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From: Marge <marge@jyo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 12:33 PM
To: Benton County Talks Trash
Cc: Sam Imperati Oregon Consensus Assessment; NICHOLS Darren
Subject: A couple of spreadsheets that capture important Coffin Butte historical figures over time
Attachments: Coffin Butte Summary Worksheet.xlsx; Coffin Butte Waste Stream by County.xlsx

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In late June, I developed the attached spreadsheets for my own edification. As such, they are not completely transparent but the most pertinent information is pretty apparent. Darren Nichols suggested I share these with the workgroup.

If anyone finds this information useful and has specific questions, by all means contact me. And if you want to use any part as a basis for your own research, please feel free to do so.

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From: Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 17, 2022 12:21 PM
To: N Whitcombe
Cc: Benton County Talks Trash; Amelia Webb
Subject: Re: The videos, presentation material, Ken Kenaston's letter, and the Findings from LU-21-047 need to be made available to the workgroup
Attachments: Solid Waste Process Work Group 9-8-22 Meeting TRANSCRIPT.docx; FW: Additions to the document library

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Nancy,

My responses are in [blue](#), below. I drafted them before the last meeting, but didn't have time to finalize them until now... sorry!

Happy to discuss.

Thanks, Sam



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Subject: Fwd: The videos, presentation material, Ken Kenaston's letter, and the Findings from LU-21-047 need to be made available to the workgroup

See below, you were copied.

Yes, that email said, "Subject: The videos, presentation material, Ken Kenaston's letter, and the Findings from LU-21-047 need to be made available to the workgroup." It was perfectly appropriate and appreciated. However, that was not the email I'm referring to. It was your 9-2-22 to Daniel and Darren, attached, asking the County to post a bunch of materials to the project website. You did not copy the Workgroup email [or me](#). Additionally, you have sent several emails to me without copying the project

email. All I'm asking is to copy that email (and include me on emails to staff,) which you are now doing... thanks!

I also said this verbally in the workgroup. Staff promised that this information would be made available on the website. It has not been made available (the links from LU-21-047 are hard to find, and many have expired).

The links from LU-21-047 are here: <https://www.co.benton.or.us/cd/page/materials-management-document-library>. I don't know when they were posted, but staff got to it in a reasonable timeframe. The site says, "2021 Coffin Butte Landfill Land Use File LU-21-047. [Materials](#) (Link Expires 10/12 at 9AM). Password: BentonCounty1!" Please consider something like this, instead, "Hey Sam, when will staff be able to post the CUP information?" That version does not include the implication that staff is breaking its promise.

The reason to ask which staff members prepared which section is not to "cast blame" but to understand where they are coming from. Some staff members understand land use (because that is their background), some understand law, some understand environmental science. One communicates different corrections differently (i.e. more gently) with people who aren't up to speed.

My point is the tone of feedback should be the same regardless if the author is up to speed or not. You do this very well in the meetings, and I hope that approach will be used in future emails.

When you presented "Survey Monkey" responses and poll results, those were anonymized, but certain comments were not anonymized (perhaps you did not realize that). The question of anonymization is "are all comments anonymized, or just some comments?" If only some, who chooses? If you, as facilitator, choose to anonymize some comments, but not anonymize other comments, that needs to be disclosed to workgroup participants. It is a fair question (and one you should answer, not get defensive about). Just answer (as a wise man said, "This is about fixing problems and not about fixing blame").

As explained on Thursday night, the process is copy, paste, and reformat. There is no selection of comments to anonymize and comments not to anonymize. We are not aware of any comments with names attached to them. If you have come across an example where this is not the case, please send me a screenshot, I will apologize, and our team will do better moving forward.

I not being "defensive." I have readily owned my mistakes and will continue to do so. Here is one example based on a recent email exchange between us.

Sam to WG: "I have attached the Agenda for tomorrow's meeting..." (Emphasis added.)

Nancy: "You have the wrong date on your agenda. At the top."

Sam: "Thanks. Daniel caught it last night and my staff fixed it. The new version is on the website."

Nancy: "You should let people know so that they don't waste time, like I did last night, trying to figure out what is going on."

Your last comment feels like a "gotcha" because I find it virtually impossible to believe that someone as smart as you didn't immediately realize there was simply a typo on the Agenda... embarrassing, but a typo.

Suggestion: Perhaps the question about whether workgroup comments should be anonymized should be presