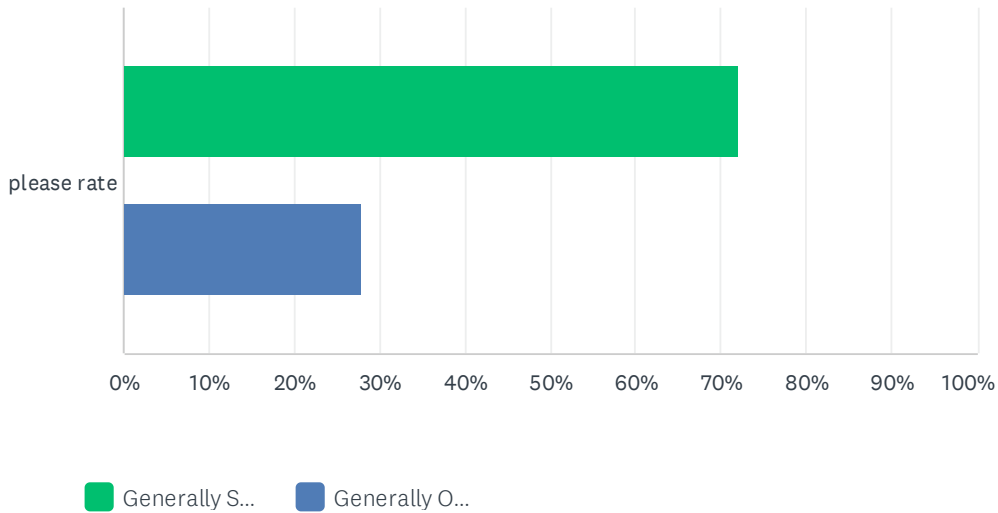
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	GENERALLY SUPPORT	GENERALLY SUPPORT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
please rate	69.09% 76	30.91% 34	110	1.31

Q17 SMMP Recommendation 12 The scope of work for this project is expected to be broad and comprehensive, with specific goals recommended for the County to consider as milestones.

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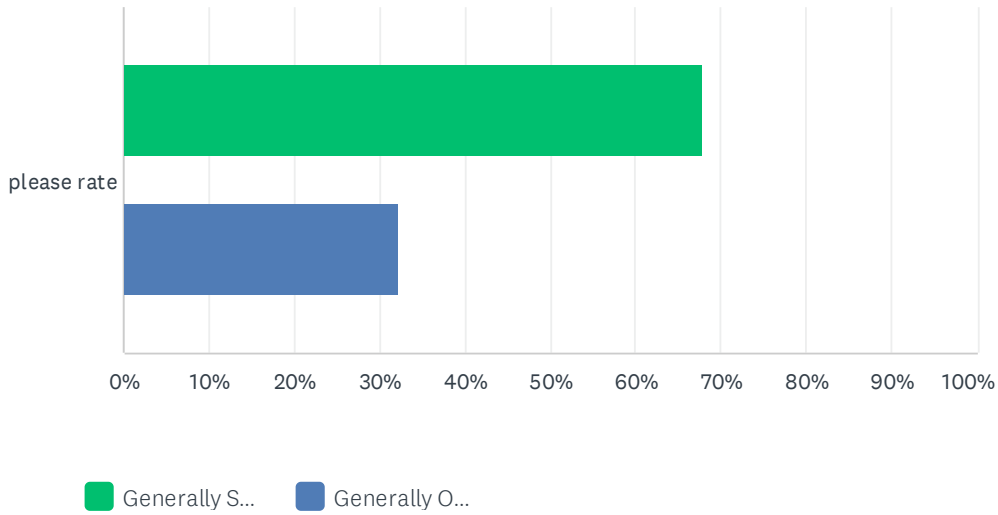


	GENERALLY SUPPORT	GENERALLY OPPOSE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
please rate	72.13% 88	27.87% 34	122	1.28

Q18 SMMP Recommendation 13 The RFP development process should:
 1) provide details about the Workgroup process and its findings to RFP applicants, 2) prioritize topics, adding additional topics that are important to consider, and 3) communicate accurate priorities to applicants.

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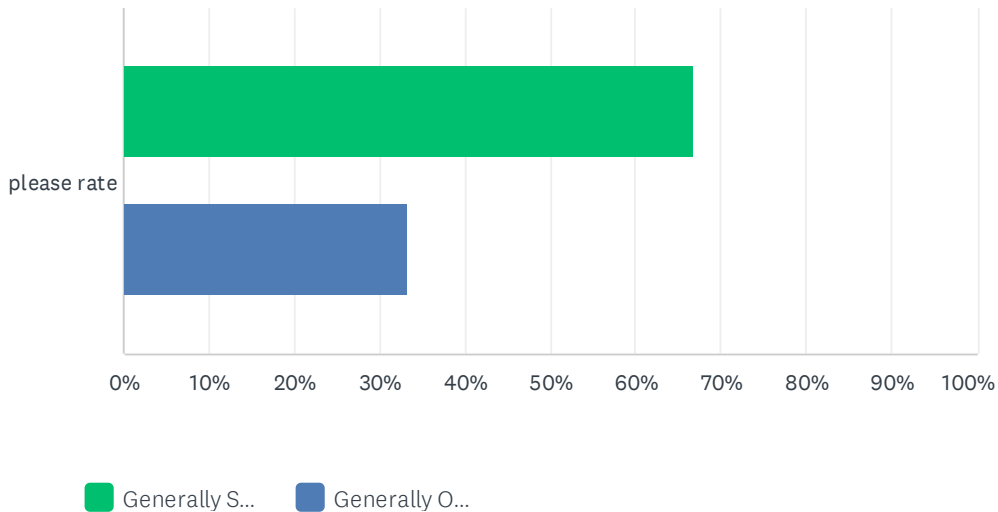
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	GENERALLY SUPPORT	GENERALLY OPPOSE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
please rate	67.83% 78	32.17% 37	115	1.32

Q19 SMMP Recommendation 14 Members of this Benton County "Talks Trash" (BCTT) SMMP subcommittee should be offered to participate in subsequent stakeholder group meetings for RFP development and review. The County's Advisory Committees related to SMMP work should have an advisory role during the development of the plan.

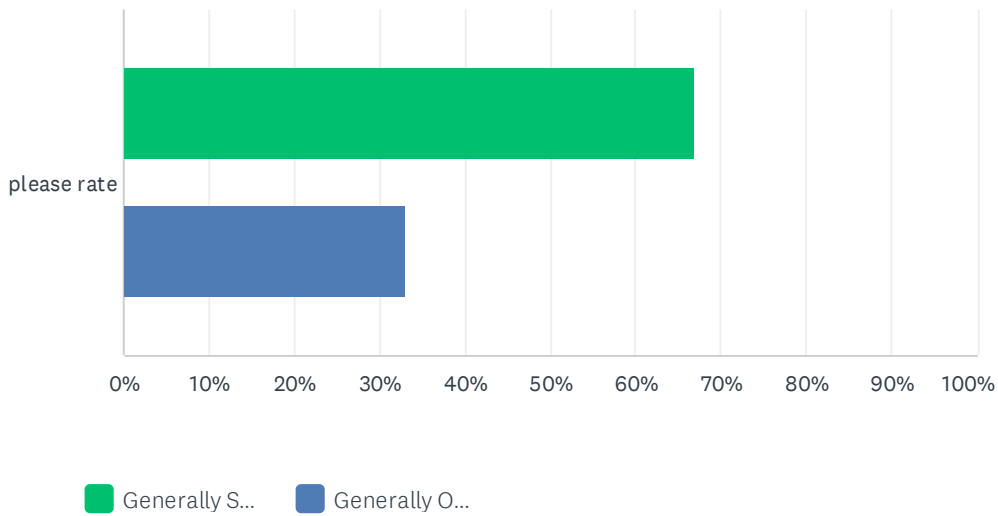
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	GENERALLY SUPPORT	GENERALLY OPPOSE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
please rate	66.67% 80	33.33% 40	120	1.33

Q20 SMMP Recommendation 15 The RFP Release/Announcement should:1) communicate an expectation that this plan can be approached by teams (multiple firms), instead of just single firms, 2) put guidelines on the size/length of proposals and sections of proposals, and 3) be distributed to allow enough time for it to be posted to various trade groups, shared with underrepresented groups, and internationally minded outlets.

Answered: 118 Skipped: 101

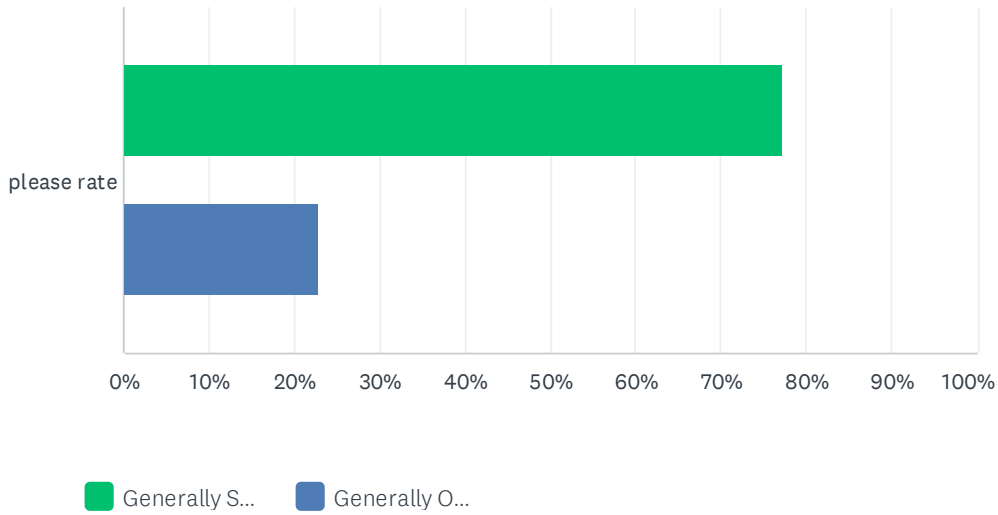


	GENERALLY SUPPORT	GENERALLY OPPOSE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
please rate	66.95% 79	33.05% 39	118	1.33

Q21 SMMP Recommendation 16 The County should share the various steps of the process with the public, making updates available, and demonstrating transparency.

Answered: 127 Skipped: 92

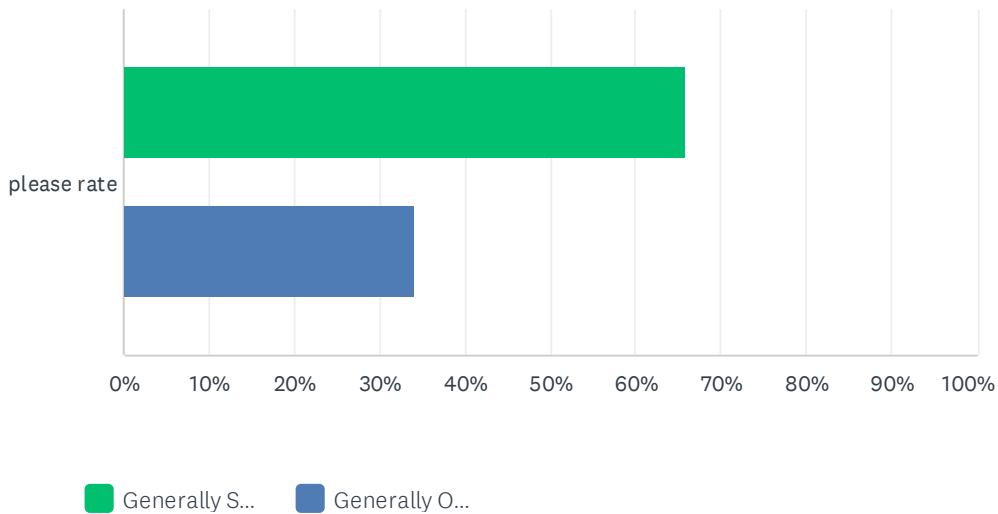
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	GENERALLY SUPPORT	GENERALLY OPPOSE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
please rate	77.17% 98	22.83% 29	127	1.23

Q22 SMMP Recommendation 17 The RFP should demonstrate flexibility in allowing further work plan development after applications are reviewed and accepted.

Answered: 117 Skipped: 102

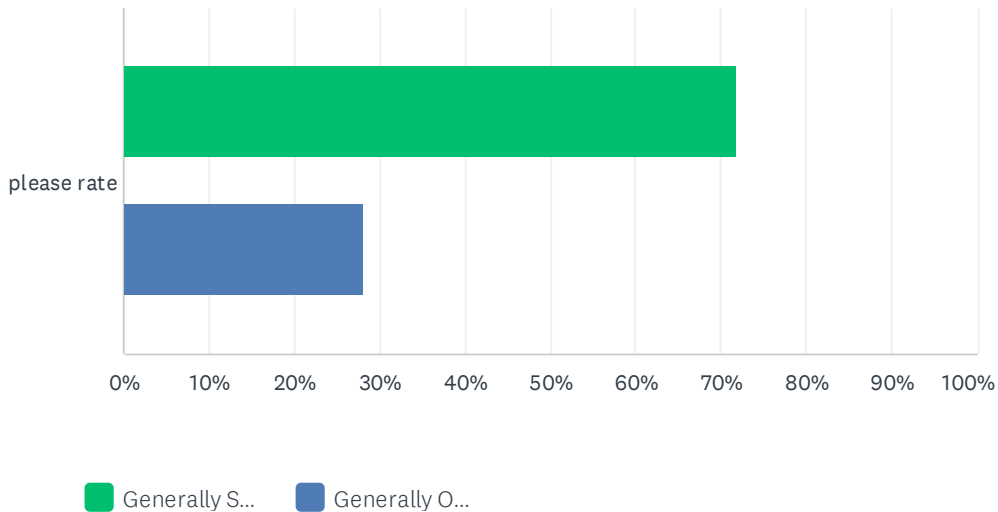


	GENERALLY SUPPORT	GENERALLY OPPOSE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
please rate	65.81% 77	34.19% 40	117	1.34

Q23 SMMP Recommendation 18 The SMMP timeline should allow for extensive public interaction and engagement. In order to expedite the

process, procedural elements should be done concurrently as possible.
 The timeline should generally be defined throughout the process.

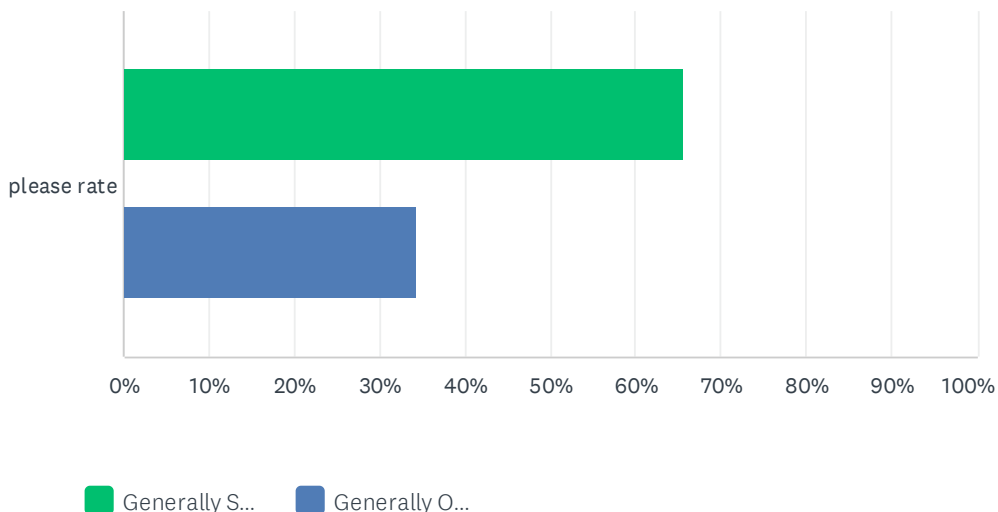
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	GENERALLY SUPPORT	GENERALLY OPPOSE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
please rate	71.90% 87	28.10% 34	121	1.28

Q24 SMMP Recommendation 19 Applicants should include various scope/cost options for one year, two years, and three-year timelines. The report should be released in sections, based on timeline and content priorities.

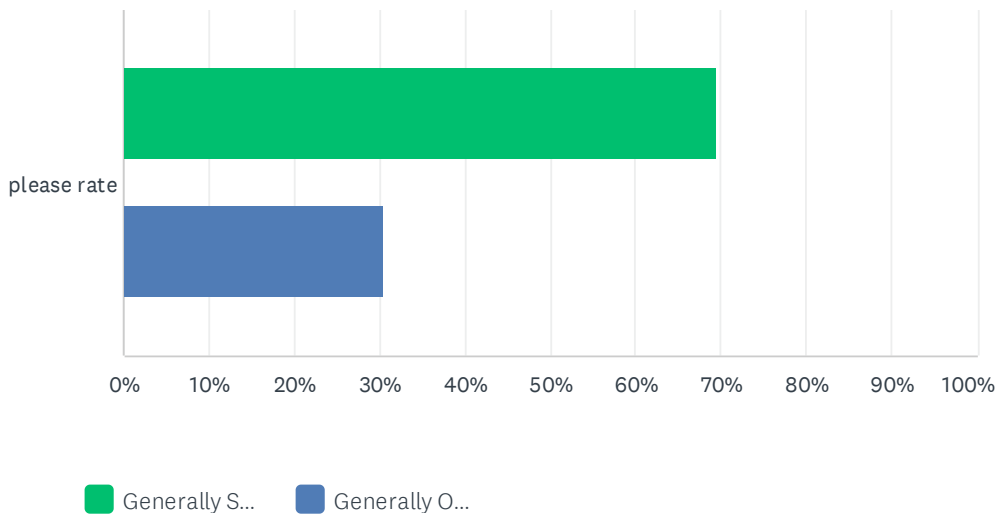
Answered: 111 Skipped: 108



	GENERALLY SUPPORT	GENERALLY OPPOSE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
please rate	65.77% 73	34.23% 38	111	1.34

Q25 SMMP Recommendation 20 It's important that the SMMP process include extensive public outreach and engagement. In addition, a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) should vet the consultant's technical work (SMMP development) and a Community Advisory Committee (CAC) to provide more general review. SMMP subcommittee members should be included in the CAC. The TAC should include subject matter experts from Oregon State University, and other regional academic institutions. Many of the subject areas of central importance to the SMMP are characterized by fast-moving science, and a TAC could help the SMMP consultant to navigate to the best available data and knowledge.

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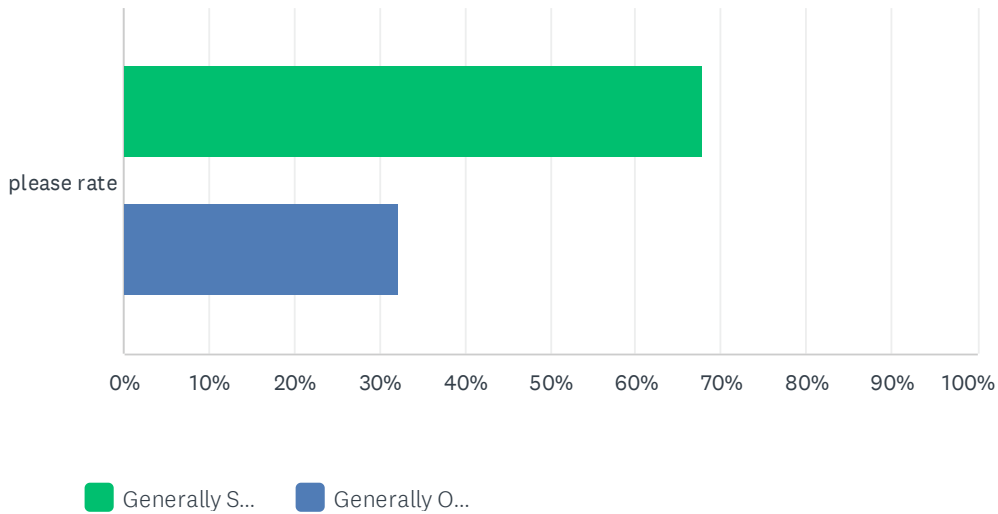


	GENERALLY SUPPORT	GENERALLY OPPOSE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
please rate	69.49% 82	30.51% 36	118	1.31

Q26 SMMP Recommendation 21 Proposals contain the following information, with parameters around each of these items in terms of document length. Requested information includes project team experience and qualifications, understanding of the project, approach to the scope of work, cost of the proposal, the project schedule, social/environmental

responsibility, and references. Each criteria includes a total set of points the proposal can be awarded.

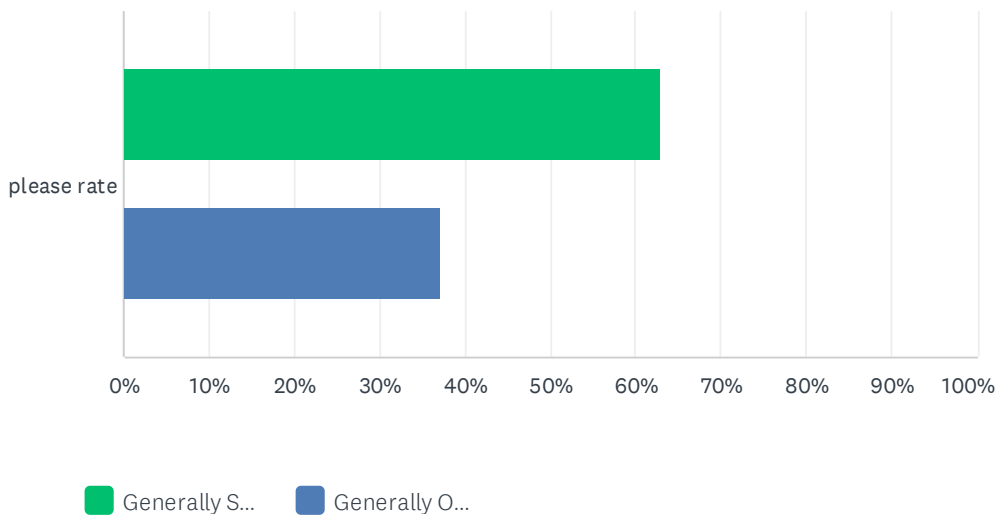
Answered: 112 Skipped: 107



	GENERALLY SUPPORT	GENERALLY OPPOSE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
please rate	67.86% 76	32.14% 36	112	1.32

Q27 SMMP Recommendation 22 An evaluation team consisting of County staff and members of the stakeholder group should determine the best proposal deemed most qualified based on the above criteria.

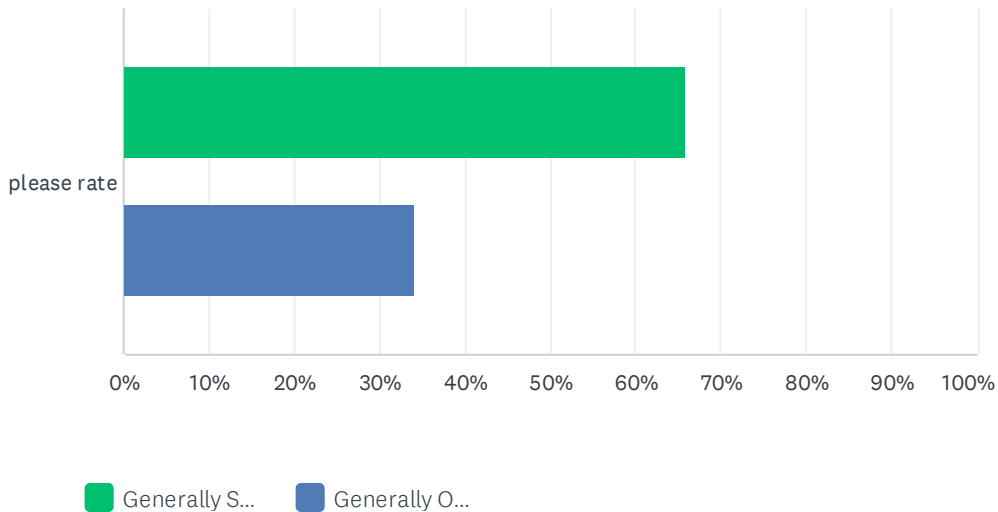
Answered: 116 Skipped: 103



	GENERALLY SUPPORT	GENERALLY OPPOSE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
please rate	62.93% 73	37.07% 43	116	1.37

Q28 SMMP Recommendation 23 The SMMP should emphasize impacts of the results of the RFP on social equity and innovation, to understand and emphasize the upstream aspects of material sustainability and creative solutions that provide pathways for tangible long-term outcomes.

Answered: 117 Skipped: 102

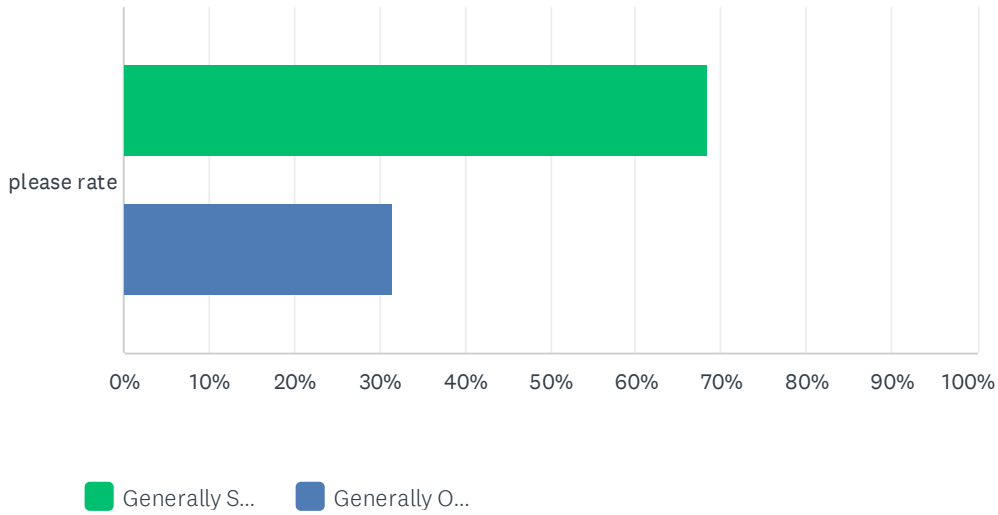


	GENERALLY SUPPORT	GENERALLY OPPOSE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
please rate	65.81% 77	34.19% 40	117	1.34

Q29 SMMP Recommendation 24 The workplan should include ongoing adaptive management and refinement and include a timeline for completion. The sections of the workplan outline include RFP development and release, a webinar for prospective consultants, a pre-proposal Q&A period, a period for application submittal, and the selection committee to identify shortlisted firms who are given time for additional presentation. The committee then evaluates proposals, selects a consultant, and develops a workplan with selected consultant.

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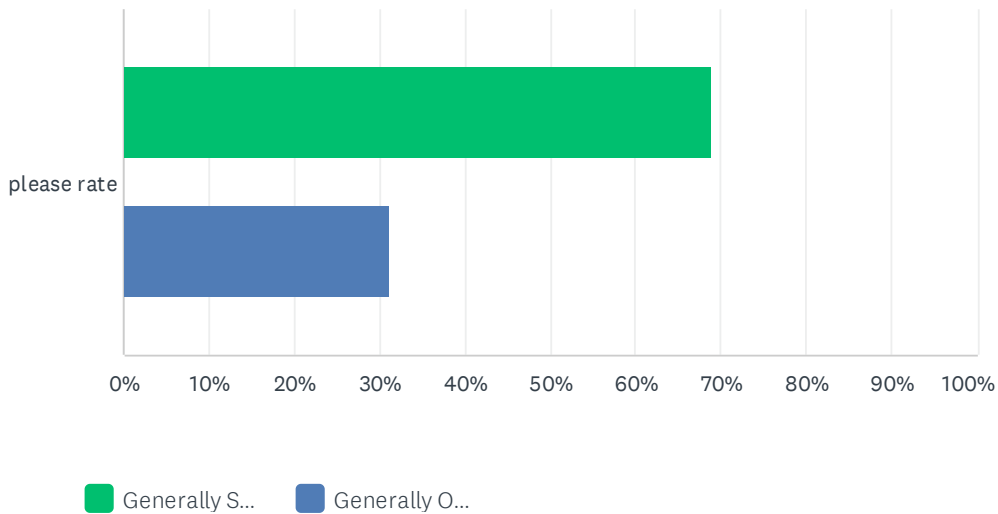
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please rate	68.38% 80	31.62% 37	117	1.32

Q30 SMMP Recommendation 25 The County should evaluate if it would be in their best interest to have a SMMP in place prior to any major materials management decisions.

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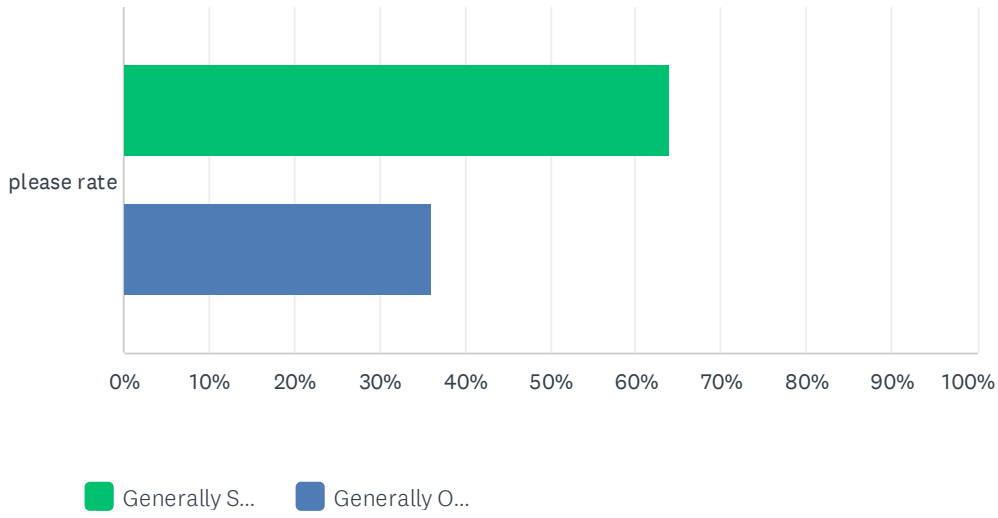


	GENERALLY SUPPORT	GENERALLY OPPOSE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
please rate	68.91% 82	31.09% 37	119	1.31

Q31 SMMP Recommendation 26 The County should consider using alternative funding mechanisms, including landfill revenue, to support the

SMMP recommendations.

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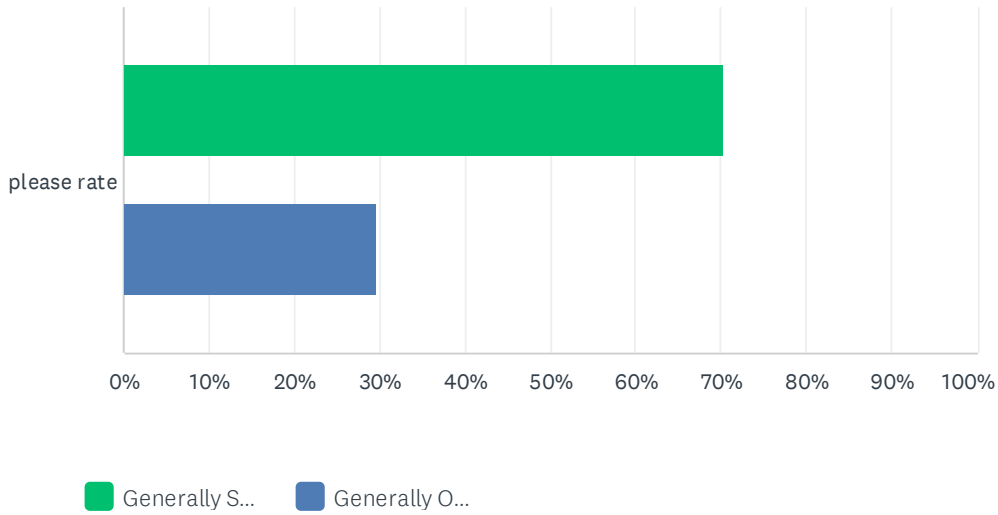


	GENERALLY SUPPORT	GENERALLY OPPOSE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
please rate	63.87% 76	36.13% 43	119	1.36

Q32 SMMP Recommendation 27A complete materials audit is highly recommended as both a benchmark and a way to measure progress. The County should initiate a Waste Audit to characterize more precisely what is in the waste stream of Coffin Butte Landfill. The SMMP consultant can use this audit information when formulating this plan, and there is no up-to-date information specific to the landfill currently available. The benchmark audit should be completed as soon as possible, along with recommendations for follow up audits.

Answered: 115 Skipped: 104

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please rate	70.43% 81	29.57% 34	115	1.30

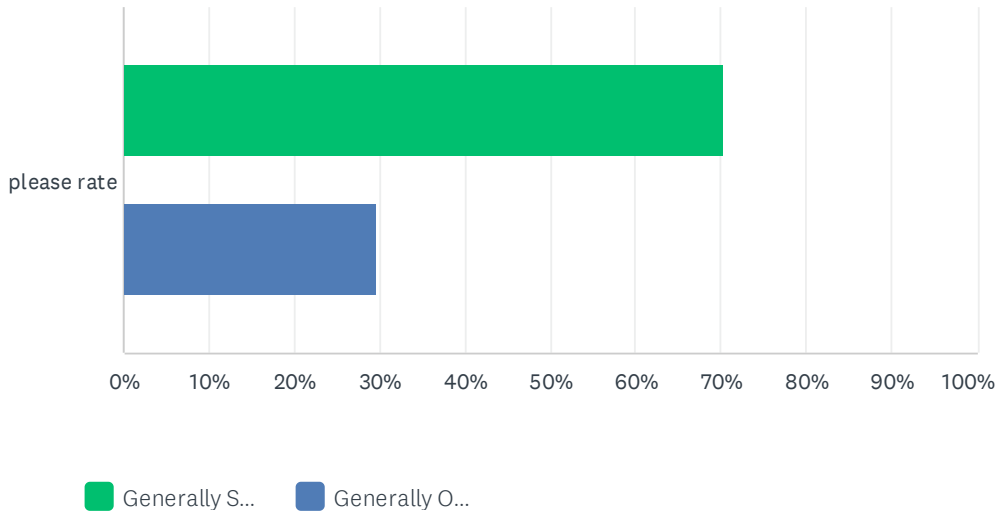
Q33 Please provide the Workgroup with your additional comments in the box below.

Answered: 58 Skipped: 161

Q34 LSCL Recommendation 1 The Sustainable Materials Management Plan (SMMP) should further develop scenarios and factors that may impact the landfill lifespan, including detailed analyses of likely projections. The Board of Commissioners (Board) and Benton County (County) staff should keep the questions about these factors and their effects in mind when making decisions affecting the landfill.

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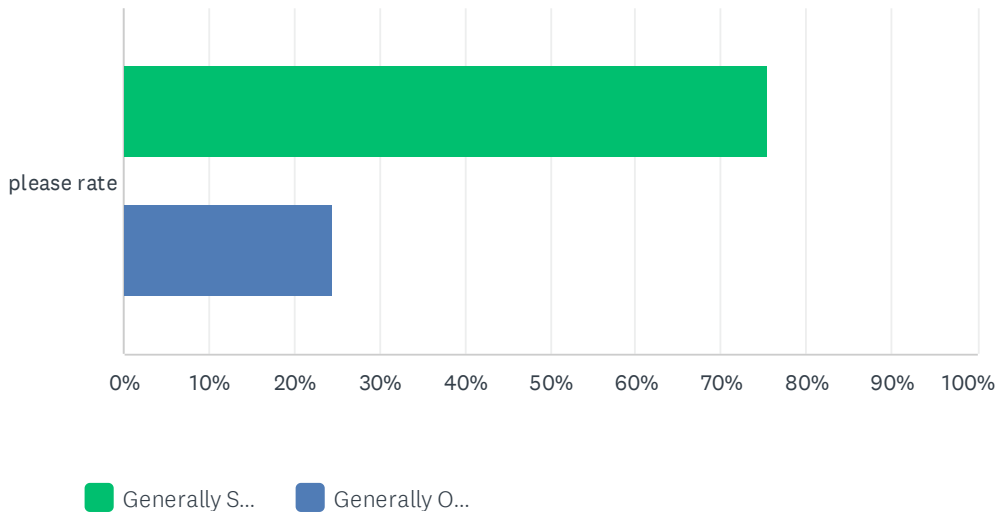
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	GENERALLY SUPPORT	GENERALLY OPPOSE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
please rate	70.37% 76	29.63% 32	108	1.30

Q35 LSCL Recommendation 2 The County should create and share a plan for the enforcement of all franchise agreements.

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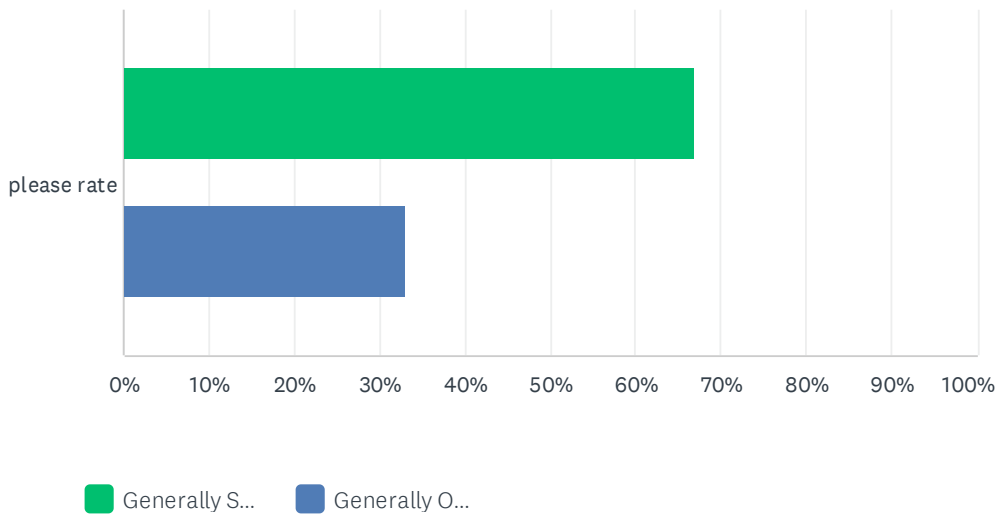


	GENERALLY SUPPORT	GENERALLY OPPOSE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
please rate	75.47% 80	24.53% 26	106	1.25

Q36 LSCL Recommendation 3 The County should contract for an updated Baseline Study to evaluate the impact of the current intake level at Coffin Butte Landfill. As with the 2001 Baseline Study stipulated in the

2000 Landfill Franchise Agreement, this study should determine and measure adverse effects, including but not limited to: traffic, soil conditions and contamination levels, air quality, surface and ground water conditions and contamination levels, noise, odor, visual screenings, litter, hours of operation, solid waste control systems and compliance with all solid waste permits. This baseline study could help inform the County in decision making and financial choices regarding how to use the income from the landfill.

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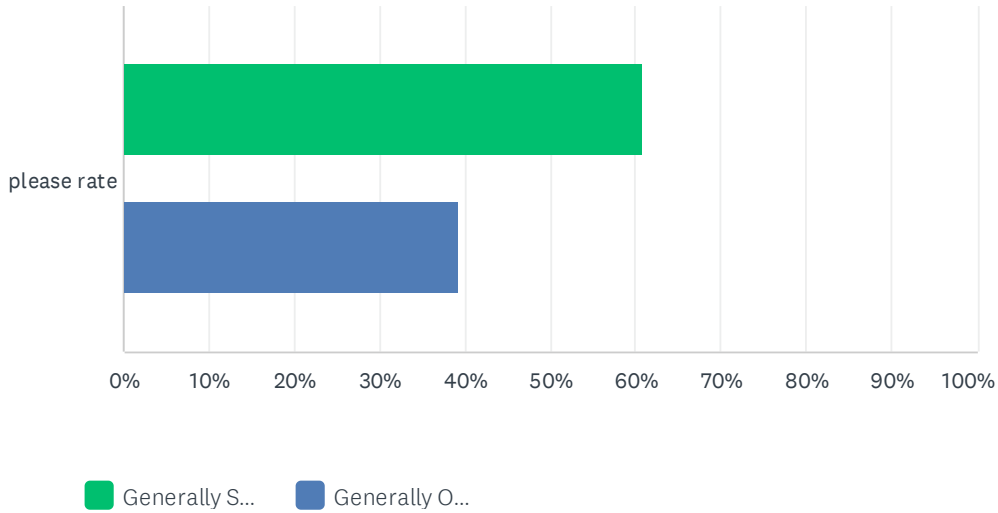


	GENERALLY SUPPORT	GENERALLY OPPOSE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
please rate	66.97% 73	33.03% 36	109	1.33

Q37 LSCL Recommendation 4 The County should, as soon as possible, consider the public record of the deliberations leading to the execution of the 2020 Landfill Franchise Agreement in order to assess: 1) which party requested that the 2020 Tonnage Cap be eliminated if expansion was approved, 2) if the County proposed the elimination of the 2020 Tonnage Cap, determine why this was done, 3) determine the County's expectation for the benefit(s) to the County of accepting up to 1.1 million tons of waste per year when the County's reserve portion is approximately 6.8% of that amount, 4) interpretation of the "Tonnage Cap", specifically relative to the 2020 Tonnage Cap, and 5) expectations of both parties for future landfill site expansion, including any plans for multiple (repeated) future expansions. The County should then use this information to inform landfill-

related decision-making. These negotiations were conducted privately (not in public meetings), and there are elements of these discussions that may be proprietary and/or fall under attorney-client privilege.

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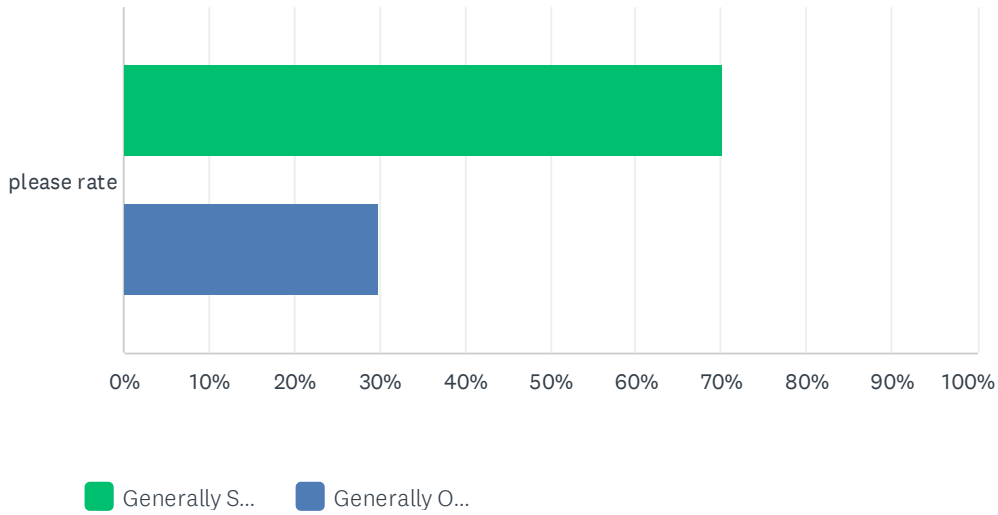


	GENERALLY SUPPORT	GENERALLY OPPOSE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
please rate	60.78% 62	39.22% 40	102	1.39

Q38 LSCL Recommendation 5 The County should clarify and document the process for officially establishing Permitted Space, including any and all required Benton County actions and regulatory agency approvals (Oregon Dept. of Environmental Quality (ORDEQ), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), etc.).

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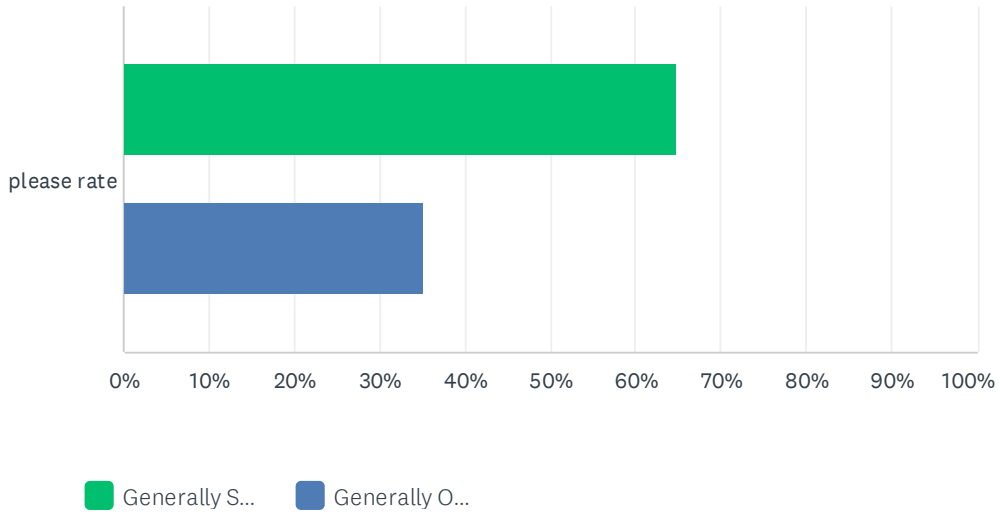
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please rate	70.09% 75	29.91% 32	107	1.30

Q39 LSCL Recommendation 6 The County should clarify when formal approval of Cell 6 as a disposal area was granted.

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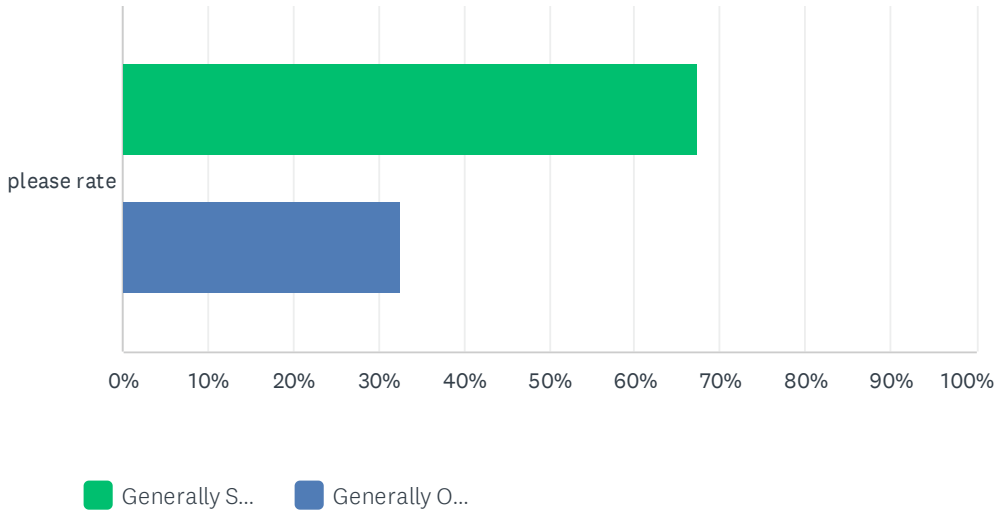


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please rate	64.81% 70	35.19% 38	108	1.35

Q40 LSCL Recommendation 7 The Benton County Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC) should review all future Coffin Butte Landfill Annual Reports relative to past reports and official approvals, in particular with

regard to intake volume, landfill traffic volume (both Municipal Solid Waste and leachate transport), expected landfill life and end of life, and total and remaining Permitted Space. SWAC should report these findings to the Board for consideration.

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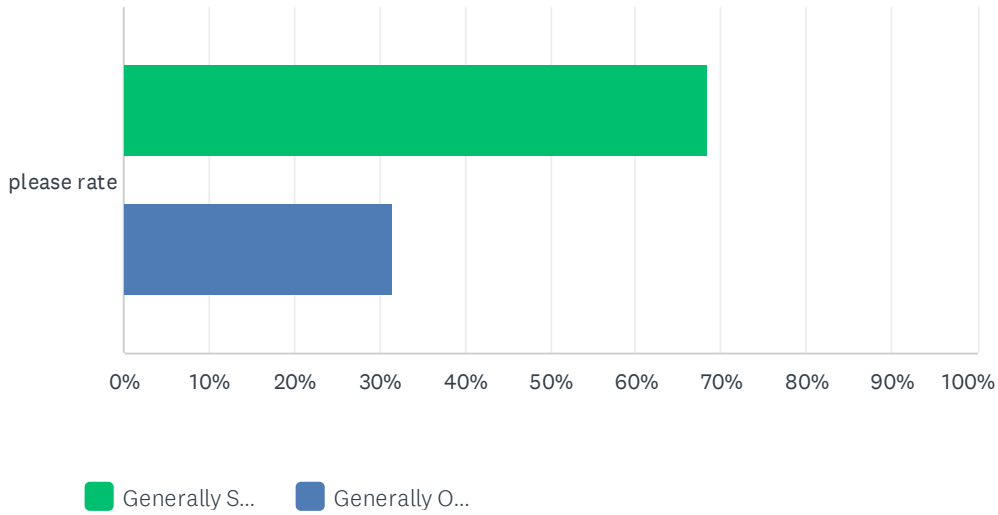


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please rate	67.29% 72	32.71% 35	107	1.33

Q41 LSCL Recommendation 8 The County should secure information from Republic Services about the Annual Tonnage figures for presentation to the SWAC/Disposal Site Advisory Committee (DSAC) members as soon as they are available, and not wait to include them for the first time in the Annual Report.

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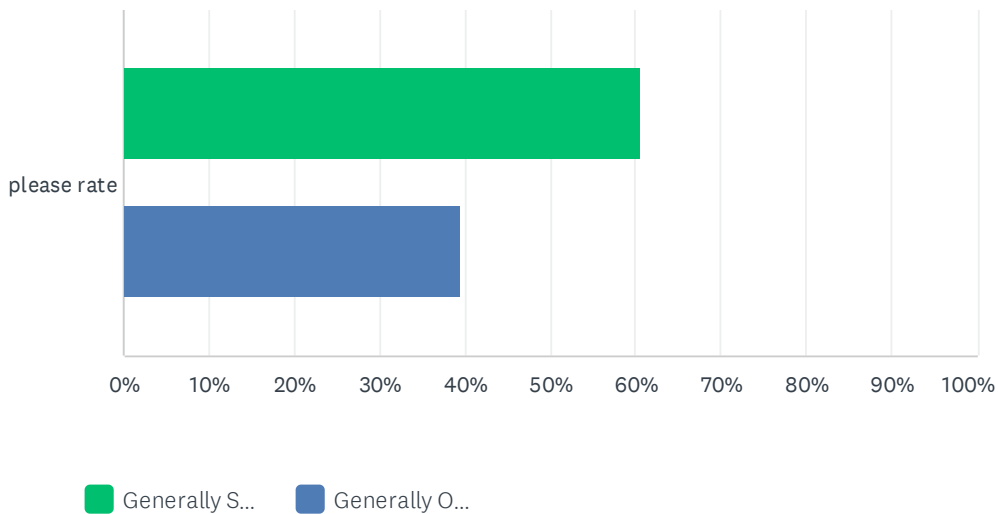
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please rate	68.52% 74	31.48% 34	108	1.31

Q42 LSCL Recommendation 9 The baseline scenarios laid out in this report assume that landfilling will continue as it is doing today for the next 16 years. That expectation should be tempered by signals of factors that can reshape Coffin Butte Landfill's social and regulatory landscape, especially environmental considerations related to the climate crisis. This reshaping is something that the County can participate in, on behalf of its residents, as the landfill's permitted volume is filled.

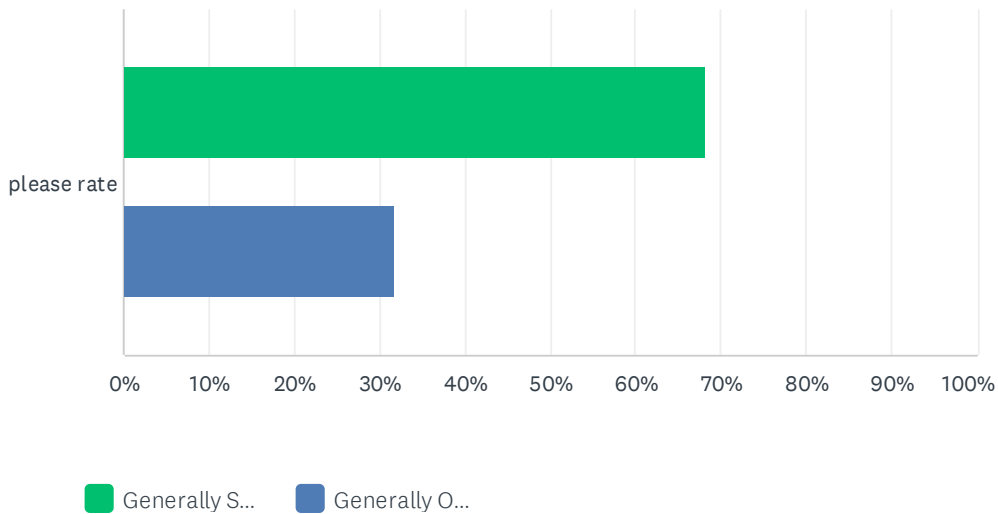
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please rate	60.58% 63	39.42% 41	104	1.39

Q43 LSCL Recommendation 10 The County should take steps to acquire better information about the methane emissions of Coffin Butte Landfill, because the landfill’s emissions are currently not well-characterized and use this information to guide diversion programs that could limit the amount of organic waste going to the Landfill.

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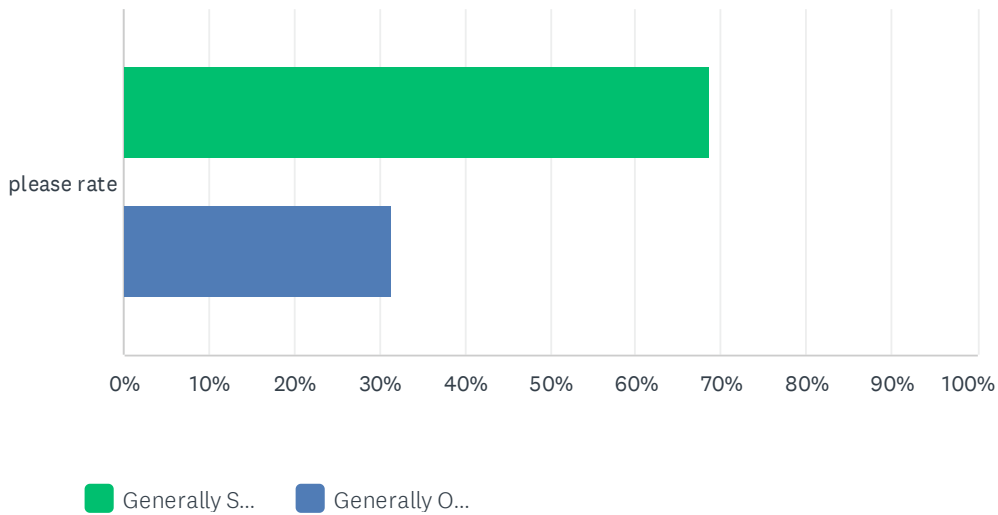


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please rate	68.18% 75	31.82% 35	110	1.32

Q44 LSCL Recommendation 11 In its current actions and in concert with its Sustainable Materials Management Plan, the County should be aware of and prepare for changes in Coffin Butte Landfill's social and regulatory landscape, as the future could hold significant opportunities for the County and affiliated organizations to bring waste management closer to the County’s goals and values.

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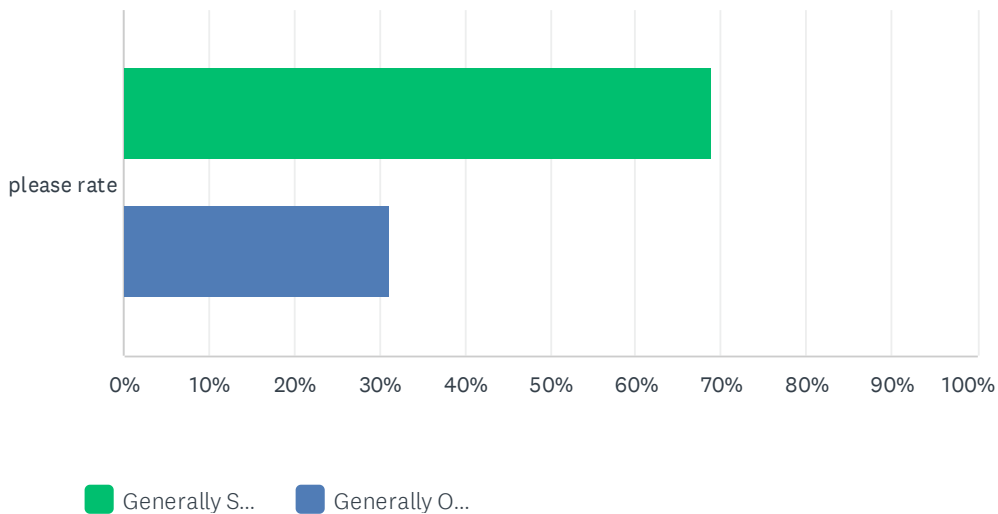
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please rate	68.57% 72	31.43% 33	105	1.31

Q45 LSCL Recommendation 12 The County should keep in mind that the most effective way to curtail a landfill’s greenhouse gas emissions is to divert organic material from being landfilled. This can inform County and area-wide decisions regarding recycling, composting, food waste, and other initiatives affecting how the landfill’s permitted volume is filled.

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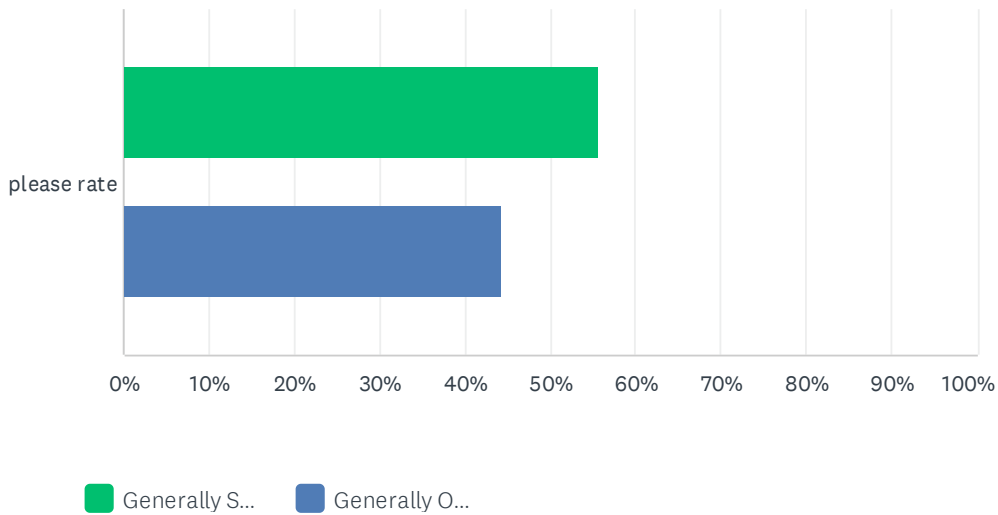
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please rate	68.87% 73	31.13% 33	106	1.31

Q46 Please provide the Workgroup with your additional comments in the box below.

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Q47 LLU Recommendation 1 A process to allow public input, comment, and feedback on any provisions subject to Section 2 of the collection franchise agreement between Benton County (County) and Allied Waste Services of Corvallis (Republic Services) could be designed as follows: After the parties have begun discussing what specific terms may be amended pursuant to Section 2, but no more than 60 days prior to any amendment being approved by the Board of Commissioners (Board), the County will publish a notice that it is seeking suggestions from the public for negotiation topics generated from the “concepts from the consensus-seeking process.” Any input received would be presented to the Board at a work session, at which time the Board would identify those ideas or suggestions that may be included as negotiation topics. Following the work session and as part of the ongoing negotiations, County staff will discuss with Republic Services the topics and ideas the Board identified. At such time as the County and Republic Services reach a tentative agreement on the renegotiated terms, staff would bring the proposed franchise changes to the Board meeting, where consideration of the amended franchise agreement would be conducted in a public hearing pursuant to BCC 23.235, which will include an opportunity for the public to present testimony. The Board could approve the agreement as presented or may direct staff to resume negotiations with Republic Services to include specific topics identified by the Board. The renegotiated collection franchise agreement must be agreed upon, in its entirety, by both the County and Republic Services. At such time as the terms have been agreed upon, and the Board is satisfied that public input has been adequately included or addressed in the renewed agreement, the franchise agreement will be the subject of a public hearing and, ultimately, approval by the Board at a regular Board meeting.

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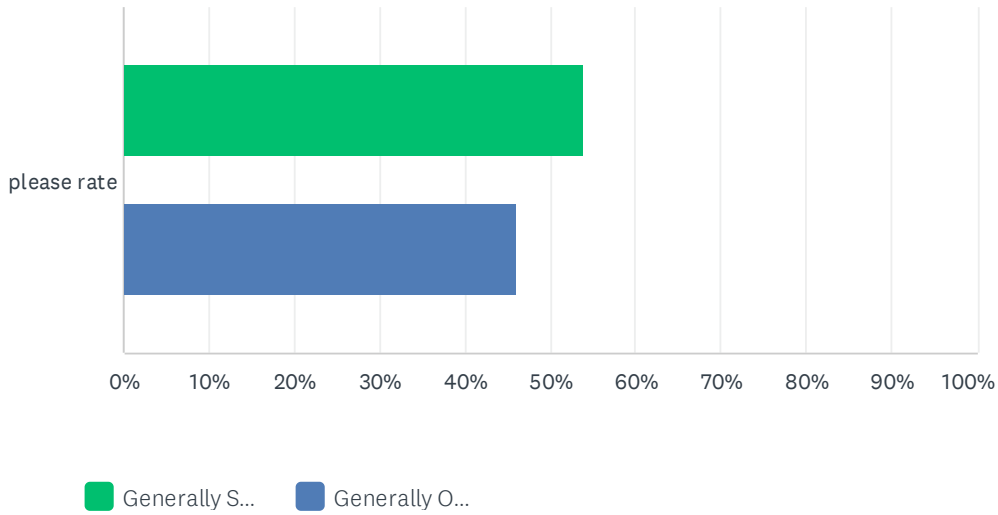


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please rate	55.68% 49	44.32% 39	88	1.44

Q48 LLU Recommendation 2 The County should provide to the public a description of the purpose of the statutory completeness review process, and the scope of the information the Planning Official considers at the completeness stage. That description should clearly explain how the administrative “completeness” process fits into the review of a land use application. While the County should not discourage public involvement at all stages of the review process, the public should be informed that the statutory completeness is a preliminary step that does not include any review of whether an application does or can satisfy the approval criteria; and that the public review and hearing process that follows after the application is complete provides the public an opportunity to provide evidence and arguments to the decision-makers on the merits of the application. The information should clearly inform the public that any evidence or testimony submitted at the completeness stage is not part of the “record” that the decision-makers will review, and that information would have to be re-submitted during the public hearing process in order for the decision-makers to review it.

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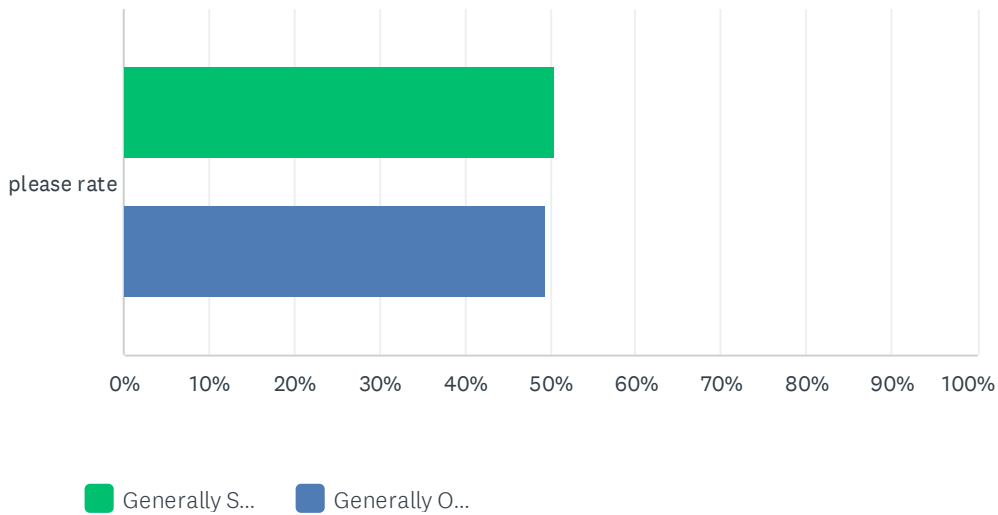
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please rate	53.93% 48	46.07% 41	89	1.46

Q49 LLU Recommendation 3 BCC 77.310 states that “The applicant for a conditional use permit shall provide a narrative which describes: ***Other information as required by the Planning Official.” [BCC 77.310(1)(e)] The workgroup could make recommendations regarding what “other information” would be helpful in a narrative. However, any committee recommendations would have to be limited to information related to the applicable criteria and could not expand that criteria. “Additional information” required by the Planning Official does not become part of the applicable criteria. BCC 77.310 states only what the applicant’s narrative shall include; it does not identify criteria for SWAC’s review of a CUP application. This absence contributed to the subcommittee’s recommendation in LLU Recommendation 2 above.

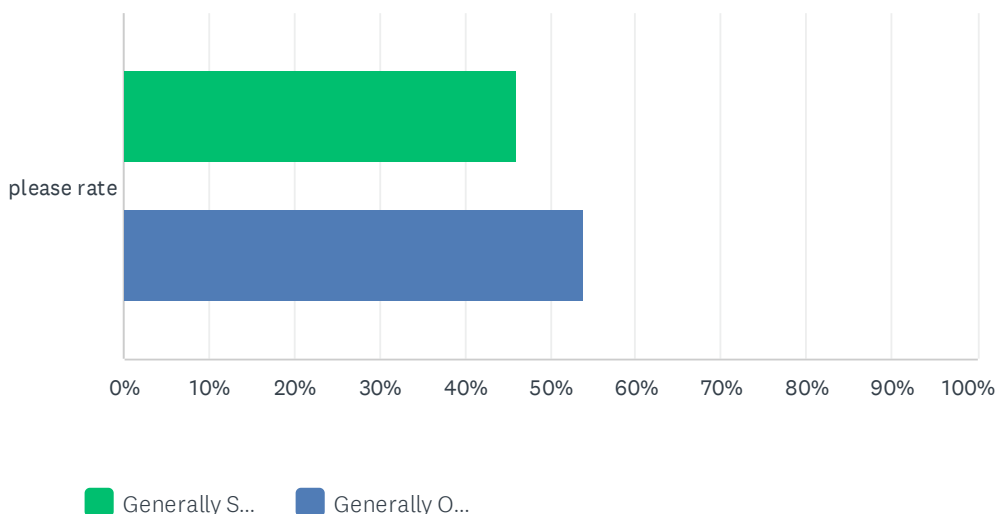
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please rate	50.59% 43	49.41% 42	85	1.49

Q50 LLU Recommendation 4 BCC 77.310(1) lists the information required for a conditional use application in the landfill site zone and permits the Planning Official to request that the applicant’s narrative include “additional information.” However, the development code does not specify how or when that information is to be requested. In the past, the Planning Official has used the statutory completeness review process to request additional information. However, in addition to the Planning Official’s review of the information after the application has been submitted, the Board could amend the code to require that the Planning Official conduct a “preapplication conference” with the applicant to discuss the information that is required. It could also require a “neighborhood meeting” before the application is filed that requires the applicant to present its proposal to the public and allow the applicant to obtain more information about the proposal. Public comment during a pre-application neighborhood meeting, as with other public comment submitted before the application is complete and notification is sent, is not part of the formal record of the land use review and cannot be considered by decision-makers. The record includes only public comment submitted after formal notification has been sent to affected parties stating that the comment period is open.

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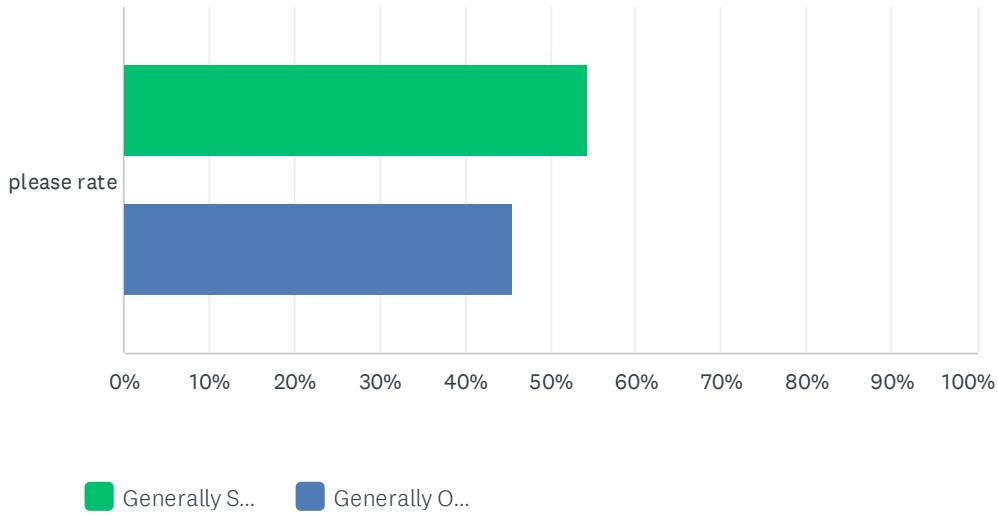


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please rate	45.98% 40	54.02% 47	87	1.54

Q51 LLU Recommendation 5 Benton County Code (BCC) 77.305 directs the Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC) to review and make recommendations regarding the Site Development Plan and Narrative submitted on a landfill-expansion conditional use permit (CUP); however, the code does not specify what criteria or considerations that recommendations should be based on. Consistent with SWAC’s bylaws and Chapter 23 of the BCC, which require SWAC to “assist the Board of Commissioners (Board) in planning and implementing solid waste management, pursuant to BCC Chapter 23, the Benton County Solid Waste Management Ordinance”, the Board should more clearly define SWAC’s role by articulating the scope, manner and timing of SWAC’s review. Interpreting County Code is within the Board’s purview, but amending that code effects a more permanent solution. As an initial step, the Board could issue an official interpretation of SWAC’s role pursuant to Chapter 23. As a subsequent step, the Board could initiate amendments to Chapter 23 and/or Chapter 77 which would then proceed through a public hearings process. If/when SWAC’s overall role shifts to sustainable materials management, instances of the term “solid waste management” above should be replaced with “sustainable materials management.”

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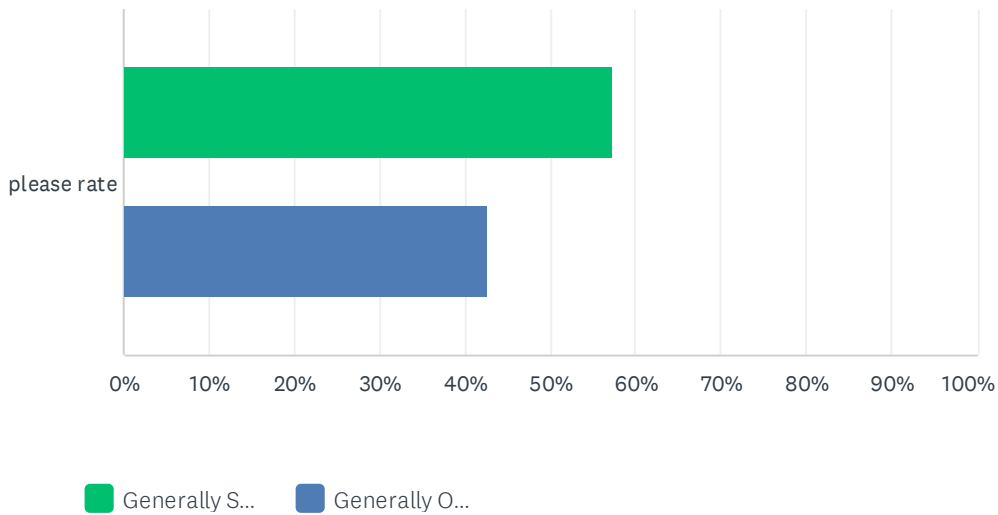
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please rate	54.35% 50	45.65% 42	92	1.46

Q52 LLU Recommendation 6 Amendments to the Development Code may be needed to create a clear and legally consistent process for SWAC's involvement in reviewing a CUP. Pursuant to the Development Code as written, the only criteria that a CUP decision can be based upon are those of BCC 53.215, and the Planning Commission is the decision-making body. Yet, the code states an ambiguous role for SWAC in that process and seems to imply that other considerations beyond those of BCC 53.215 should go into the decision-making process. This needs clarification.

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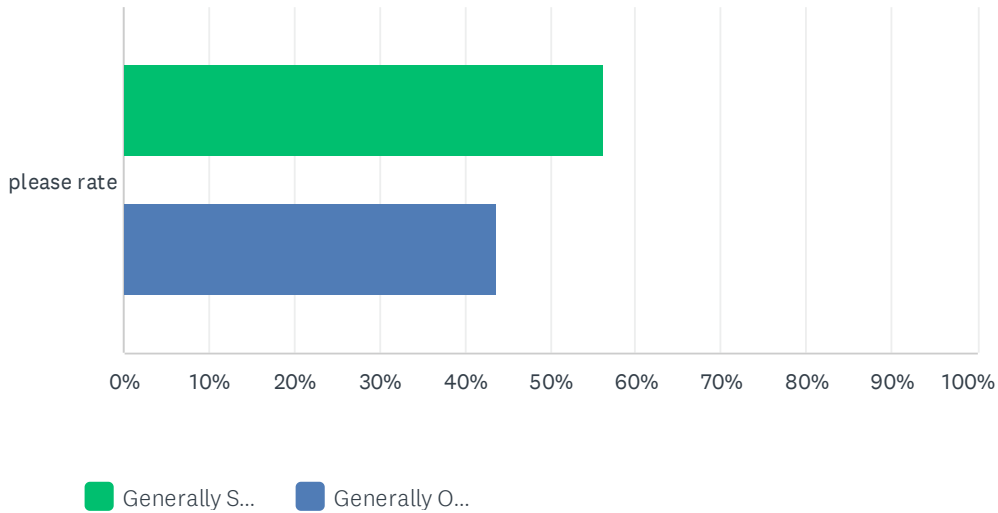


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please rate	57.30% 51	42.70% 38	89	1.43

Q53 LLU Recommendation 7 In addition to the two criteria listed in BCC 53.215(1) and (2), BCC 53.215(3) requires the decision-maker to consider whether the “proposed use complies with any additional criteria which may be required for the specific use by this code.” Currently Chapter 77 (Landfill Site Zone) does not include any additional criteria that must be considered in the review of a conditional use application for the expansion of a landfill in the landfill zone. If there are additional criteria that the Board determines are necessary for the review of a conditional use application in the landfill zone, the Board would have to amend Chapter 77 to specify those additional approval criteria. The Board could also require that compliance with the site plan and reclamation plan (currently required by Chapter 77 to be submitted with the application) be adopted as conditions of approval of any approved conditional use permit.

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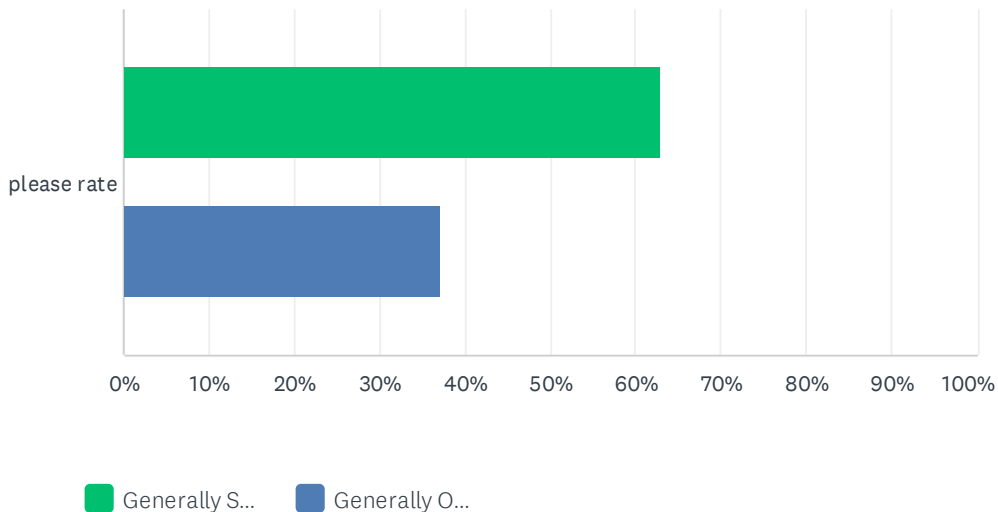
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please rate	56.32% 49	43.68% 38	87	1.44

Q54 LLU Recommendation 8 When the County adopts its SMMP, it should amend BCC chapter 77 to add a criterion under BCC 53.215(3) to require compliance with specific provisions of an adopted SMMP.

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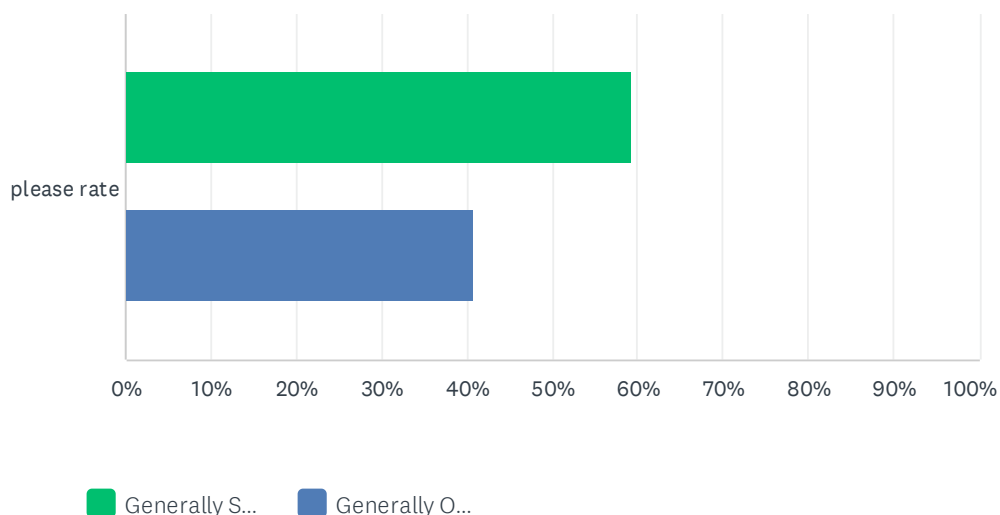
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please rate	62.92% 56	37.08% 33	89	1.37

Q55 LLU Recommendation 9 BCC 77.405 states, "Copies of materials submitted to the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality as a part of

any permit process shall be submitted to the Planning Official. If at any time the Planning Official determines that permit application materials or conditions of DEQ permit are judged to merit public review, a Public Hearing before the Planning Commission shall be scheduled.” This provision is unclear. (The provision might have been codified prior to the current state agency coordination requirements, which now require a land use compatibility statement (LUCS) as part of any application for a state permit in which local land use is implicated.) The subcommittee interprets this section as requiring a review if the use originally approved has been or will be modified due to the Dept. of Environmental Quality (DEQ) permit.

The Planning Official could make such a determination using a formal “Interpretation” pursuant to BCC 51.205(1). Recommend a code amendment to clarify this provision, for example a code amendment could require that when DEQ issues a landfill permit, the Planning Official shall review the permit and conditions of approval and, if discrepancies with the County’s land use approval are noted, determine whether this constitutes a “modification of a conditional use permit” (BCC 53.225) and, if so, require the applicant to submit application for such modification. A workgroup recommendation on how public review of DEQ permit requirements could most benefit the public would also be helpful.

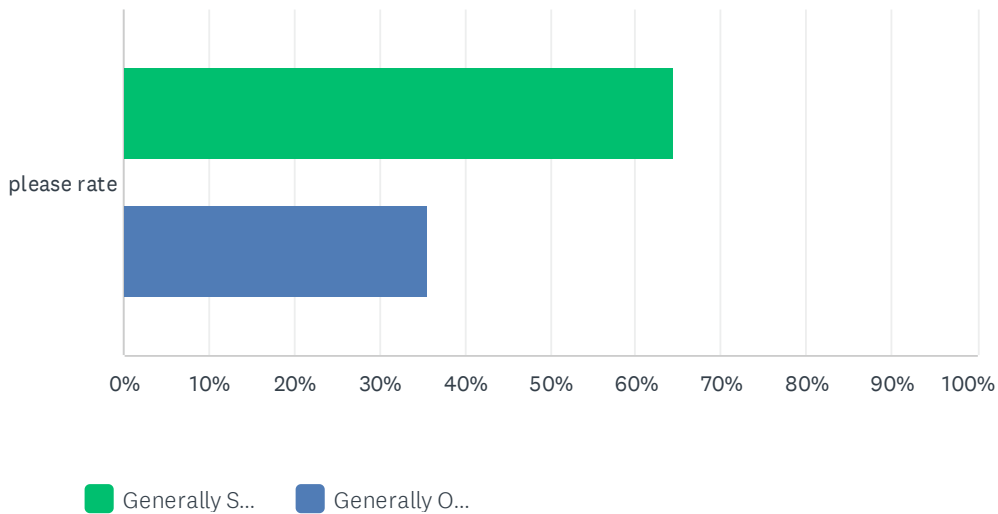
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please rate	59.30% 51	40.70% 35	86	1.41

Q56 LLU Recommendation 10 In issuing land use decisions, County decision-makers should: a) Draft clear findings and be certain to incorporate into the conditions of approval the items that are intended to be binding. b) State conditions of approval in clear and explicit terms and ensure that what is expected of the applicant in order to comply is clearly stated in the text of the conditions.

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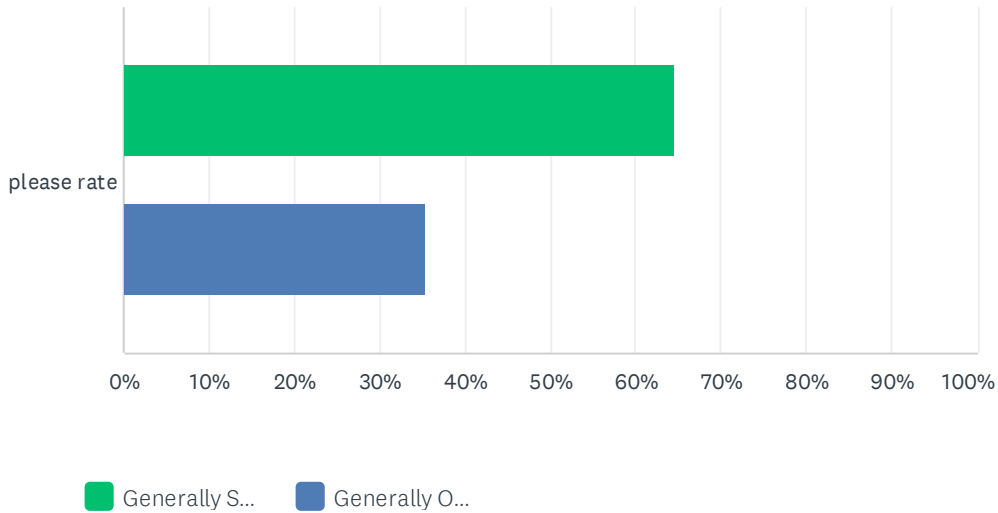


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please rate	64.37% 56	35.63% 31	87	1.36

Q57 LLU Recommendation 11 The County should evaluate its existing system regarding compliance monitoring and enforcement to determine if there are sufficient mechanisms in place to ensure compliance with conditions of approval that the County imposes on land use approvals and, if not, recommend improvements. Elements of such an evaluation could include: 1) What enforcement mechanisms exist within the County Code? 2) Is there a legal "mandamus" option or a private right of action option? 3) What is missing? 4) What provisions and procedures do other counties have, particularly counties that host a privately operated landfill? 5) The future cost of such a system, the benefits, and the consequences of not improving the current practices and procedures.

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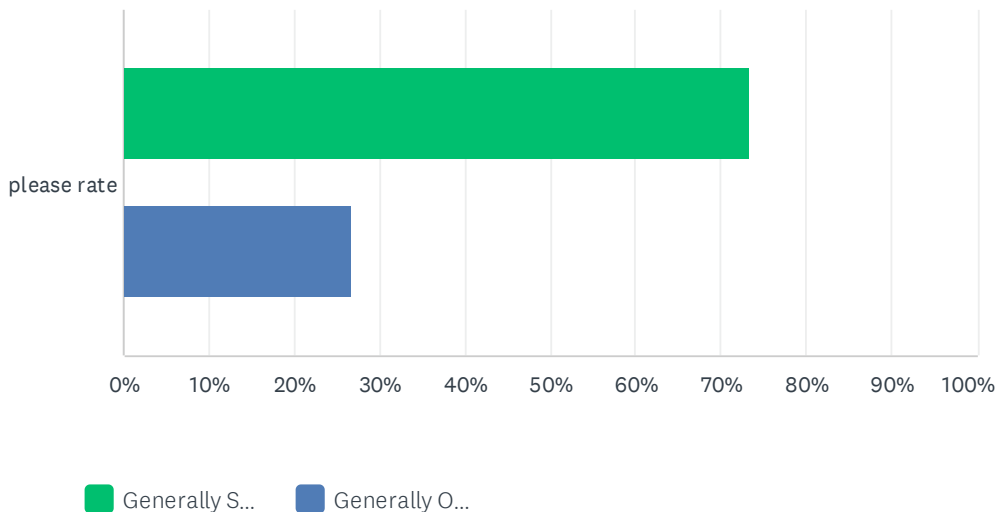
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please rate	64.52% 60	35.48% 33	93	1.35

Q58 Please provide the Workgroup with your additional comments in the box below.

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Q59 CUP Recommendation 1 Maintain the CUP Appendix along with the supporting County and Dept. of Environmental Quality (DEQ) files as an integral part of the Final Workgroup Report.

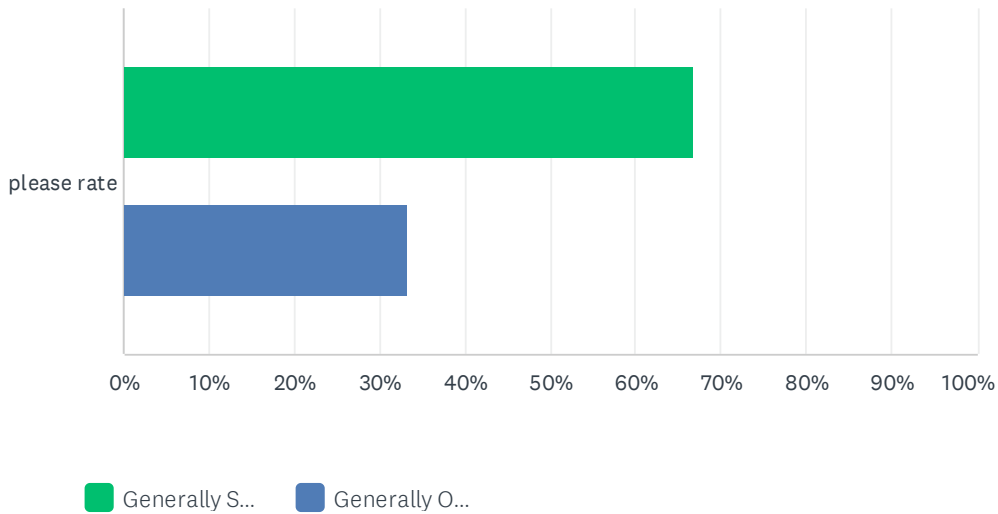
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please rate	73.40% 69	26.60% 25	94	1.27

Q60 CUP Recommendation 2 Make the Appendix and supporting comprehensive library of files related to the Coffin Butte Landfill electronically and continuously available to the public to increase accessibility and reduce the need for public records requests.

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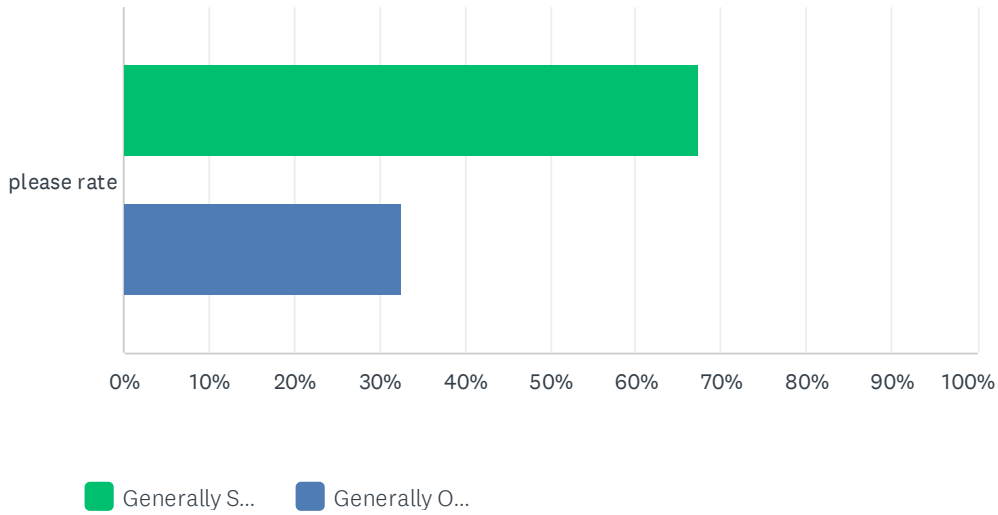


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please rate	66.67% 64	33.33% 32	96	1.33

Q61 CUP Recommendation 3 Actively monitor and enforce prior land-use decision Conditions of Approval for the landfill or any other land use decision.

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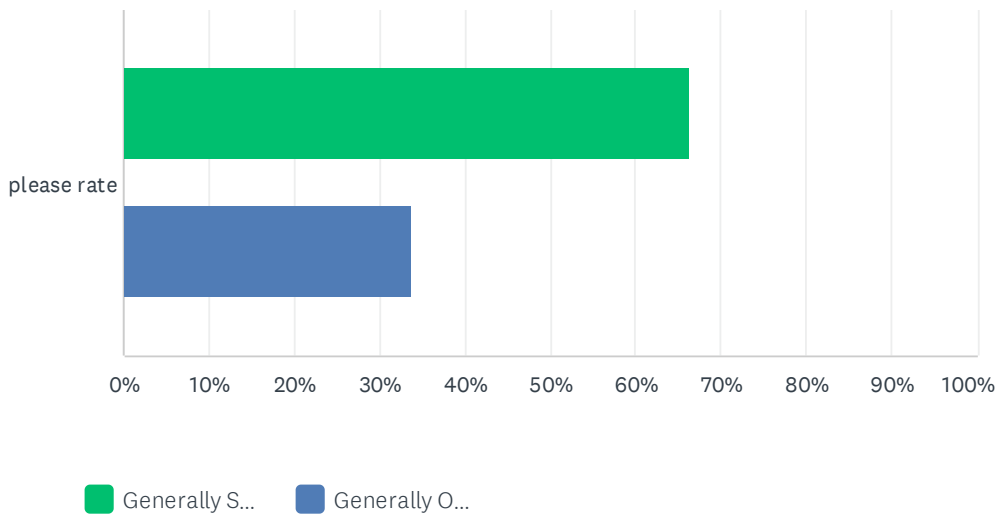
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please rate	67.37% 64	32.63% 31	95	1.33

Q62 CUP Recommendation 4 Establish and widely advertise a reporting process for receiving, tracking, and resolving complaints, such as odor, noise, hours of operation, not following conditions of approval. This administrative process should include an appeals process. Ensure there is a mechanism for providing reports regarding the nature, number and resolution of complaints to be provided to the Board of Commissioners (Board) in the normal course of its business.

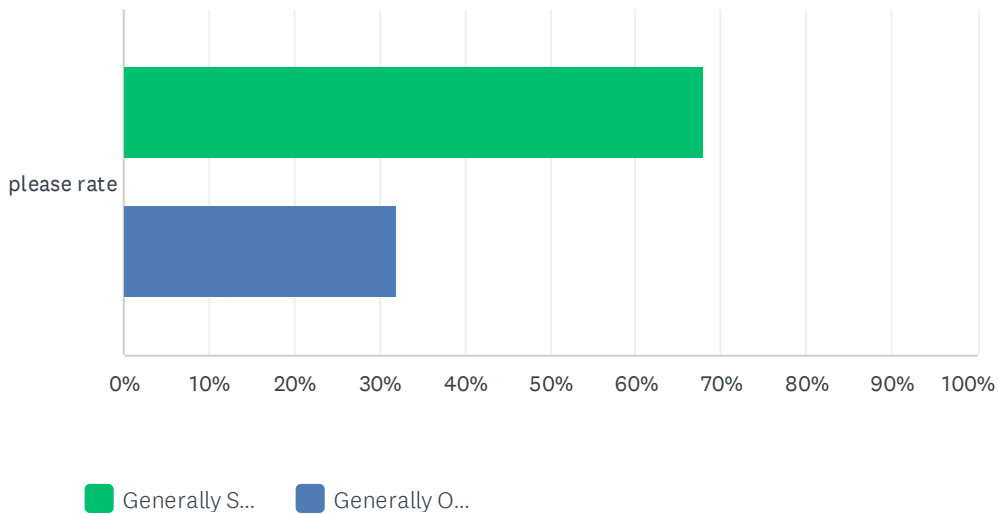
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please rate	66.32% 63	33.68% 32	95	1.34

Q63 CUP Recommendation 5 Ensure that all documents involved in a land use application and all documentation required to be submitted by a Condition of Approval are acquired and placed in the County records for that land use application and posted electronically and continuously available to the public.

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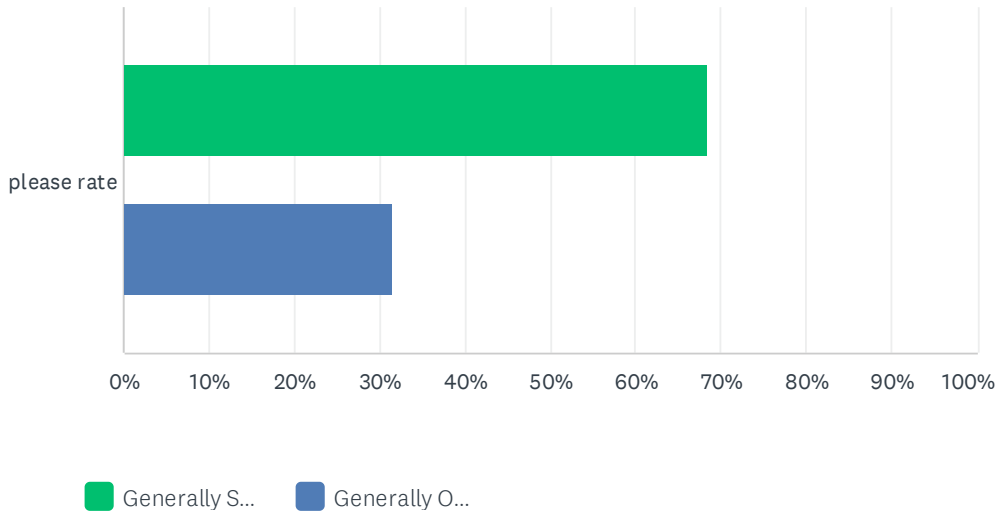


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please rate	68.09% 64	31.91% 30	94	1.32

Q64 CUP Recommendation 6 Create a system that tracks receipt of reports that are submitted as required per Conditions of Approval. For example, copies of water quality and air quality permits, emergency plans, permit submittals, financial assurance statements, and data produced from associated monitoring programs, etc.

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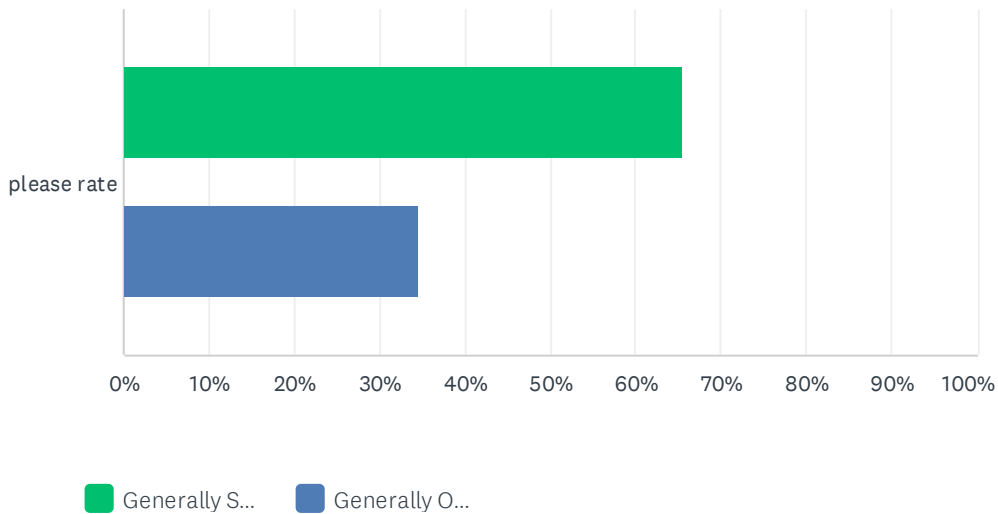
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	GENERALLY SUPPORT	GENERALLY OPPOSE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
please rate	68.42% 65	31.58% 30	95	1.32

Q65 CUP Recommendation 7 Determine if the Site Plan and Narrative included in the applicant submittals for PC-83-07/L-83-07 are regulatory conditions the landfill is required to follow.

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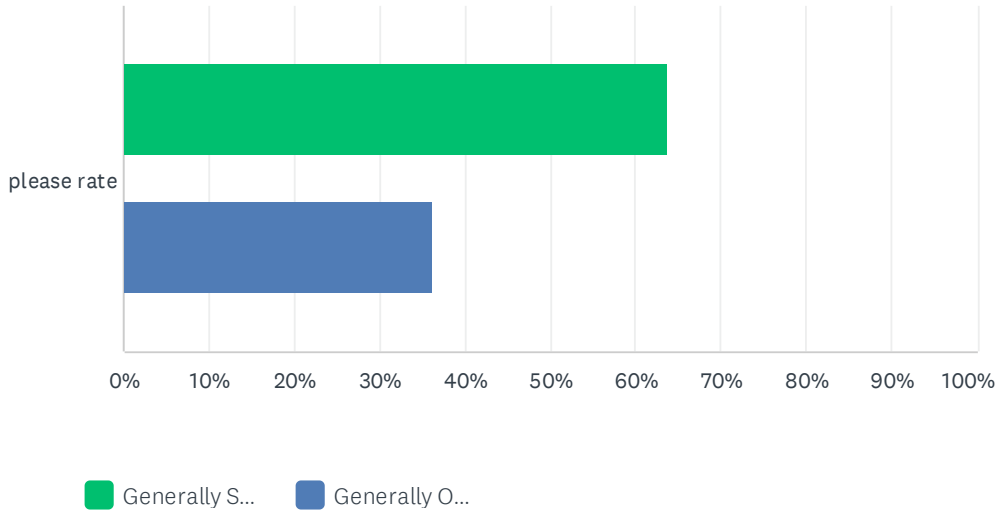


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please rate	65.56% 59	34.44% 31	90	1.34

Q66 CUP Recommendation 8 Clarify and communicate to the public what appropriate reclamation will look like to appropriately manage

community expectations for the ultimate disposition of the landfill. For example, the County should explain to the public, with the DEQ’s and Republic Service’s assistance, DEQ’s minimum reclamation requirements in the current Worst–Case Closure and Post-Closure Care Plan. Working with the public, Republic Services and the DEQ should establish a reclamation plan that is acceptable to the community.

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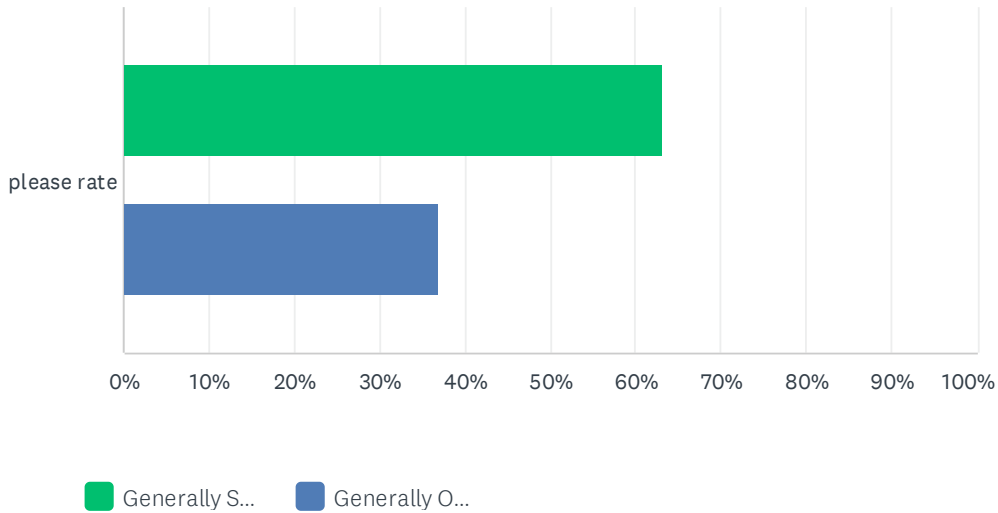


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please rate	63.83% 60	36.17% 34	94	1.36

Q67 CUP Recommendation 9 Determine how or if the County’s reclamation conditions of approval can be incorporated into DEQ’s requirements for Valley Landfill’s Worst–Case Closure and Post-Closure Care Plan for the landfill.

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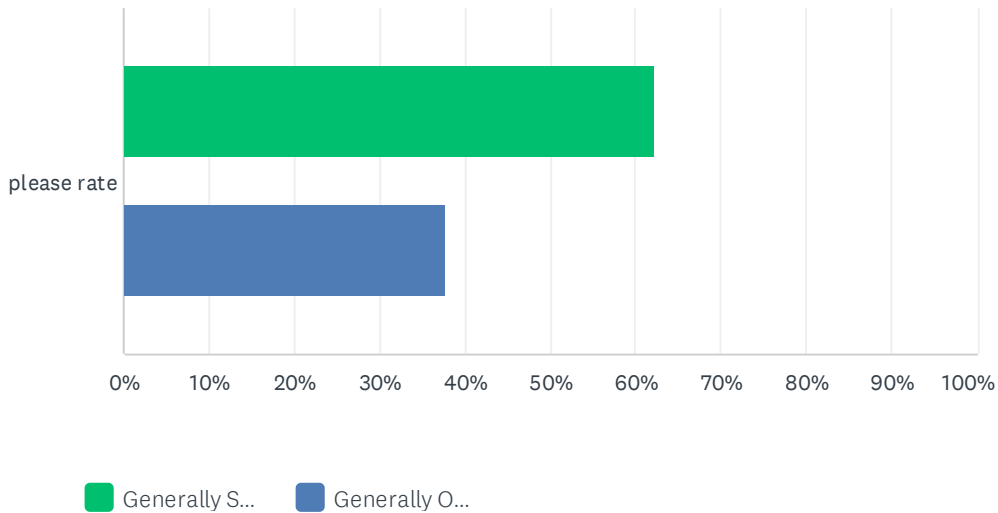
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please rate	63.04% 58	36.96% 34	92	1.37

Q68 CUP Recommendation 10 Determine the authority of the 2002 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) as it relates to pre-2002 Conditions of Approval and broadly communicate the applicability of the 2002 MOU to the public to help manage community expectations.

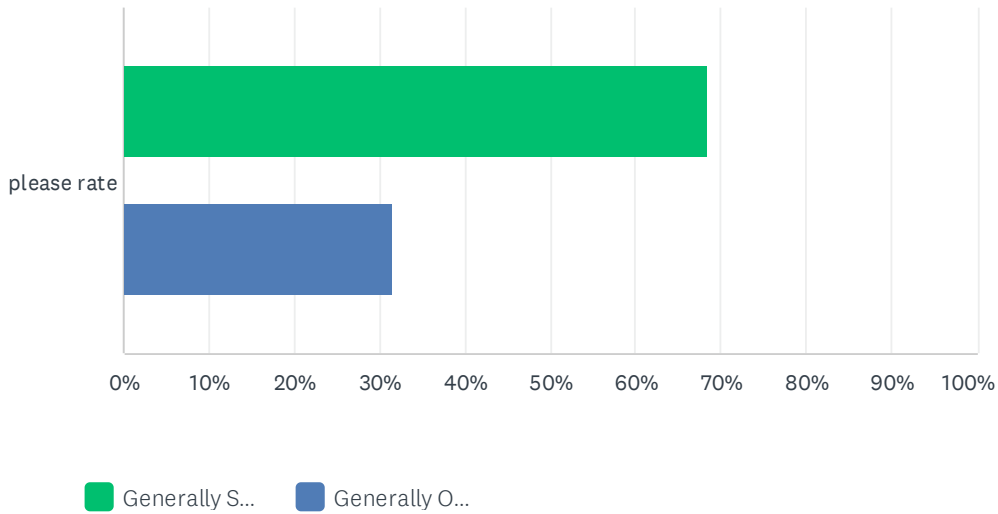
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please rate	62.22% 56	37.78% 34	90	1.38

Q69 CUP Recommendation 11 Clarify the intersecting roles between the County and DEQ in future CUP actions, recognizing the line between "environmental" and "land use" impacts may not be clear and establish a process of reconciliation.

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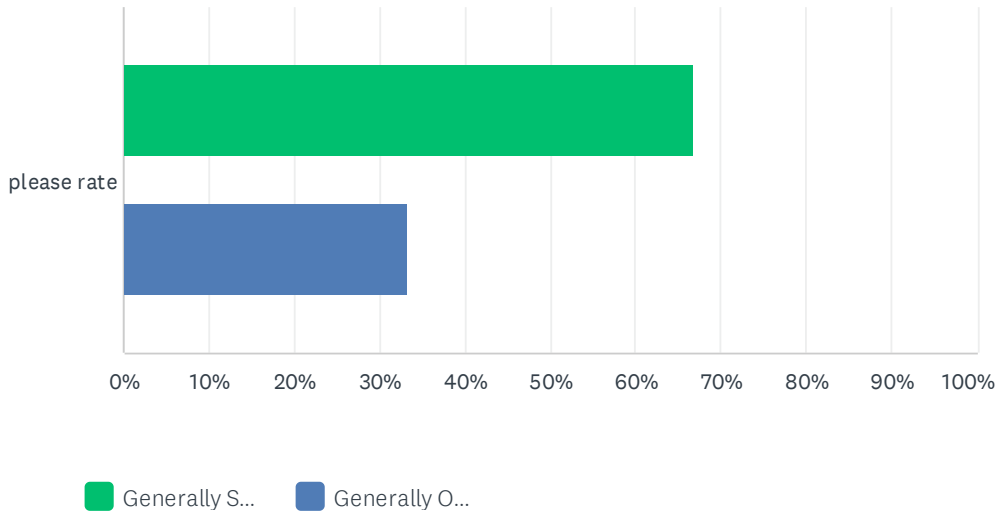


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please rate	68.48% 63	31.52% 29	92	1.32

Q70 CUP Recommendation 12 Establish a reporting program for compliance confirmation for facilities contributing to environmental burdens on the County, such as a landfill, industrial-scale composting, or direct dischargers to water bodies within the County, etc.

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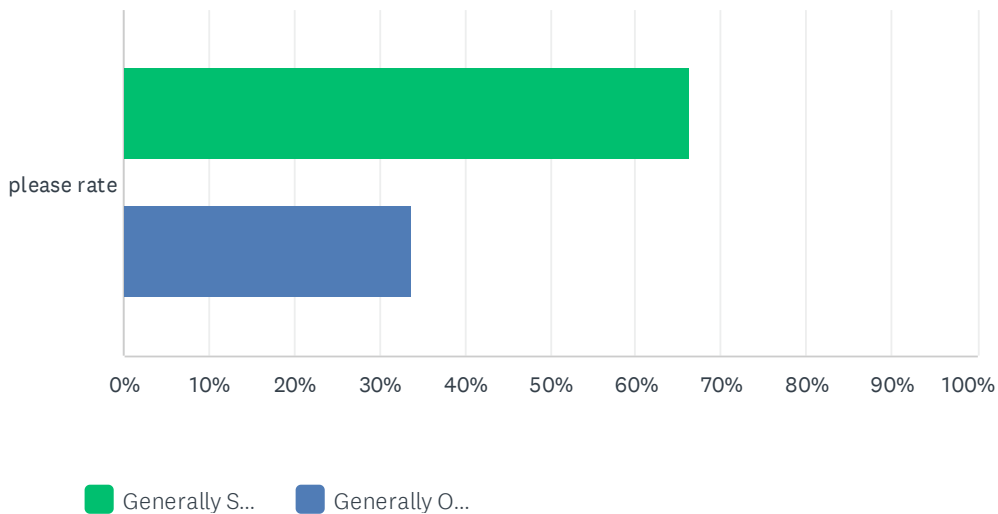
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please rate	66.67% 62	33.33% 31	93	1.33

Q71 CUP Recommendation 13 Consider the impact of leachate from the landfill site on traffic safety, road maintenance, public wastewater treatment plants (Corvallis, Salem), and the Willamette River (water quality, sediments, wildlife, etc.) in future assessments of the impact of landfilling in the County.

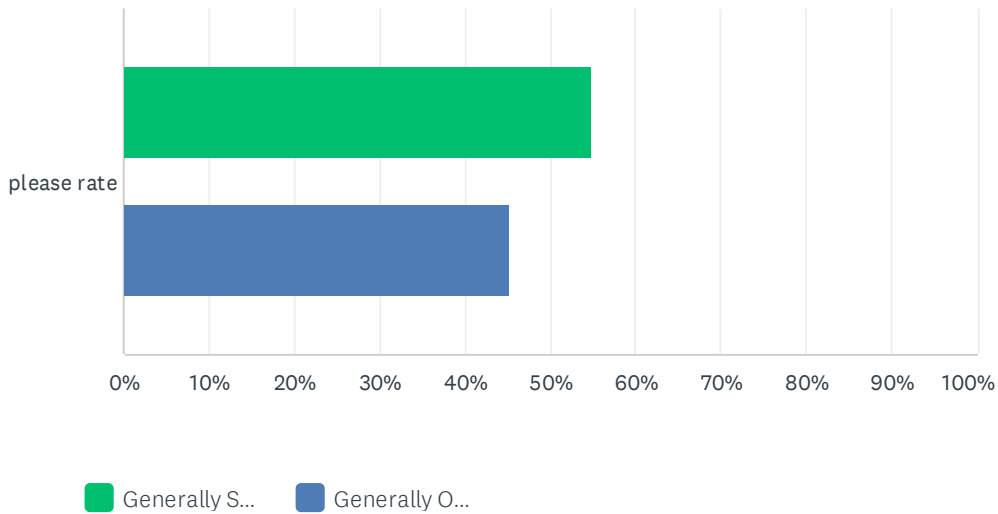
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please rate	66.30% 61	33.70% 31	92	1.34

Q72 CUP Recommendation 14 Evaluate whether acquiring buffer land by landfill-related entities is consistent with Vision 2040 including the impact on housing, forestry, and agricultural land uses. Acquiring buffer land is an action specified in DEQ’s 2005 Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Corrective Measures Record of Decision for the landfill. “Property purchases as buffer around the landfill.” is identified as one of the remedies for groundwater contamination.

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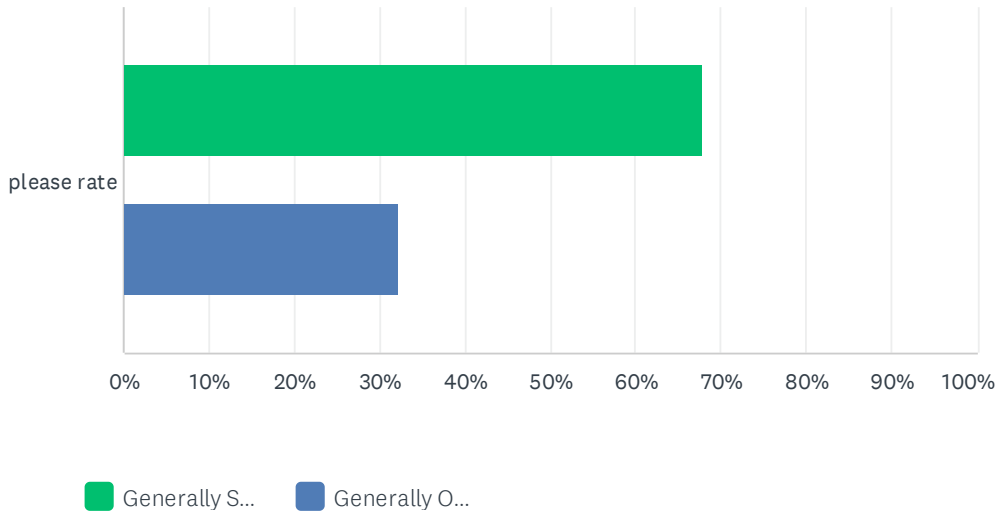


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please rate	54.84% 51	45.16% 42	93	1.45

Q73 CUP Recommendation 15 Require submittal of a plan for emergency water supplies for fire protection to the Power Generation facility per S-97-58.

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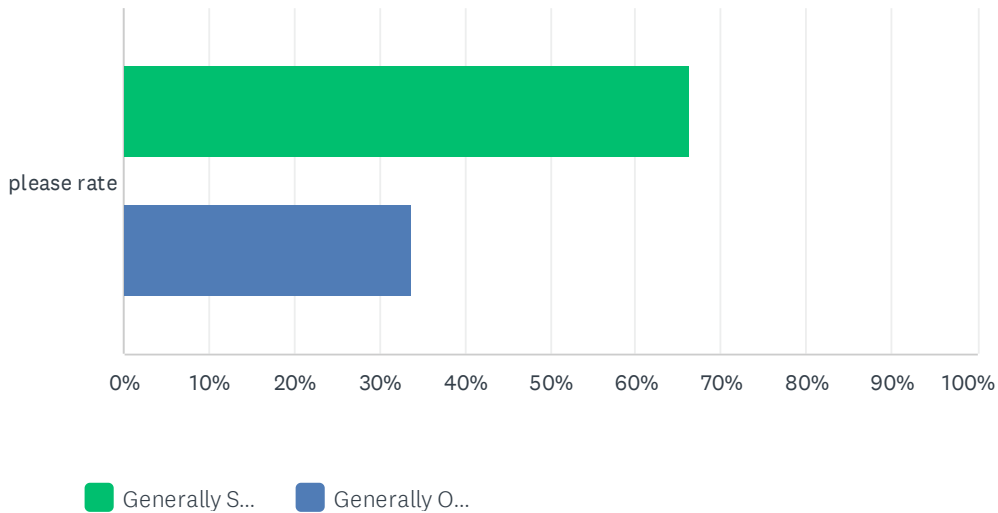
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	GENERALLY SUPPORT	GENERALLY OPPOSE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
please rate	67.74% 63	32.26% 30	93	1.32

Q74 CUP Recommendation 16 Develop a comprehensive emergency preparedness/response plan with neighboring counties, cities and fire districts given the experiences from the nationally reported 1999 landfill fire.

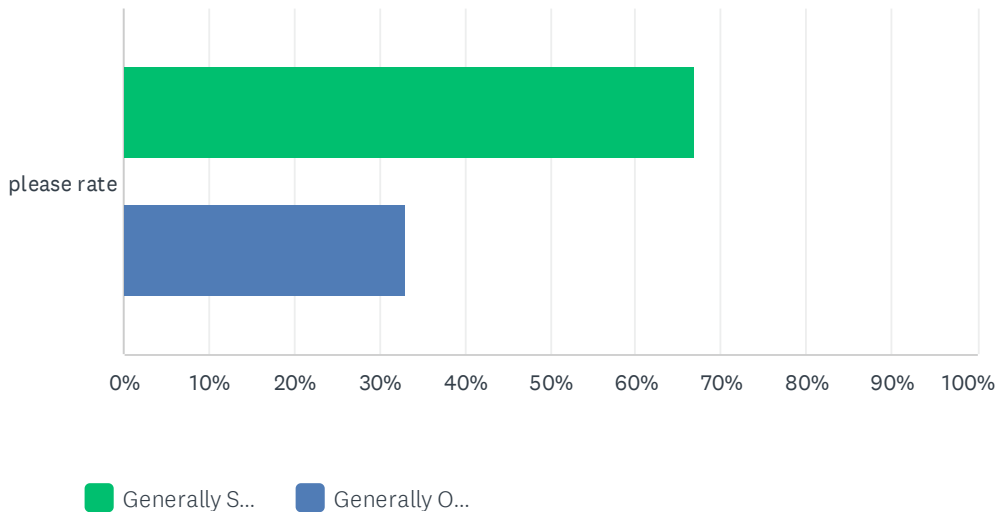
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please rate	66.32% 63	33.68% 32	95	1.34

Q75 CUP Recommendation 17 To address public concerns about odor, engage in a dialogue with the community to promptly develop and implement an odor reporting and mitigation plan that is consistent with the community's needs and DEQ requirements and County health and nuisance regulations.

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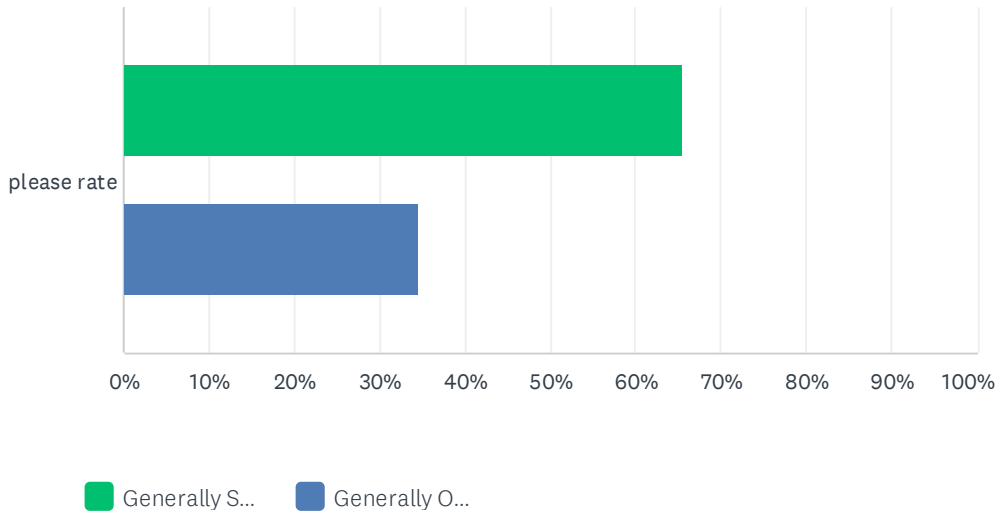


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please rate	67.02% 63	32.98% 31	94	1.33

Q76 CUP Recommendation 18 Update the Benton County Code and land use application documents to reflect the conditions of approval that are to be completed before final approval of an application and which conditions are applied to the on-going use of the land. This would improve understanding of the differing conditions of approval for the applicant, public, and decision-making bodies.

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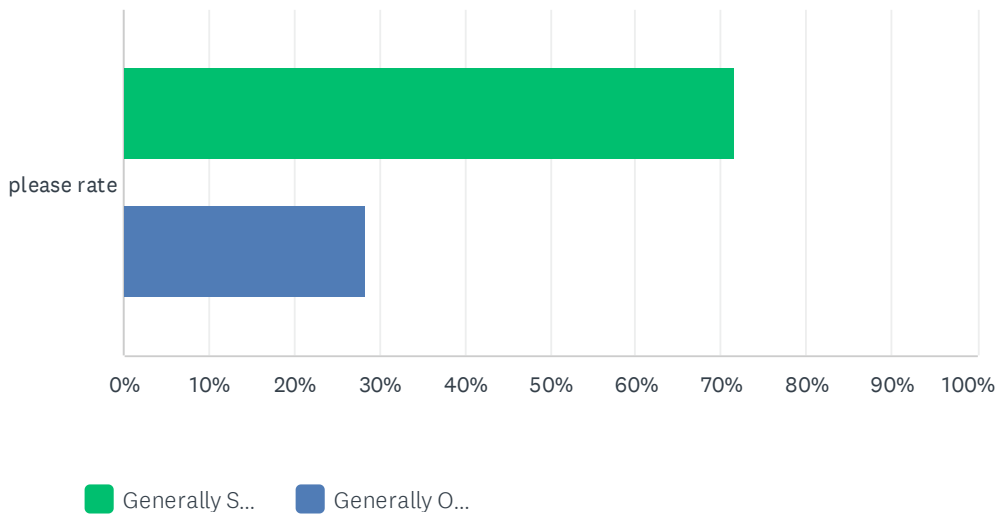
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please rate	65.56% 59	34.44% 31	90	1.34

Q77 Please provide the Workgroup with your additional comments in the box below.

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Q78 CEO Recommendation 1 The County Development Department and County Public Information Officer are responsible for conducting communication and outreach.

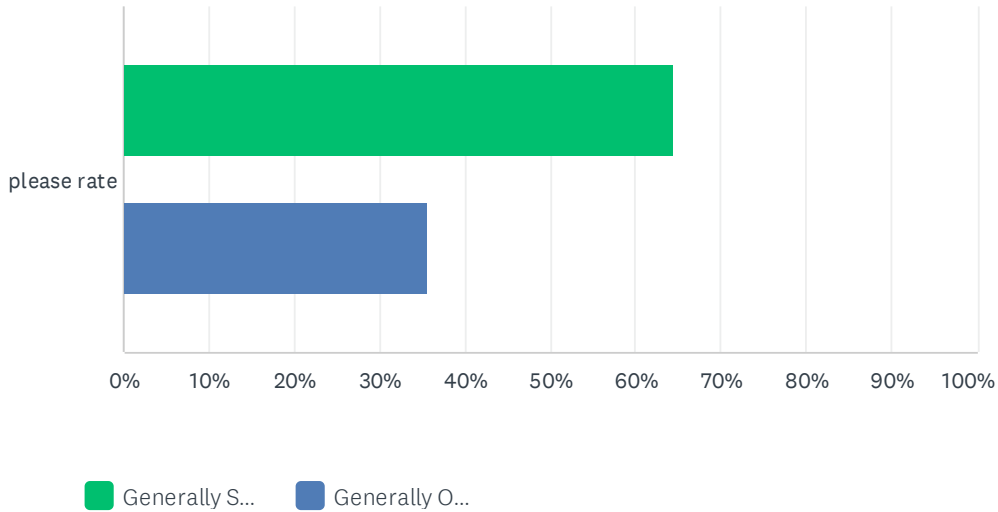
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please rate	71.74% 66	28.26% 26	92	1.28

Q79 CEO Recommendation 2 The Board of Commissioners (Board) should consider changes to these notification recommendations based on the potential impact of other CUP applications.

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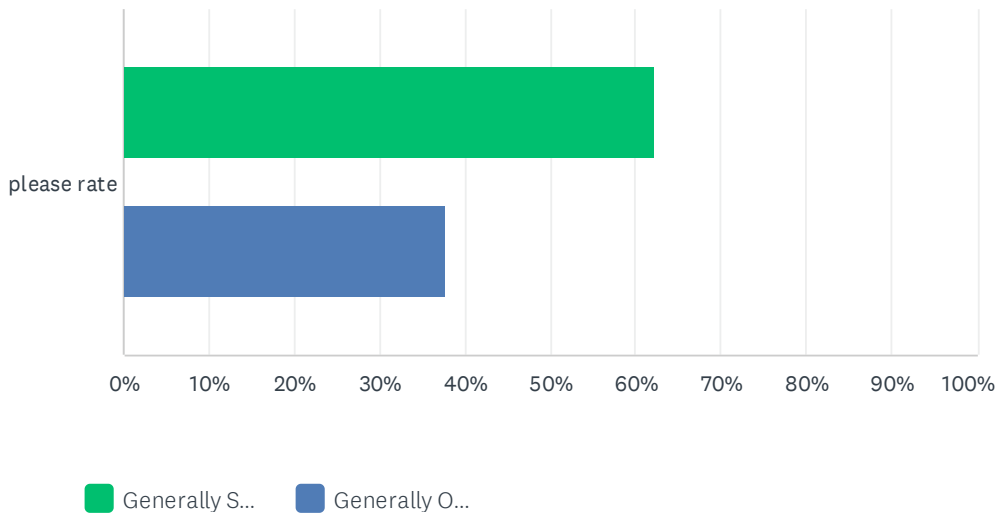


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please rate	64.44% 58	35.56% 32	90	1.36

Q80 CEO Recommendation 3 Notifications for the Benton County Talks Trash (BCTT) Survey for public input on the Workgroup Report should include an email blast, website post, and displays or presentations where people already spend time, for example a library or community event. Notifications should include a 10-mile radius from the landfill and should go out ideally a month before the survey closes.

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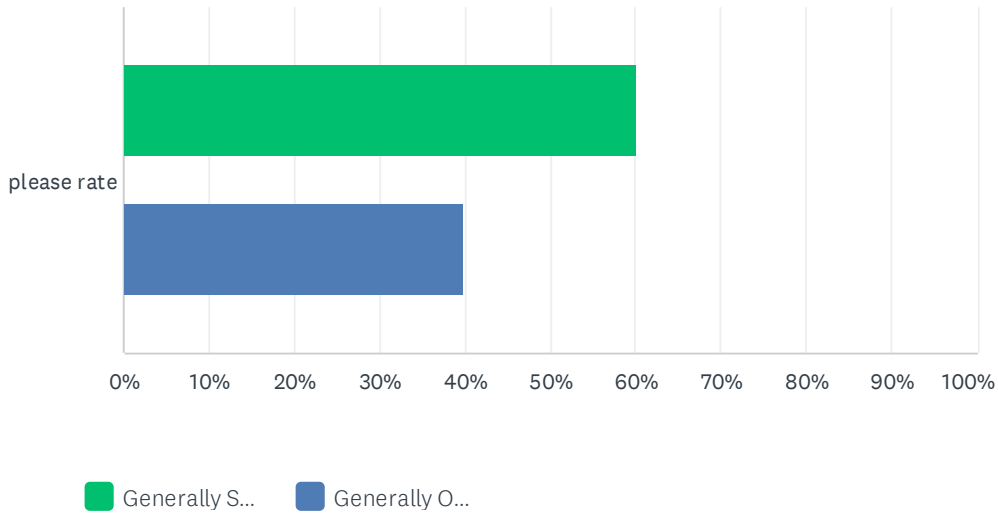


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please rate	62.37% 58	37.63% 35	93	1.38

Q81 CEO Recommendation 4 Notifications for the BCTT Report completion should include an email blast to the interested parties list, organic subscribers, those who spoke at the meetings, the Soap Creek Neighbors Group, and other landfill neighbors. Notifications should also include a possible postcard to the entire County with a link to go to and/or scan to get on a list to be informed of further updates and/or have an open house event/public informational meeting. The event/public information meeting should be on a weekend during the day so that most people can attend, and the link and email list should be readily available. A 10-mile radius from the landfill is proposed, and notifications should be sent 72 hours after the report is finished.

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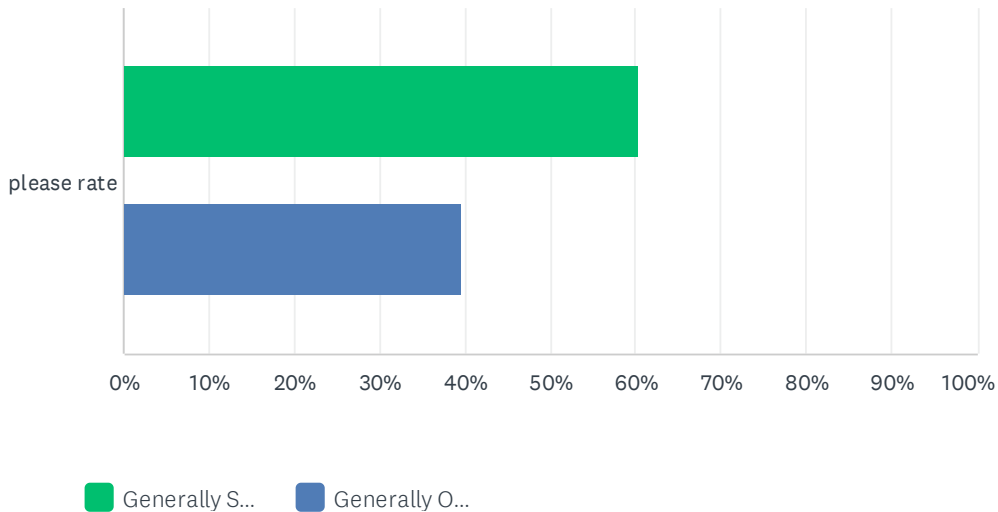
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	GENERALLY SUPPORT	GENERALLY OPPOSE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
please rate	60.22% 56	39.78% 37	93	1.40

Q82 CEO Recommendation 5 Notifications for Board hearings on the report should include a postcard, an email blast, a newspaper notification, and social media posts and advertisements. The postcards should be sent to everyone in a 10- or 15-mile radius of the landfill, and notifications should be sent 24 hours after the Board hearing is scheduled.

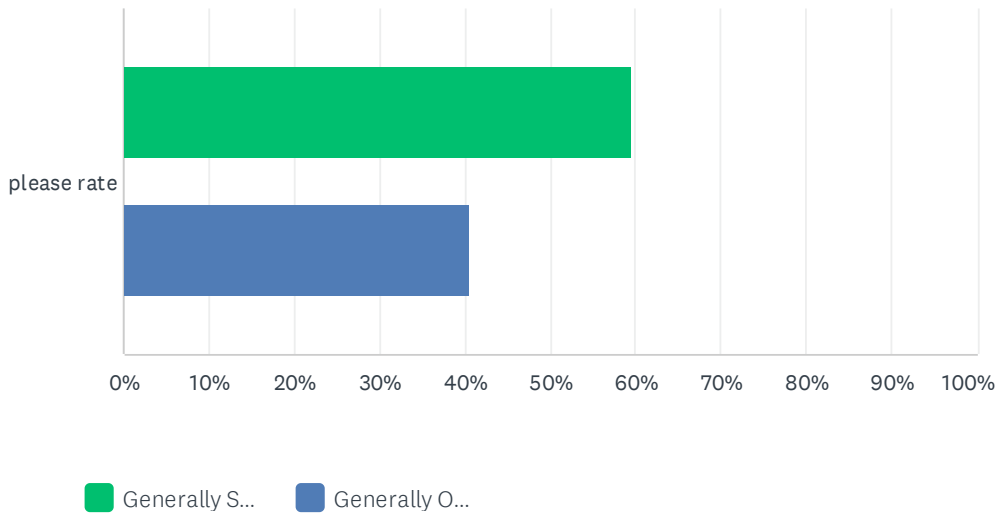
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	GENERALLY SUPPORT	GENERALLY OPPOSE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
please rate	60.44% 55	39.56% 36	91	1.40

Q83 CEO Recommendation 6 The County should notify the public when Republic Services first notifies the County that they plan to file a CUP application. This starts off any pre-filing public involvement. Notifications should include a postcard, email blast, newspaper notification, and social media posts and advertisements. Postcards should be sent to everyone within a 10- or 15-mile radius of the landfill, and notifications need to begin 24 hours after the County is notified.

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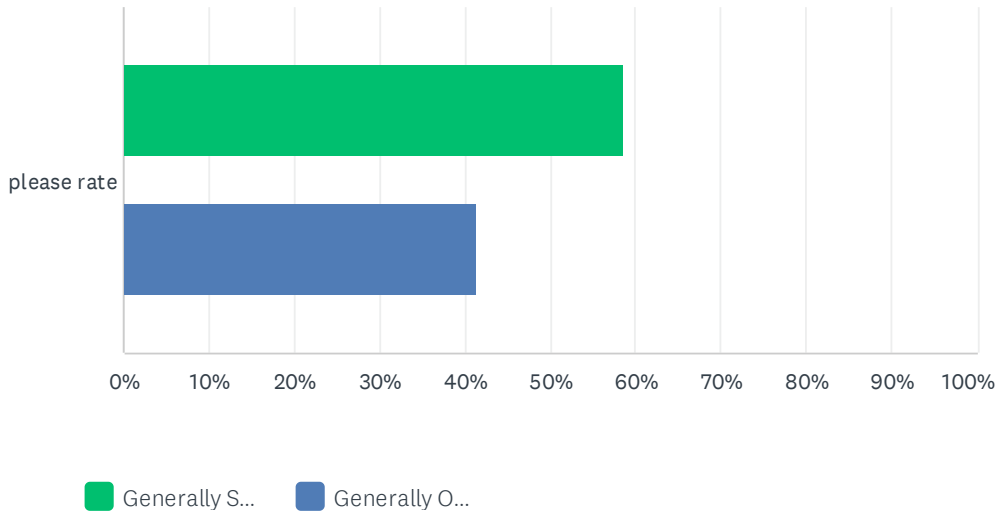


	GENERALLY SUPPORT	GENERALLY OPPOSE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
please rate	59.57% 56	40.43% 38	94	1.40

Q84 CEO Recommendation 7 Notifications for CUP filings, which includes the application review process, should consist of a postcard, email blast, newspaper notification, and social media posts and advertisements. Postcards should be sent to everyone within a 10- or 15-mile radius of the landfill, and notifications need to begin 24 hours after the initiation of a CUP filing. During the “completeness” process, the Planning Official will consider whether the applicant’s documents and information are sufficient for purposes of review of the application. Determining that an application is complete does not mean the information satisfies the approval criteria.

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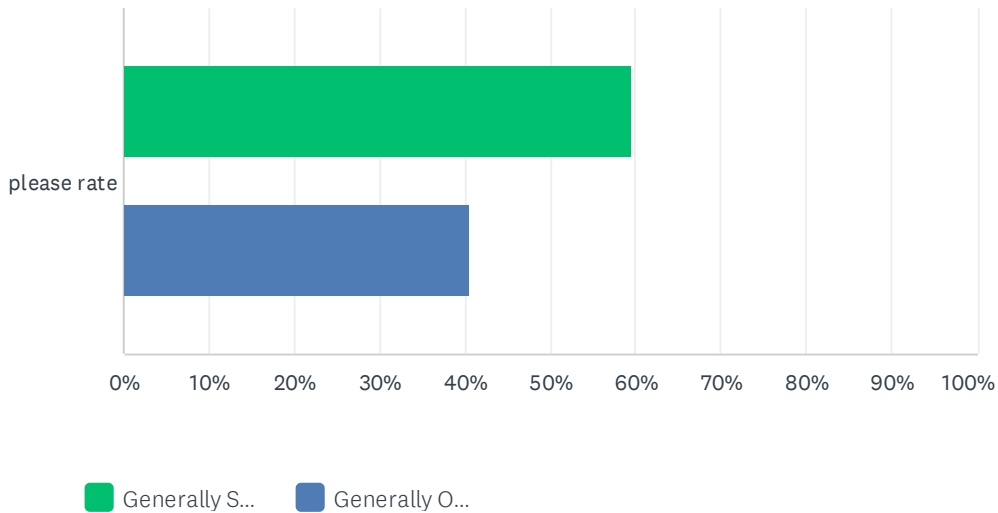
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	GENERALLY SUPPORT	GENERALLY OPPOSE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
please rate	58.70% 54	41.30% 38	92	1.41

Q85 CEO Recommendation 8 Notification when the County determines the application is complete will include a postcard, email blast, newspaper notification, and social media posts and advertisements. Notifications should be sent to the entire County and occur 24 hours after completion.

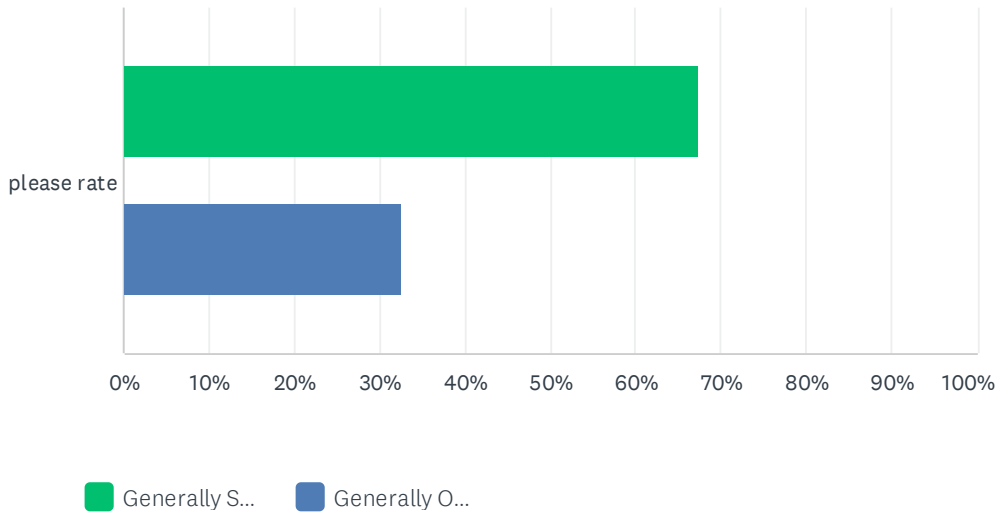
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	GENERALLY SUPPORT	GENERALLY OPPOSE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
please rate	59.55% 53	40.45% 36	89	1.40

Q86 CEO Recommendation 9 Notifications for Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC) meetings should include website posts and email blasts to interested groups and people already on the existing email list. Notifications should be sent 1 - 2 weeks before the meeting.

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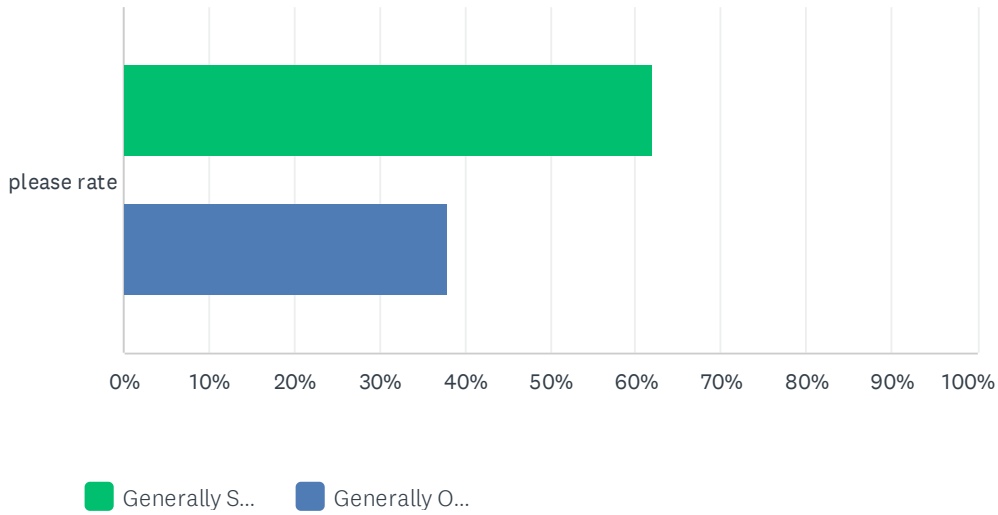


	GENERALLY SUPPORT	GENERALLY OPPOSE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
please rate	67.37% 64	32.63% 31	95	1.33

Q87 CEO Recommendation 10 Notifications of SWAC recommendations should include website posts and email blasts to interested groups and people already on the existing email list. Notifications should be sent out 24 hours after the recommendation.

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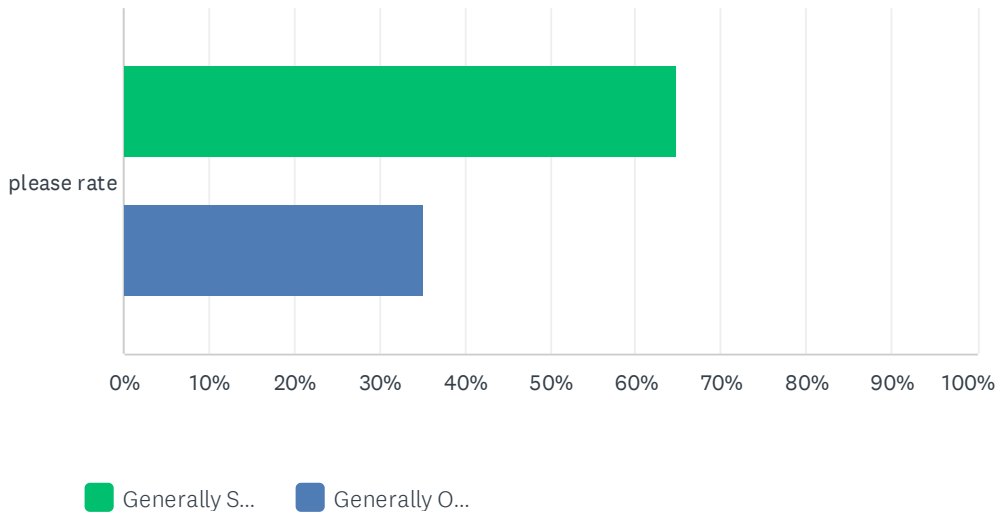
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	GENERALLY SUPPORT	GENERALLY OPPOSE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
please rate	62.11% 59	37.89% 36	95	1.38

Q88 CEO Recommendation 11 Notifications for Planning Commission meetings should include website posts and email blasts to interested groups and people already on the existing email list. Notifications should be sent no later than 2 weeks before the meeting.

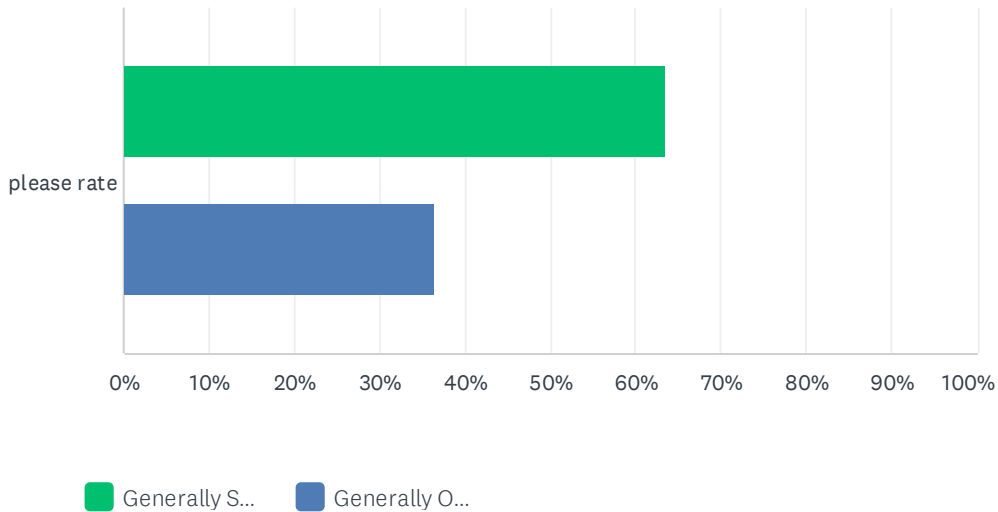
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	GENERALLY SUPPORT	GENERALLY OPPOSE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
please rate	64.84% 59	35.16% 32	91	1.35

Q89 CEO Recommendation 12 Notifications of the Planning Commission's decision on the application should include website posts and email blasts to interested groups and people already on the existing email list. Notifications should be sent out 24 hours after the recommendation.

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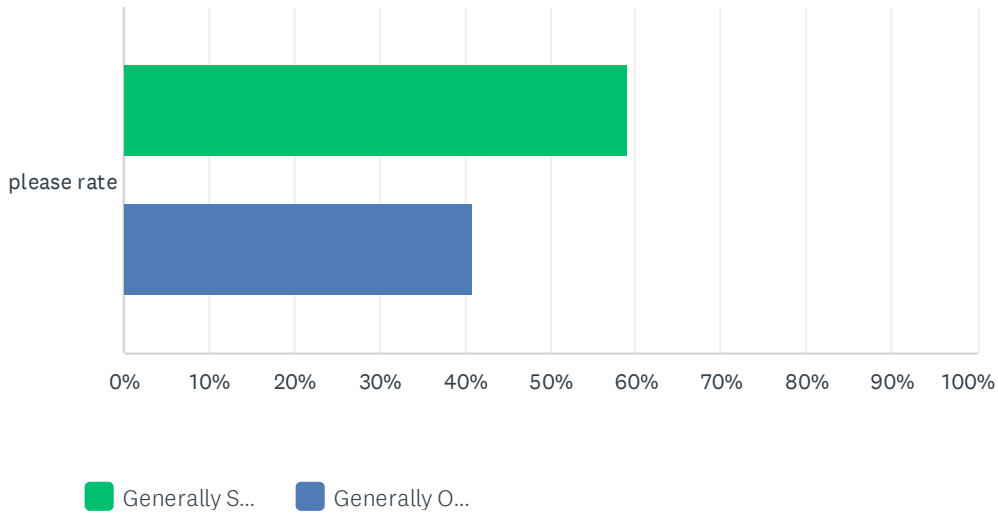


	GENERALLY SUPPORT	GENERALLY OPPOSE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
please rate	63.44% 59	36.56% 34	93	1.37

Q90 CEO Recommendation 13 Notifications of when the Board is hearing the CUP application for approval will include a postcard, email blast, newspaper notification, and social media posts and advertisements. Notifications should be sent to everyone within a 10- or 15-mile radius of the CUP site and occur 24 hours after scheduled.

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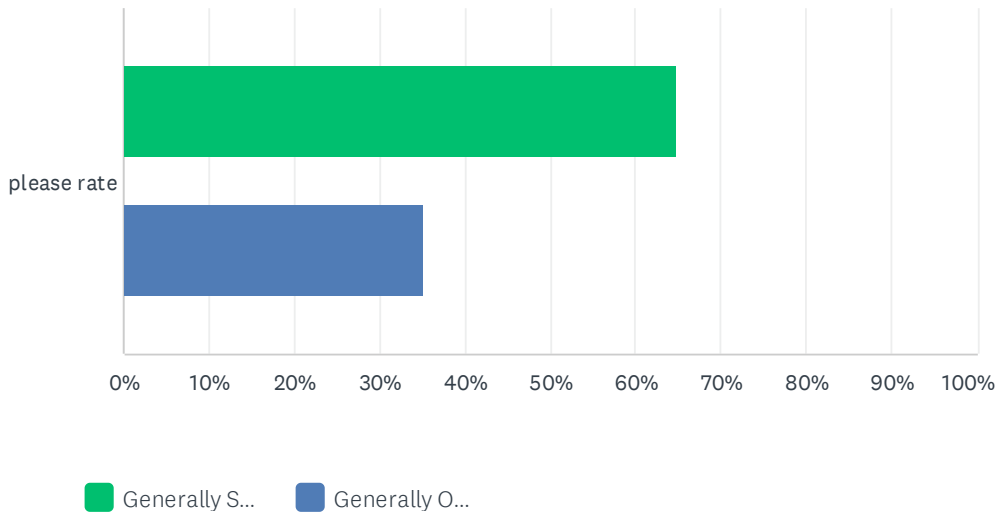
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	GENERALLY SUPPORT	GENERALLY OPPOSE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
please rate	59.14% 55	40.86% 38	93	1.41

Q91 CEO Recommendation 14 Notifications of the Board’s decision on the application will include an email blast, website banner, newspaper notification, and social media posts. Notifications should be sent out 24 hours after the decision.

Answered: 94 Skipped: 125



	GENERALLY SUPPORT	GENERALLY OPPOSE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
please rate	64.89% 61	35.11% 33	94	1.35

Q92 Please provide the Workgroup with your additional comments in the box below.

Answered: 30 Skipped: 189

Q93 This box is for you to share any other feedback about Solid Waste Management in Benton County you would like the BCTT Workgroup to consider.

Answered: 48 Skipped: 171

Q33 additional comments

Open-Ended Response

These recommendations appear to provide a framework for the development of the SMMP. As a resident of Benton County, rather than a member of the SMMP team, I find the recommendations so general that it would be hard to oppose any of the recommendations. I don't see how my input, or anybody's for that matter, on a lot of boiler plate is really of much use to anyone. I would like to know when you are going to get to the real issues like the fact that a landfill for northwest Oregon really doesn't belong in our wet environment. Or that Republic Services requires all rural customers to have weekly trash, yard waste and partial recycling pickup. We compost and have very little trash, but we do have some. Bi-weekly or monthly pickup would much better match our needs.

The County sells its residents short with this plan. If the Company backs out altogether, would the County run the landfill? Is BC hostage to a waste monopoly? Who is paying County staff time and effort for this greedy expansion request? The Company I hope, not our county taxpayers. The waste of community volunteer time also should be assessed to the Company. A few million a year is simply not worth it to the County -- the Company needs to offer much much much more to have taxpayers even think this is a good idea. If the Company tries to hold BC residents hostage to higher rates, let's call their bluff, let's sue them for the 1999 fire costs and everything else. BC has leverage and needs to use it. Finally, how to insure against the expected many externalities that our county residents will pay in the future. Instead of a sleepy beautiful county and small town (Corvallis), we will be known as the garbage dump of the Willamette Valley. How much is that worth?

Republic Services is part of BCTT, but they should NOT be involved in the RFP process. Community volunteers from BCTT would be OK. A primary role should be given to the county's long-standing council for solid waste management (SWAC), at on an equal footing with BCTT vounteers.

Opening our dump to materials from other counties, while expedient and profitable for the operators, is a mistake. Benton County is rapidly running out of room and public use if "our" dump is becoming prohibitively expensive. In addition, the effects on neighboring properties is causing justifiable resentment.

The County staff and commissioners have systematically failed the residents of Benton community by allowing Republic Services to profit at the expense of the health and well being of Benton County Residents. The county has decided to allow Republic Services to dramatically increase the amount of material is accepts in Coffin Butte, thereby leading to a unnecessary "need" for expansion. To right these wrongs the County and Republic Services has committed, the County must reject any large-scale increase in the footprint of Coffin Butte outside the plan to move into the Kniferiver Area north of the current landfill. The County must also stop Republic Services from spreading medical waste ashes as a "cover" on top of of trash. The County must also halt Republic Services from accepting trash from other portions of the state in the volumes that it currently is accepting.

Include an epidemiologist in the work plan/group to assess local rates of cancer. Include a hydrologist in the work group as well as air quality expert. Include the tribes who's land we are on. include neighbors no matter how painful it might be to hear what neighbors endure on a regular basis. Provide internship opportunities for student in secondary, under grad and post grad college students in related fields. It's their future in our hands. Include operators of water and sewer treatment both locally and from training programs.

In my experience working in environmental remediation, the more checks and balances in place the better we can ensure the long term goals of sustainability and ethics are adhered to. Having multiple contractors can help reduce the weight on the SMMP by acting as watchdogs of each other's work during the project. From my experience it is an effective way to use the competition of the private sector to double check the effectiveness of oversight.

My main concerns are that we stop expanding Coffin Butte to accommodate other peoples' trash and that we do all that is possible to reduce our waste, including requiring waste reduction processes of all communities that contribute to Coffin Butte.

Who is opening each trash bag and tallying the banana peels? This sounds like a waste of the millions it will cost to conduct what is simply put as a "waste audit."

There is a problem with #16 Recommendation 11 - both responses are labeled the same.

Sustainability should start with manufacturing practices and components. After-the-fact waste management just shifts the burden of disposal to the community. For example, why can't Mason jars be used for glass containers? And, why is Styrofoam still commonly used? Why aren't milk and water and all soft drinks provided in recyclable containers? Without front end changes, nothing will improve and the community bears the biggest burden of waste management.

I think the most important thing is that the SMMP be completed before any further decisions are made about expansion or changes to the county's solid waste contracts. That way decisions are made with a long term comprehensive view of the true costs and benefits of choices and their alternatives.

Your survey is complete RUBBISH!!! This is NOT a survey, it is a tool designed to solicit support, to sway/educate/indoctrinate people into supporting your insular, misguided approach. Surveys don't have LONG, complicated questions that frame the issues in a positive light (using words like "sustainable", "positive", and all of the other loaded words you've used). Surveys don't include loads of acronyms, which were defined much earlier in the document (duh!). You have violated so many basic principles of surveys that I'm not even willing to keep going. This survey speaks volumes about what's wrong with your process and approach!

This information is incredibly dense for the general public. This information was distributed poorly to the general public, who do not have enough time to digest the information, ask questions, and become better informed in order to make proper decisions and have their voices heard. This effort should be for the people of Benton County, and supported by the people of Benton County. Without the correct representation, this data is skewed and inaccurate, taking into account political and bureaucratic interest when it doesn't belong.

I reaching the goals of this project, ry not to get bogged down with the flexibility, fluidity and inclusion. Push on to the best potential outcomes. Consider using "must" versus "should".

A definition of RFP would have allowed more clarity.

The SMMP is just a paperwork laden complication that reduces transparency of the problems we are facing. Having hundreds of pages of "fluffy" language and acronyms obscures the problem at hand. Please make future resources more cut and dry with tangible action items and expected results. Benton county can't support the amount of trash coming in. Someone should have said "no" long ago. Protect the environment, protect the quality of life of those living in Benton County (many of whom are here for the outdoor opportunities), and protect the home values of those living in proximity to coffin butte. The complexity of this topic is unnecessary. Let community members vote on how to proceed. Do we want to expand the size of coffin butte? Do we want to continue to allow other counties to dump their waste? How do we increase sustainability is something this committee can provide. Offer resources and ideas, complete community trials, then again, we can vote. Creating committee after committee and collaborating with county after county will slow down the process and prevent meaningful change.

A lot of these recommendations above do not point to a major concern i have about Republic Services being part of the selection process. I just want to confirm that the landfill operator would not be on the evaluation committee. Also, can somebody provide a timeline for getting a waste management plan in place. All of these efforts seem to just kick the can down the road. What is, as of today, the county's plan for dealing with the landfill when it closes? Who is in charge of managing the leachate in that scenario? What about maintenance of infrastructure in general? The methane generation facility as an example. Is Republic just planning on handing that over to the county? What happens if there is a major event like the 1999 landfill fire? Or a rain event like 1996 and leachate ends up getting into the surrounding water supply? Does the existing fund for disaster response really cover any of these scenarios? What is the vendors liability? We need an action plan, not a plan to make a plan, and especially not using Orwellian language like some of the recommendations above. Please just give the public straightforward language so they can provide straightforward feedback. If the landfill was to expand, what would be the impact of that expansion? For example, how is the landfill vendor going to deal with all of the additional leachate in that scenario? What is the cost of keeping the landfill open, versus transferring the trash to other available sites? Do we really need to do an RFP and spend what will probably be millions on another consultant, just to come up with a plan for eventually figuring this out? If the landfill truly only has 3-4 years of capacity left, is this really the approach needed to meet a time frame for an expansion decision? Steps need to be taken NOW to figure out how to handle this. Otherwise, it is likely to turn into an emergency situation before any roadmap is created.

I am opposed to increasing the size of the current landfill. It will further impact residential homes near the landfill, and I believe that health concerns of residents who live near the landfill should be prioritized and addressed.

I strongly suggest question 30 to read: The County should absolutely have a SMMP in place prior to any major materials management decisions.

Consider not expanding the landfill and phasing to other Republic sites . And absolutely NOT raising tonnage cap. Local agencies will not get increased revenue when the landfill moves but it is inevitable. Current staff should make the sustainable materials management plan and not keep draining taxpayer funds for constant consultants.

1. Do not raise the annual cap on waste coming to the landfill. 2. Do not expand the landfill. 3. Stop wasting taxpayer dollars on outside consultants. Use county staff. Our county commissioners are highly paid. They should have been able to reach a decision by now that will benefit county residents.

Thorough and well developed proposal.

This survey is very difficult to decipher/understand.

What about mining the landfill? It must have tons of usable materials. I think in the future landfills are going to be desirable assets for recovering otherwise depleted materials.

Employees of republic Services and Knife River should not be members of any workgroup due to conflict of interest.

SMMP F6, R3 and 4: There should be no implication that SMMP in Benton County or anywhere that sends waste here will have any impact at Coffin Butte, per se, because Republic Services and not Benton County has power over how they fill their tonnage cap prior to expansion, or lack of tonnage cap if expansion is approved. Any reduction in the contribution to that tonnage by Benton County or any other entity will have no impact on the life span of Coffin Butte or any other impacts of Coffin Butte landfill to the neighboring community because Republic Services choose to sell its services to other entities to replace tonnage reduction that may result from SMMP. That needs to be very clear to the public in the SMMP process.

On the topic of waste disposal in Corvallis: Why can't the city REALLY encourage everyone to put their garbage cans OUT OF PUBLIC VIEW? Get the GT involved with photos, etc. Even million dollar houses often just leave all their cans sit by the garage!!! Our city is supposed to be #1 in many areas but it sure fails in this area of general beauty; The garbage company has never done much to help. I know as I have asked them to do so through the years more than once without much effect!! Please consider my plea Thanks

Almost impossible to clearly answer in support or opposition to recommendations that have sometimes oppositional statements. The adoption of jargon ("SMMP") that has no clear definition or link to solid waste sets up a bifurcated system to analyze both linear "waste" and cyclical "recoverable materials." Neither is being served by this split between true waste disposal and recoverable materials. The premise of adopting "new-speak" jargon hampers the entire enterprise of the BCTT, and community concern is only heightened when presented in the public arena through the truly expansive list of overlapping recommendations.

16 SMMP Recommendation 11 — Only gives the “generally support” option twice there is not a “generally oppose” option. 27 SMMP Recommendation 22 — It would not be acceptable if members of the stakeholders group deciding on the best proposal included any Republic Services employee. 31 SMMP Recommendation 31 — The County should only use landfill revenue to support the SMMP recommendation.

This is ridiculous.

This is a wordy survey that is poorly defined and hard to understand all the lingo. If I didn't fully understand the question I said “Don't support”

Don't let this program fester. When RFPs are turned in, don't open the proposal time for revisions.

Please limit the amount of milestones or decision points that require public input in this process. I would much prefer that a group of experts and professionals develop and work towards achievable goals vs NIMBY neighbors that want to drag out the process and add layers of bureaucracy under the guise of stakeholder equity as a delaying tactic. Not everyone has an equally valid or meaningful opinion on the intricacies of waste management.

Question 16 has the option to support it twice and no option to oppose.

This plan feels like it will ultimately cost us more money and does not consider at all the community benefits of the CCoffin Butte landfill. Why are they being framed as the bad guys?

Please provide a focus that includes the waste stream for PLASTIC. I feel we are not doing enough to find ways other than landfill for various grades of plastic.

Recommendation 27 is very critical and it is surprising this has not been done before. Major industries with effluents have to report these data. There should also be analysis of air, water, and soil samples near and far from the waste site to determine the most which species from the site are being transported to the local environment. I am basing this on 40 years of experience as an analytical chemist often working on environmental transport. This analytical survey should be done early in the process because the findings will affect some of the recommendations. As I read recommendation 27, it is unclear what the materials audit applies to? Is in the input from all sources?

These are all lofty goals, but good ones. One thing that I'm finding is missing is clear and honest communication to the public (via digestible and visible platforms - not just reports) regarding WHERE our recycled waste is ending up. This is a service we are paying for under the assumption we are making the world, and county better. However I've heard from numerous sources that a large majority of our recycling is just dumped due to capacity and sorting issues. The public deserves answers as to what percent of our recycled goods are actually recycled, and if this is a dire number we need solutions.

The average citizen, who are the primary stakeholders, could not understand most of the above recommendations. It seems foolish that the cost to dump sustainable materials (compost, building waste, etc.) for the average homeowners is nearly the price (sometime exceeds!) the price to dump garbage. Yard waste used to be affordable to dump and was measured by the yard - now it is weighed, and now I burn instead! Also, there are now no viable options for those that generate little trash (such as economical on-call pickup, 1x per month, etc), which actually incentivizes loading up the bin! Please don't cow-tow to Republic's gloom and doom scenarios. Benton and surrounding counties are the market - drive a deal that benefits the residents, not Republic execs. If they wish to pull out - let them! I can take my own trash and yard debris to the locations while another entity moves in to take advantage of the opportunity. And PLEASE, stop the influx of refuse from out of the area and out of state - if it needs to come to Benton County, maybe have it piled in Reset Stadium.

THE COFFIN BUTTE LANDFILL SHOULD "ONLY" TAKE REFUSE FROM BENTON COUNTY !!!!

wow, very thorough study by BCTT folks. I moved into an apartment where they do not offer 'yard waste' collection, I miss that and will ask the managers to consider. thank you for the opportunity to comment

It would be great if the county could require trash management services to offer glass recycling throughout the county - a not-insignificant portion of my trash is glass. I just don't have the time to always take it in (I'm sorry!!!) but I live less than half a mile from folks who do have glass recycling, so this seems ridiculous.

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I am not sure the purpose of this "survey". It seems a bit odd. If the overarching question is "should the County do a better job of managing waste in the County and waste delivered to Coffin Butte?" ..the clear answer is a very loud "YES". But if the dump were not in Benton County, there likely wouldn't be the urgency or interest. The point is this is a state or regional issue. I would suggest that funding for the SMMP be from a surcharge on all waste dumped at the landfill. That way, the users of the dump are funding the study. Benton County rate payers would only be on the hook for a small percentage of the cost since Benton County residents only contribute a small percent of the volume to the dump. The money from the surcharge should be in a separate fund, not in the General Fund. This is particularly important since the Commissioners have been using solid waste fees for general fund purposes while ignoring their obligations to fund a competent waste management program. I would also suggest that the County hire outside legal council to assist in this endeavor.

Coffin Butte Landfill is the largest single aspect of materials management in Benton County. These recommendations ignore the most important question about which information is needed now. What are the alternatives to continuing to have an active landfill in this location? How can a successful transition to alternative disposal locations be developed and implemented?

The workgroup should work to ensure the following: 1. That Corvallis, Albany, Salem, and other communities continue to have access to a landfill within 60 miles of where they live. 2. Minimize impacts to neighbors and environment while also recognizing there is no perfect solution. We should address and mitigate problems, not kick the can to another community. 3. Engage with community members and reach out. Understand there are hundreds of thousands of people served well by the current waste management arrangement who may not be the most vocal in their opinions and objections.

The stakeholders group should include residents of Linn County, since Coffin Butte serves the whole county.

It's disheartening to see all the waste litter on the side of road shoulders on both sides of the road and things like metal or two by four with nails hitting me a flat tire. And living in Adair we get the methane smell at times, not a fan.

This is a good idea

An audit could provide good information but likely no surprises. DEQ does waste composition studies and is in the process of doing that currently. It will be interesting to see if these yield similar results.

I believe #9 and #13 are extremely important. Re #9, regionally, we all need to be on the same page!

RFP's and Consultants add costs for planning. Having too many people on a committee usually takes more time to make effective decisions for actions to take place. OSU is a valuable partner for information on sustainable policies and procedures. San Francisco is working on reducing Trash. Corvallis should and other Coffin Butte contributors should start reducing trash NOW. Reduce the sale of plastic products that cannot be recycled. Recycle all plastic. Do a better job sorting trash to reduce garbage.

Stop accepting all trash coming from north of Salem. This would extend the lifetime of the current footprint. Charge the landfill a hefty fee for each load of toxic leachate leaving the facility and needing treatment.

The TAC should include subject matter experts from Oregon State University, other regional research institutions, and engineering firms or other geotechnical experts with experience in the field. I oppose the participation of the current community members in any further stakeholder or other advisory role. In general these items are poorly written, contain too many dependent clauses and are too long. This makes it difficult for the average Joe to comprehend the items. Further, some of the items address more than one concept; I'm required to agree with both or disagree with both. Sometimes, that's not the case.

Q46 additional comments

Open-Ended Response

I support the County's involvement in most items and committees. I support Stakeholders who have permanent residences in Benton County also being involved. I do NOT support Stakeholders from outside Benton County as they will have COI and a NIMBY attitude (well, it's not in their backyard).

Cap the tonnage allowed at Coffin Butte

Transparency in all decision making and reports. Any decision in opposition to stakeholders' positions should be justified. Collaboration and education with all the residents of the county should be an on-going part of any program. There was a time when seat belts were mocked. It took education of the public to get them to be accepted as a norm. Same with these issues. Republic Services or any other permit holder should agree to a robust on-going education program that is not just a PR piece.

I drive by coffin butte frequently and activity along Hwy 99 is often unsettling and raises questions on how well waste is handled locally. A detailed report measurements from both ORDEQ and third party confirmations (from companies with not even vague financial ties to waste management) would go a long way in easing those concerns.

The execution of the 2020 Landfill Franchise Agreement in private, without the knowledge of affected residents of Benton County, was an egregious breach of trust of the population, and strongly influences and taints all other steps that Benton County takes regarding solid waste and related topics. It's clear that short-term monetary considerations outweighed other factors in the signing of this agreement. Residents most directly affected by negative impacts of the Landfill are effectively being thrown under the bus to support a stream of discretionary income for the County. This lack of trust and credibility will spill over to other County efforts, most notably the proposed justice center.

All of this discussion assumes no changes to the front end of product life cycles and manufacturing processes. This is the tail trying to wag the entire dog.

With each page of this survey, I get more infuriated! Most of the "questions" include a long list of things, so it's completely confusing what one is "supporting" or "opposing". This is BASIC BASIC BASIC stuff, people! Whoever designed this survey clearly doesn't have a clue about what he's doing! You also reference all kinds of info. that is not presented, people who are not identified, and entities many people don't trust (e.g. Benton County - the commissioners are "asleep at the wheel"). This entire survey is complete junk!!!

This whole survey feels like an opportunity to brag and say "look at all the good work that is going into maintaining the standards for this landfill. We consider every possible option, want to keep the public as informed as possible, and want to show how progressive and critically thinking we are in this effort. Now please help us pat ourselves on our backs and give us the participation trophy we deserve." Not once does this survey cover the ethnicity of weather or not the public of Benton County supports and approves the expansion of annual tonnage, usage and size of the Coffin Butte Landfill.

In reaching the goals of this project, try not to get bogged down with the flexibility, fluidity and inclusion. Push on to the best potential conclusions and outcomes- at this time. Consider using "must" versus "should".

Please factor in the greenhouse gas emissions from the tailpipes of trucks, especially those coming from and going to afar.

Compost and recycling are two things I think this community value and support. There are systems available to mitigate these natural processes that ultimately can enhance the livability of the community. Having a junkyard of non biodegradable items on the edge of town is very different from composting, which ultimately creates fertile soil to help replace that lost from commercial farming, pesticides, and climate change.

Can we get a better explanation for this statement? "The County should then use this information to inform landfill-related decision-making. These negotiations were conducted privately (not in public meetings), and there are elements of these discussions that may be proprietary and/or fall under attorney-client privilege." Who is being covered by attorney client privilege here? Why? #45, what about the role that moisture plays in methane production? Shouldn't this be part of the analysis?

Question 45: Of course this element would be considered in the SWMMP

No tonnage increase allowed in any future CUP

1. The LSCL committee should clearly recommend that the annual tonnage capacity should not be raised. Frankly if the cap isn't increased then I doubt that Republic will push to expand the landfill because of the increased costs they will incur without the increased revenue from the cap increase.

It is important that we understand why the 1983 and later prohibitions against expanding south of Coffin Butte Road were not completely accepted by the county and have formed the basis for the continuing creep of expansion efforts across the road. This aspect of the history is murky and reeks of insider collusion between the county staff and corporate owners of the landfill. We have been sold down the river over and over again by the county staff and legal advisories who do not have the best interests of Benton County residents in mind.

Recommendation 7: The SWAC membership and processes need to be evaluated and potentially improved. SWAC has not shown itself capable of rigor or impartiality in the past.

Continued comments: As examples, good and poor, just drive around new and older subdivisions in this area. The newest one in Ponderosa Ridge already has some who never put their cans out of public view!! Then drive into Oak Knoll off Western to see or NOT SEE ANY Garbage CANS ever in PUBLIC VIEW! Past Pick up time days. QUITE a DIFFERENCE!! The city/county has got to have some impact on this problem!! Create codes for all new residential areas, etc. Provide rebates for putting up a 6 foot fence panel to hide cans for existing homes, etc. Thanks for reading all this

Premises in many of the questions that I oppose are either not factually derived (34,45), assume the county has a clue about its residents' goals and values(44), or beyond the regulatory scope of the county (45). The continued restatement of the peculiarly derived "sustained materials management plan" deflects from the county acceptance of solid WASTE, and all of its derivatives, forever.

#34 LSCL Recommendation 1– Board and County staff has no control over Republic's Coffin Butte landfill other than allowing expansions the existing tonnage cap which would go away with any expansion. This recommendation appears to allow the Board of and the County staff the consideration of continuous expansions. #37 LSCL Recommendation 4– Add a number 6) to determine which County staff members recommended closing COFFIN BUTTE Rd. prior to last landfill CUP application and why.

This is also ridiculous.

It still doesn't seem right that Benton County should be the waste repository for all of Western Oregon without some compensation, unless other counties are willing to assume that role in the future.

I understood these suggestions. Thank you to whoever wrote them.

Generally, this is an incredibly in-the-weeds and non-accessible survey. I consider myself a pretty connected/informed community member and there are many terms and concepts that are part of this survey that are confusing and difficult to understand. For any future outreach/engagement please consider a much much shorter survey with more accessible language including a glossary of terms and concepts as needed. In addition, please include an additional answer of 'unsure' or something along those lines in addition to 'generally support' and 'generally oppose'.

Recommendation 12 is critical.

Please communicate the basics of where our solid waste is going, and how Benton County itself is meeting its own greenhouse gas emission initiatives.

The generation of all of the above was a waste of time and money - recommendations need to be much more succinct and actionable.

STOP ALLOWING OTHERS COUNTIES TO DUMP THEIR TRASH IN BENTON COUNTY !!!!

To repeat myself, encourage City/County apartments to offer organic material recycling containers along with other 'garbage' pickups.

The methane emissions definitely need to be studied before the landfill can be expanded.

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I am not sure of the purpose of these survey questions. If the question is "Has the County been lax in monitoring and regulating the landfill and is the County poorly equipped to regulate a major, statewide landfill and to manage the adverse impacts"....the very loud answer is "YES, the county is poorly equipped and quite incompetent when it comes to regulating all waste matters and has done an exceedingly poor job". If the question is "Should the County get its act together and do a professional job"...the answer is YES. The County has taken in money from the landfill but has not funded adequate supervision, review, investigation, or implications of a growing environmental problem on the horizon. The County has not retained professional or legal assistance competent and informed on landfills but has used a generalists with no knowledge or experience with landfills. The County has ignored all warnings from their own advisory committees and knowledgeable citizens in the community. The County for years has bumbled along. The title of this section is LANDFILL SIZE/CAPACITY/LONGEVITY (LSCL). The County really has no clue and the numbers keep changing for reasons (manipulations) the County doesn't even understand. As a result, citizens have no trust at all in the County's ability to monitor or regulate the landfill or to insure it does not become an environmental liability for county residents. Obviously the landfill will be closed in the not too distant future. The County has no idea when or how to close the landfill and the implications of the closure...other than the chicken little strategy...the sky is falling. The County needs better leadership and management. Time for change.

More education about composting that keeps organic material out of the landfills is a positive step that I support. We need more organic material to maintain healthy soils and concentrating it in a landfill is bad for all around.

I agree with the effort .

Many of these questions demonstrate a lack of understanding of how landfills operate and changes in recycling, composting and food waste initiatives in Oregon. This group has been focused on taking the lead not understanding that much of this work is in process on a statewide level. The process seems determined to be directed by landfill neighbors with a lack of knowledge or input from experts.

LSCL #3, #7, #9 are vital actions needed to understand present and projected future states. It's very difficult to plan without metrics! Indeed, these three items, especially #9, will allow better understanding of the entire carbon footprint from start to finish. I doubt we even have a starting point for calculating that. LSCL #8 This seems to reflect upon Republic's desire to play their cards close to their chest. More power to them but I think their agendas are purposely vague, minimalistic, and secretive. Unfortunately, this builds mistrust and I wonder if that mindset played into why LSCL #4 is now necessary. LSCL #10 Absolutely. (Metrics!) LSCL #12 should be broadly coordinated...it may take other jurisdictions or private entities to actually make this concept work. I did not see an explicit statement about sharing the responsibility with community to run the landfill however, in a perfect world I would like to think that Coffin Butte could be run as though it was a public entity and not a profit center. In other words, I'm all for capitalism but the air shed, watershed, view shed, and protecting our sense of place and livability belong to the public and must be defended.

Work to reduce garbage immediately.

The landfill should finance the ability to move into the rock quarry as soon as possible

Items continue to propose that the county contract with someone. I generally oppose those. When I consider the quality of outputs of the individual who has conducted the meetings and devised the process, I'd say the county doesn't have a good method for evaluating the quality and competence of contractors. Again, items address more than one issue - these are poorly written survey items. Example: The County should take steps to acquire better information about the methane emissions of Coffin Butte Landfill < I agree with this > because the landfill's emissions are currently not well-characterized and use this information to guide diversion programs that could limit the amount of organic waste going to the Landfill.

Q58 additional comments

Open-Ended Response

Why does LLU Recommendation 1 refer to Republic Services as the manager of the landfill and associated services? Why can't Benton County put out an RFP for new landfill service providers? Do we have to continue to let Republic Services run a monopoly based on profit rather than community well-being? I oppose it. LLU 4 Recommendation appears to hide important public comment from the county board. I oppose it.

This is very complex -- it's difficult to understand the pros and cons of each item above.

How about nationalizing Coffin Butte Landfill and kicking Republic Services back to Arizona?

Let's not have the fox guard the hen house, please. Subject matter experts need to be involved as third party evaluators of compliance.

County needs the legal right to terminate the CUP if the holder of the permit fails to stay within the CUP stated limitations.

Once again, you've provided a number of excessively long and complicated statements with numerous provisions and statements. How on earth is someone to know what they are supporting or opposing in all of these MESSSES?!!! This is clearly NOT a survey, but it's not even logical and coherent! This is just Blah Blah Blah..

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I skipped the mind-bending legalese. Is there a possibility of your redoing those sections so that greater clarity is likely to elicit responses?

1) These items assume that Republic Services will negotiate an acceptable contract with Benton County, which may not be the case. Other waste management corporations exist. 2) Code amendments are badly needed prior to any further CUP reviews for Coffin Butte Landfill. Both chapters 53 and 77 require reality-based updating. They are based on another era of regulation, technology, public concern, and an era of trust-based negotiating, which appears to no longer be the case. These regs were based on a much smaller corporation, not one like Republic with annual revenues exceeding \$10B. 3) Any CUP conditions of approval must have clear, measurable standards, including metrics and a timetable noting monitoring periods. Failure to meet conditions would result in suspension of operations, which should be included in any contract approved.

This section is too complicated legally for fair citizen input. The scenarios leave too many questions. Simplify please. Overall, more transparency is needed for SWAC or others to evaluate CUP

The entire survey is too long. The legal section is really unnecessary because it is too complicated for the average Benton County resident!

Only two choices of approval and oppose did not feel right. There is a lot of grey areas between. I also believe SWAC is not necessarily a group of people who are experts in this field, and just go with what Republic presents to them. There is no unbiased watchdog on the landfill and what is going on. I feel these question lead us to believe only republic can run the landfill, I do not believe this is true.

I don't think Benton County should allow Republic Garbage Services to market our garbage site to Portland and SW Washington especially dead bodies!

The legal processes ensuring compliance as listed in #57 should be rated as highly important. It seems BC has never held any of the owners of Coffin Butte to account and it appears easy for the process to point to 'some other agency... DEQ, EPA etc etc... as the ones who are responsible. Also, efforts to block public knowledge and input to the process because of 'attorney-client privilege' or other corporate privilege.

LLU Recommendation 7 etc. Planning Officials and the Planning Commission need some latitude to use judgement. Circumstances cannot always be foreseen that impact the land use decision. Decision makers should be trusted to exercise judgement when "additional criteria" or unforeseen issues arise.

PLEASE READ the previous comments. Thanks for doing this important work.

The county can not legally empower the informal BCTT to act in any formal role (49). The last sentence in (55) confuses the entire sense of all the former.

#47 LLU Recommendation 1 - needs clarification regarding public notification during renegotiations another 60 days one would like to assume. But assuming is dangerous! #48 LLU Recommendation 2 - needs clarification regarding information submitted during completeness stage? Public would assume evidence would be considered at completeness stage of the process. But assuming is dangerous! #49 LLU Recommendation 3 - Raises questions with BCC 77.310 code clarity? #55 LLU Recommendation 9 - way to vague.

These recommendations are even more ridiculous than the first two sets. As someone who has been involved in issues relating to the landfill for 30 years, I'm exceedingly disappointed that the commissioners have given this forum to what appear to be individuals who live near the landfill and are involved only to advance what they see as their own best interests and don't consider the general welfare of the community in their proposals.

It still doesn't seem right that Benton County should be the waste repository for all of Western Oregon without some compensation, unless other counties are willing to assume that role in the future.

Holy shit. This legal-ese needs to be translated into basic layman terms. WTF people.

I care deeply about this process and think that engaging with the public around the community's waste stream is important and I cannot understand what most of these questions are asking. This is maybe the most confusing community survey I have taken in 16 years of living in Corvallis and I hope that the Benton County Talks Trash workgroup takes whatever information they receive from this survey with a huge asterisk. I would recommend scrapping any information that you glean from this survey and starting again from scratch.

Seems like far too many recommendations for a team to effectively track. How can a team focus on this volume of verbiage? No wonder it takes so much time and effort to agree on a direction for Benton Co. The public can't be expected to read and understand the ramifications of the volume of recommendations in his survey.

Let the public vote on all of the above - that would result in much more thought put into the recommendations!

COFFIN BUTTE SHOULD BE USED "ONLY" FOR BENTON COUNTY REFUSE !!!

Too much government in an area where qualified professionals already oversee related activities.

I am not sure of the overarching theme here. I checked "generally agree" because I think the work group is trying to find a fix for the County's lack of transparency and openness. However, it is clear that when it has come to land use or permitting issues related to the landfill, the process has been controversial and unclear. There has also been a feeling that the voice of the public was intentionally muted, discouraged, ignored or rejected. At times, the County has proceeded without public notice and without public input. The County has devoted too few resources to waste management which in turn has led to confusion and distrust. It has not helped that the County has relied on County Council that, in instances, seems to have provided more of an advocacy role than legal consultation role.

Lot of read .

DEQ has experts in this area that the Benton County Planning Department does not. DEQ's evaluations and permitting process should be approved.

Landfills are among the most regulated industries in the nation. Benton County should rely on regulatory agencies rather than adding more regulations.

This section is quite revealing on how much ambiguity is actually in the current code. Although ambiguity can be a very good thing it still needs bounds...still, moving goal posts during the game is not at all fair. It was not that long ago that we didn't worry much about the landfill or the debris on the side of the road from uncovered loads or even what materials were dumped. But things seem to be changing far more rapidly now. I believe we need to amend the code, and I believe we need to shorten the franchise agreement term to allow the community and vendors to be more responsive to needed change. I don't think "business as usual" should apply to our current situation. It comes down to a trade...what would we do if Coffin Butte became too expensive? We can't have our cake and eat it too.

Q77 additional comments

Open-Ended Response

CUP recommendation 8. Why does it refer specifically to Republic Services rather than the Landfill operator? Hopefully sometime in the future Republic Services will no longer be the service provider. I oppose it. CUP recommendation 14. The landfill buffer for groundwater contamination seems to be an insufficient solution to such a catastrophic problem. I oppose it. The CUP subcommittee has done a good job of identifying many of necessary components of a completely broken system. Well done!

"Actively monitor and enforce prior land-use decision Conditions of Approval for the landfill or any other land use decision." Would like more detail on this question, is it referencing only prior to 2020 decisions? How to insure against the expected many and serious externalities (costs, enviro degradation, etc) that our county residents will pay in the future? Who pays for the costs of fire, disaster, groundwater contamination, lack of road access, or even noxious smells on a wedding day ruined in your backyard? Certainly the couple million a year from the Company won't cover this. It is the Benton county taxpayers and residents who pay. Thus, a fire plan, a GW contamination plan, an anything plan must include a way to assess Republic now. When these disasters happen, companies have a way of going bankrupt and avoiding costs. Certainly avoiding paying them in real time when the funds are needed.

Make it easier for the public to file complaints of noise, odor, etc. by providing a user friendly link that includes a copy sent to DEQ.

Regarding question # 75, it is not only odor. It should also concern the health effects of vaporous gasses on the of residents of Benton, Linn and Polk Counties.

It's shocking and unacceptable that conditions for approval of a CUP are not monitored nor enforced. Also, odor is one of the biggest quality of life issue for the landfill and needs to be better addressed.

Are these written to apply to all land use applications or just specific to landfill applications? Unclear and not needed.

The most surprising thing I've learned through this process was the number of important things that the county didn't monitor and enforce from their agreements with the landfill operators. Steps like the ones listed here would help ensure this doesn't happen any longer.

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Regarding #70, Recommendation 12, the phrase "for compliance confirmation" sounds slippery to me. Replace that phrase with "to determine compliance".

#62, is particularly important - a system for tracking complaints. I know for a fact that this has never been done in an organized, transparent, and well advertised manner. #72, "purchase buffers" should be closely analyzed and scrutinized to be sure they are not de facto expansions. Purchase of land does not override land use regulations and contamination, as of groundwater, should not be allowed. Groundwater and air quality are "the commons" and do not belong to an individual or corporation. Generally, this entire survey assumes Republic Services as the slam dunk operator of the landfill, which may not be the case going forward. When coordinating with DEQ, it's good to keep in mind that large agencies (state and federal) are subject to the whims of politics, and as our political environment becomes more extreme we may want to keep that in mind. Recall the reversal of decades of environmental regulation under the last president.

Avoid costly redundancies. Provide a way for concerns and complaints to be easily recorded and saved but no need to actively seek out.

The length of the questionnaire is absurdly long!

Not being attorney many of these questions are difficult to understand.

I want clear and transparent process! It seem to me that Republic Garbage Services has had an inside track with the county and the board of commissioners. I don't want any 1group of people make such a big decision like the expansion that Republic wants to get away with.

Most of the recommendations seem very appropriate. I am concerned that so many of the previous accounts of interactions point only to 'Soap Creek Valley' residents. I live in the Lewisburg/Crescent Valley area and also frequently am affected by odors, am offended by the trash and traffic, and remain concerned about the region wide effects of groundwater contamination in the north county area. Also, I am very concerned about the ash deposits from the Covanta furnace and dispersal of the ash within all of our region by winds.

Who will be paid to do all of this? Will I pay a lot more in Taxes? Will garbage rates rise out of sight? The solution is to find somewhere else to start a new mountain of waste. Our pile is way beyond too high now.

(61) states what has long been a nagging concern of mine--at least. CUP non-compliance reported by others has long been ignored, and worst in cases where county code enforcement officials make retributory threats against the reporter. Being "nice" in Benton County seems to be all the more important than being fair, and the whole county suffers for it. (72) serves only as a cover-up of unacceptable conditions and is blatantly unfair to the county. (65,67) Recommendations should be to "determine that..." and not "determine if..." This is all too much for an individual to carefully advise!!!

When is this survey going to end?

It's insane to ask for public input on such legalese!

YOU WON'T GET MUCH "COMMUNITY" INPUT IN A SURVEY LIKE THIS !!! Or do you really want any?

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These recommendations imply that certain regulatory parameters don't already exist.

If the County wants to "host" a landfill, then they need to do their job. That likely includes establishing a fully funded work unit to do the tasks necessary and as outlined above. Since the waste comes from all over the state, the cost of the work unit could be born by a surcharge on waste dumped or diversion of the host fee to a separate fund established for supervising, reporting, advising and other tasks. If an City or County wanted to "host" a major industrial site known to cause or result in environmental and land use issues, they would establish means of monitoring, regulating and enforcing standards. The County needs to do so. I would like to see an annual "landfill status report" each year similar to the annual water quality report. It would be detailed and thorough and mailed or emailed to all county addresses. The annual report could also include progress made on the SMMP.

Decisions should be made on facts no opinions

Requirements for CUP approval should be based on quantifiable and factual information.

All good. Re CUP #16: would need to determine level of risk prior to paying for establishing a response program.

Limit infill from outlying counties

To address public concerns about odor, engage in a dialogue with the community to promptly develop and implement an odor reporting and mitigation plan that is consistent with the community's needs and DEQ requirements and County health and nuisance regulations. I'd love to know the reading level of these items. If I couldn't understand it, I opposed it, generally.

Q92 additional comments

Open-Ended Response

CEO Recommendations 3 , 4, 5, 7 &13. Why is the notification radius 10 miles? Why not the entire county? CEO Recommendation 6. Why does it refer specifically to Republic Services rather than the Landfill operator? Hopefully sometime in the future Republic Services will no longer be the service provider.

"Notifications for the Benton County Talks Trash (BCTT) Survey for public input on the Workgroup Report should include an email blast..." PLEASE ADD mailers to each address as many residents are older and the GT has priced itself out of circulation. Also, assess the cost of the mailers and outreach (effort and S/H) to the Company, not to the County taxpayers. This way all will start getting a realistic picture of how much the Company is costing our County over their greedy requests.

Is there a way to modify the county's emergency alert system to include info on up-coming meetings.

Regarding question #80. Should include all residents of the affected counties. Benton County residents will be financially responsible for the landfill's lasting effect for an extremely long period, perhaps hundreds of years.

Will every single land use application will have to go through these steps of notification? Just landfill applications? I am concerned about the amount of time and money we are suggested be put behind these things.

There was a huge deficit of communication during the last CUP process, the steps here seem like a good start to improving that communication for any future CUP.

The public doesn't want to be blasted with useless, dense emails. We want to be informed in a non-biased way, that is easy to understand, easy to digest, and shows the pros and cons of every decision. Why is there so much talk about a 10 or 15 mile radius of Coffin Butte? This is supposed to represent the public of Benton County, not those in Salem who have no ties to this action, other than their own political agenda.

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Please consider postcards to notify the public of surveys, public meetings, and major decision making events are open to the public as not everyone is on the email blast list. Public buildings like the library are not frequented by everyone, nor is the city webpage.

Suggestion - First, find out how people regularly get their news about county government processes. Don't waste time on the modes nobody uses. Consider email, mail, newspaper, social media, texts, radio, local television, etc. Most importantly - Revive the Citizen Advisory Committees! (BCC 51.305) The absence of these committees is a missed opportunity to meet, educate, and engage with citizens. I believe Community Development should revitalize the CACs, staff them, and engage over important issues. In a large and contentious land use like the landfill, pre-application community meetings with the applicant should be required, listening to the citizens' concerns BEFORE an application is submitted and deemed complete. Planning in a vacuum, as we've seen, doesn't work. Planning on the ground, IN the affected community, is messy at times, but it's far better than being slammed in a Planning Commission hearing by people who resent the fact that they don't feel heard, and the planners have never even been where they live. This is how trust is built.

Too many postcards. 2 weeks ahead seems like too long and 24 hours post meetings/decisions seems too tight, maybe not for emails or social media

This section is actually worthwhile unlike some of the preceding sections

24- 72 hours is not enough time for notifications. All of Benton County should be notified not just not up to 10 miles of the landfill. All of Benton county will deal with theses decisions to expand the landfill for future generations. The landfill is visible past 10 miles now, you can smell it past 10 miles, this was not suppose to occur. Semi- trucks bringing out of county trash move all over Benton county. I oppose many of these questions more notice should be given. People have jobs, travel, events, childcare to be dealing with and many of these notices are on too short time frame. I also oppose many of above questions, the questions should include all of Benton county to be notified by at least notice in the paper and website.

More notifications would be good however we also need to have well written narratives available to the public in outlets such as the local newspapers such as the Gazette Times and the Corvallis Advocate, also perhaps the Eugene Register Guard. I have been dismayed at the Iowa based corporately owned Gazette Times (really the Albany Democrat Herald in disguise) promoting the viewpoints of Republic Services and name calling Benton County residents as NIMBYs. Hard to be a NIMBY when this dump has been in our backyard since World War 2. I am waiting for other counties to step up to the plate! There are lots of other buttes in western Oregon that are likely more suitable for landfill development than Coffin Butte, right on the edge of major streams draining into the Willamette River.

Recommendation 7: This should be strengthened by stating that the referenced CUP is related to the landfill. Presumably this is not intended to include all CUP applications.

This is too complicated .

Hunh? (78)The County Commissioners are responsible, they should not be allowed to fob off their obligation to communicate with their constituents!!!! (80) This report is still in draft form, will there be another such survey? The structure of this survey requires many scrollings back and forth, unclear and even dimorphic couplings of recommendations, yet only accepts a + or - answer. Nothing like opening a firehose of information to quell an informed response, and choose whatever response fits the required need. I feel I've wasted yet more time trying to tell county leadership to grow some spine.

#80 CEO Recommendation 3 — “and should go out ideally a month before the survey closes”! This didn't happen!!! #85 CEO Recommendation 8 — add CUP to first sentence in front of the word application.

I'm losing my patients. WOW 92 and still going!!!!

Waste of time in generating all these recommendations. If this is how county funds are spent, good luck with the Justice system bond measure!

GET RID OF REPUBLIC !!!

I received the mailer the day the public comment period closed so this isn't enough advance notice. This is the first time I became aware of this process and appreciate the time the work group has put into the process. Thanks!

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This section is called "COMMUNITY EDUCATION & OUTREACH (CEO)". While these are all excellent suggestions, it is difficult to predict precisely how to communicate with constituents on all issues going forward. therefore, these suggestions should only be starting points. One of the problems here is the willingness or interest that the County Commissioners or the staff has in informing and/or including the public. There has been (or is?) a distinct behaviour on the part of the County Commissioners or staff (including County Council) in excluding the public from information or providing input. This could change if the Commissioners adopted more open and transparent processes. The Commissioners should take these recommendations seriously.

The decisions being made affect the entire region, you should be gathering information outside of Benton County

At some point, individuals are responsible for being informed. If information is publicly available, and proper notification has been made about an issue, it is incumbent on interested parties to follow the process in the way they get information.

All good but not sure if postcards are really needed. Do we know how effective they actually are? Also, how was the 15 mile radius selected? Perhaps it should be greater...

Re-examine outflow of leachate and hold the landfill liable for toxic waste ending up in the Willamette River. Test for these toxins prior to treatment at the Corvallis facility and fine the responsible parties.

Notifications for the BCTT Report completion should include an email blast to the interested parties list, organic subscribers, those who spoke at the meetings, the Soap Creek Neighbors Group, and other landfill neighbors. Notifications for Board hearings on the report should include a postcard, an email blast, a newspaper notification, and social media posts and advertisements. The postcards should be sent to everyone in a 10- or 15-mile radius of the landfill, and notifications should be sent 24 hours after the Board hearing is scheduled.

Q93 other feedback about Solid Waste Management in Benton County you would like the BCTT Workgroup to consider.

Open-Ended Response

I would like to know when you are going to get to the real issues like the fact that a landfill for northwest Oregon really doesn't belong in our wet environment. Or that Republic Services requires all rural customers to have weekly trash, yard waste and partial recycling pickup. We compost and have very little trash, but we do have some. Bi-weekly or monthly pickup would much better match our needs.

Thank you for involving Benton County residents. In sum, I support the County's involvement in most items and committees. I support a bigger collaboration across many subcommittees (the turnover of the SWAC shows why, plus holding so few accountable for so much doesn't work). I support Stakeholders who have permanent residences in Benton County also being involved. I support true Benton County community participation (not outside hired guns). I do NOT support Stakeholders from outside Benton County. The only other party at the table should be the Company. I worry about costs to Benton County now, and the unequal and unfair costs county residents will pay in the future. I have no reason to trust that Republic will behave differently than any other company when it is held to account. There will be lawsuits, much time and effort expended by BC taxpayers and residents, and in the end the damages from the Landfill will still be done; in the time frame residents need to be made whole, instead they will suffer.

Contamination of the Willamette River by leachate from the landfill needs to be studied. Risks due to taking ash from the Covanta incinerator needs to be study. Possibility of leakage into groundwater around the landfill needs to be more actively monitored, not just on Republic/VLI property but on neighboring state and private properties.

Whole thing seems like a lot of wasted time and money to me.

This seems like a poorly hidden attack on an important community partner. I don't get it.

An illustration of this work in progress - flow chart - maybe helpful in getting folks to understand where and how all the complexities fit together for a coherent whole. Maybe a simple animated explanation would help.

Coffin Butte landfill will be a liability to all Oregon residents for many, many years. Short term financial gains for Benton County will never be sufficiently cover this liability. Republic Services will not be responsible for cleanup when it ultimately dissolves or declares bankruptcy, essentially taking the money and running. Republic Services, with all of its financial assets, should now be required to invest, explore and develop alternatives to accepting potentially recyclable materials especially plastics. I implore Benton County to refuse the CUP and any expansion of Coffin Butte Landfill and close it when it's currently stated capacity has been reached. DMB

Key points: This survey is poorly designed (e.g., no way to save work and return later), and reviewers should not interpret aggregate responses as accurately reflecting overall public sentiment on the issues. It's too much for most people to both read the entire TT document, and then work through 80 questions. Benton County has lost its credibility and the trust of residents through it's secretive backroom process for negotiating the 2020 landfill franchise agreement. This smacks of a simple "follow the money" scenario, with local residents being thrown under the bus and their lives being negatively compromised in the interest of short-term economic gain for both the County and Republic. The last nail in the coffin of public trust was the removal of the two neighborhood representatives from the Trash Talk working groups, both exceedingly knowledgeable and professional individuals whose contributions will be sorely missed. The lack of processes for monitoring and addressing compliance with conditions of approval for CUPs is shocking and needs to be addressed. Landfill odors are a huge problem and need to be grappled with somehow.

Are vendors other than republic being considered?

Many people have complained about how complicated this survey is. In addition, many of us have experienced the survey "timing out", causing us to lose all of our data. That should tell you something! This is ABSOLUTELY NOT a survey. It is a complicated, confusing mess of recommendations, persuasions, bias, proceduralism, acronyms, vague references, and other extraneous info. How can any of you look at this so-called survey and feel good about it?! This is so obviously flawed, I would be ashamed to even be associated with it. You clearly needed to hire a communications firm (or someone with some common sense) to assist you, if you really intended to make a survey. I find this so symbolic of your entire Trash Talks process - which is completely out of touch with the average citizen. the process has clearly had a strong agenda right from the start. I find this whole thing APPALLING! Shame on the commissioners for supporting this (or rather using as an excuse to get them off the hook and further their agenda)! Shame on the Darren Nichols for proposing this process and pushing it! Shame on Oregon Consensus for supporting this biased and ineffective consultant (who is making loads of money off this process)! This is ALL COMPLETE RUBBISH!!!

I do not support the expansion of the Coffin Butte Landfill. This survey is a waste of time to the public that does not support this action.

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Waste from only Benton and Polk counties should be going into our landfill. Linn and the other counties should take care of their own problems. Leachates need to be rendered harmless/non-toxic before going into streams and rivers. Medical waste incineration-produced ash needs to be rendered harmless as well. If the ash and leachates are not so treated, then Benton County Commissioners and Corvallis officials should be required to sign their names on letters to all residents downstream who draw water for drinking from the Willamette River stating the number of gallons carrying those toxins being discharged into the river every day.

Please do not expand the landfill. Please do not allow other counties far and wide to dump their trash here. It is too easy to "pass the buck" in these situations. If each small community is responsible for their waste, they have ownership in keeping their community clean, safe, healthy, and environmentally friendly. It also reduces the environmental impact of driving garbage from county to county. The larger this landfill gets in size and in area it serves (number of cities/counties), the harder it gets to regulate and the harder it is to make sure all parties are being responsible. We do not want Corvallis known for our landfill; we want it known for our university, our community, our beautiful green space, our clean air, and our property value that holds up through thick and thin. Please make transparency and simplicity a focus of the landfill discussion.

This was a really long survey. re: recycling I wish it was clearer what plastic was accepted and what wasn't -- seems like it keeps changing re: composting -- encourage more people to do it and property mgmt companies & Apt owners to support it for their renters

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. This issue is one tentacle of a huge octopus, with arms into so many other hard-to-answer questions: Why do we produce so much trash in the first place? Who benefits from our addiction to disposables? Who is responsible? Who pays, and how? What are the solutions? Whose solutions are they? The intensity of concern over our landfill is a measure of the public's frustration over the lack of answers to these complex questions. You've tackled a giant issue that is, at base, a question about how we are to live on a finite planet. Thanks to everyone who has contributed to the effort; it's just the beginning.

Past decisions with previous landfill owners or operators seem irrelevant. County Commissioners, please don't approve a CUP that raises the tonnage cap. Note that no matter how much factual information is provided, folks often already have made up their minds. If the city is considering not accepting leachate at the local water treatment plant, perhaps the phaseout of our local landfill needs to begin.

Unfortunately most of our neighbors don't recycle properly. I think a stiffer penalty for contamination of mixed recycling is appropriate!

I fail to understand why this is all about procedural recommendations, ignoring the issues. The issues are that Coffin Butte is possibly already damaging the water, ground and error and further expansion only makes this worse. I do not see recommendations that will lead to an honest assessment of the damage being created.

We have followed this process closely from our earliest awareness of the renewal of the permit. This Workgroup, the process and the recommendations are a great contribution to this Permit process and future similar process for county and regional government agencies. Thank you.

This survey was incredibly difficult to understand. I would recommend a survey that takes less time and is more easily understood by the general population would be helpful in getting community participation and feedback.

Benton County is one of the smallest counties in the state but we are taking the majority of the trash from other counties in the state and sometimes outside the state. It is time for this to stop. I do not believe Republic has been upfront from the start for their vision of our local landfill. They have purchased property which was to be used for a cell, now they do not want to use it, it's a money maker. Let's close a road instead and fill a space to be viewed for miles. Due diligence was not done on the last proposal. So many questions, and so little time to understand the larger implications to our county's citizens welfare. Air, water, evacuation routes, fire, noise pollution to just name a few. Also historical archeological significance along the ridge where they propose fill with garbage and build a road. This ridge was once used by indigenous peoples to travel to Kings valley and on to the coast. Our County needs to take a step back and realize we should be the ones to decided what our future landscape will look like not out of state multi billion dollar company who will disappear once the resource is used up. If we can now see this mountain of trash, well beyond its intended size. What will it look like if the CUP is expanded and coffin butte road is closed, they did not supply accurate pictures I wonder why? The smell now makes it to north Corvallis. Once expanded how much further, maybe to your house? I then imagine residents who are out enjoying beautiful Corvallis will have some choice words as the smell moves them inside their houses. The landfill has been on fire in last years. If Coffin Butte road was not there, this fire could have jumped through the dry grass and moved along the ridge towards residential areas. Republic has their agenda, make money for their stock holders and CEO. I am sure they will not be interested to help pay for the clean up of ground water including local wells for contaminated chemicals. Look at past and present contamination sites through this country. The owners all vanish once it's time to fix a problem they helped create. This could create more money out than what we take in for filling a once large hole in north Corvallis currently.

I live less than 1/2 mile from Coffin Butte and strongly oppose the expansion south of the road due to potential ground water contamination, smell, and visual site, reduced property values, just to name a few issues. I am also opposed to Republic Services recruiting other landfills to use Benton Co. as the state landfill. There was a time when more things were recycled but now they keep reducing what they will take. Obviously it is cheaper to throw it in the landfill.

A plan for going forward to manage and decrease overall solid waste in our county and ALL the contributing counties would be a great contribution to the current situation and that of our offspring. However the current situation needs to be dealt with and the first step is to allow only the currently approved landfill cells to be used, then to plan for an orderly shutdown of Coffin Butte. The amount of leachate being dumped into the Willamette River is astounding. Of course, in past declaration, the landfill owners said no fluids would be dumped in the waterways, but clearly that is not the case. Importantly, even if the corporate owners fulfill their obligations and tend to a closed landfill for 30 years, it is a certainty that western Oregon will still be a rainy place and WE the residents of Benton County will be dealing with massive amounts of poisonous effluents from the landfill for perhaps centuries. The time to stop digging ourselves into a worse hole of trouble is now. Use the existing landfill cells conservatively and wisely, then close down CB in a safe and sane manner. Also, Republic Services 'contractual obligations' are not Benton County residents' concern. Let RSI deal with their unwise decisions which seem to be based on steam rolling over Benton County residents through quiet (possible illegal) deals with the current Board of Supervisors. I think the removal of the garbage limits as aligned with a CUP expansion, in light of Zero public comments sought by the Board, is a serious issue that needs to be further explained and if necessary remanded to the appropriate court or state board governing violations of

open meetings and public notification laws.

Republic Services is not transparent (they pretend to not have a business plan nor to have developed options for their future business at Coffin Butte), and apparently the Benton County Board of Commissioners franchise agreement with them was developed without transparency. This action ties the hands of other county actions and the public's right to impact future decisions. The BOC agreement (in the franchise agreement) to lift the tonnage cap based on approval of the expansion raises serious concerns and limit options. The SWAC apparently fell asleep somewhere along the way. If this happens again, their involvement in decisions cannot be taken for granted.

Thanks again for being part of all this

This entire process/controversy hinges on the question: "Do all of the residents Benton County generate waste and where do they want it to go?" Coffin Butte or Central Oregon? Dreams of zero waste are just that...dreams. Protests of the loudly under-informed are mostly self-serving and do not recognize/accept the needs of greater Benton County. I live within the 10 mile radius of Coffin Butte and accept that the necessity of the landfill far outweighs the inconveniences resulting from its operation. Stop screwing around and accept that human nature (ie: personal benefit) will always triumph over altruism.

And here to once again confuse things "solid waste management" and "sustainable materials management" planning are used interchangeably. No one knows what you all are really talking about, and county leadership claims no stake in the matter. I never expected to have such pathetic leadership in Benton County, nor witness such contrived legal counsel given here, or on a number of matters beside the landfill issue. Don't pretend to be developing sustainable materials management planning, it is the solid waste disposal delivered into our county, without suitable environmental controls or limitations that is polluting our water, our air, threatening our wildlife, our soils, and the habitability of an increasingly large portion of our county--all allowed because we have yet to hammer out a solid waste management plan leadership has not stressed. Pushing nearly a million dollars, and BCTT doesn't know even now what to do or clearly say about it. Maybe that is partly due to BCTT members, so-called stakeholders, who aren't representing Benton County citizens, but rather their corporate interests. No solid waste management plan after all this. Meantime legally sanctioned advisory bodies don't meet regularly, and members of one of those and the Planning Commission are removed because divergent voices are not to be heard. I hope to be proved wrong, but this BCTT process has provided the most grease I've ever seen laid down on very carefully laid skids. The end result will be county commissioners saying once again "our hands are tied and we can't act in the interests of our citizens and residents."

Seems to me that there has been little discussion of the local and global impacts of maximizing the use of Coffin Butte as a landfill as compared to the alternatives which I assume are taking it somewhere far away and dumping it. This seems like the real issue and it's barely noted. These recommendations read like the cathartic rants of a few individuals who have an axe to grind because they feel they've been ignored for years. I hope the commissioners remember that those of us who live in other parts of the county and greater landfill "waste shed" have an interest in how the coffin butte resource is used that goes beyond being told a day in advance that it's going to smell bad tomorrow.

It still doesn't seem right that Benton County should be the waste repository for all of Western Oregon without some compensation, unless other counties are willing to assume that role in the future.

I have already written this in a couple of other comments but I will write it again here: - This is an incredibly confusing and poorly designed survey and I imagine there is a very small percentage of Benton County residents who will be able to effectively communicate how they feel about this process in this manner. - I recommend completely scrapping whatever results you get from this surveymonkey and starting over again - Community outreach and engagement is vital to this project and this is not the way to reach community members I care deeply about this process and have ideas to share but this doesn't feel like the right outlet to collect that information. I'm hopeful that there are more ways to connect in the future that are more accessible to the community.

This was so long and comprehensive that I wasn't able to finish it. It would have been more user friendly to have a more condensed survey. I also didn't even know about the survey until it was forwarded to me by a friend yesterday. Better publicity would have been helpful.

I respect the time and energy that has been put into this workgroup, but I do not believe it has been used productively.

I know not everyone likes the landfill but unless we stop creating trash, and everyone else in the country does too, we need landfills. They are better than burning the trash and an existing landfill here is better than a new landfill being opened somewhere else.

Coffin Butte Landfill is a good community partner. Not everybody lives in Corvallis and not everybody thinks that there is a problem. They are not the bad guy.

Expand what types of solid waste can go into black bins. More hazardous waste days, reduction of cost at landfill to users

Again, please give us clear and transparent answers about where our recycled waste is going and how that can be improved. The County itself needs to step up on its own carbon emission goals before shifting the focus to things like Coffin Butte, etc. Where is Benton County at in meeting its own upcoming deadline for carbon emission reductions?

Stop the influx of trash from ousted Benton and immediate adjacent counties. Tell Republic NO on the expansion. Drive a better deal with more economical options for residential trash/recycling/yard debris. If Republic won't pay, recruit a provider that wants the job.

Please consider stopping trash from counties other than Benton to be dumped at Coffin Butte

This survey is too long!

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This open table process was overthrown by a small number of community members that do not represent the broader opinions of the county. Decisions at this scale, like the ones suggested in the recommendations, are left to qualified professionals for a reason.

It is pretty clear that "Solid Waste Management in Benton County" is broken and needs to be fixed. The BCTT was / is a hopeful first step in getting on track. However, it is only a first step and much more needs to be done. The recommendations provide some "next steps" and I am hopeful that the County will follow through.

The development of a responsible SMMP will be a difficult task. In my opinion, the BCTT process has been weighed down by information that is subjective in many cases. Determining the future of Coffin Butte has impacts outside Benton County which should be considered. The environment does not see the imaginary lines drawn by counties. We should be considering what is really best for our future, not just inside those lines.

So many things to think about! Benton County seems to be shouldering most/all? of the responsibility for hosting a regional landfill. In that sense is BC justly compensated? How does our landfill compare to other regions, states, vendors, providers? I imagine we are above average in terms of having a viable and responsibly run landfill in the first place but I feel as though there are many intangible and long-term effects that we may eventually come to regret. I apologize for sounding idealistic but the major problem is not due to the operations but is due to the fact that we don't have a circular economy along with a host of other positive recycling processes. We have too much packaging and too many plastic containers. It's just way too easy to toss stuff...how can we change that mindset? Thank you for asking!!

If inflow is limited to the abutting counties the current facilities will have a longer useful life, with less toxins present to develop future issues. The facility should not be allowed to transport toxins that are dumped into the Corvallis water treatment facility and then diluted, end up in the river. I am concerned that the city will be held liable at some point for the discharge. At the very least, the landfill needs to fund extensive treatment facilities at the Corvallis waste water plant to deal with their "contributions".

the landfill was no secret when those folks bought their homes. we live in a republic not a democracy - most of these recommendations seem inspired by the latter, which is not our reality.
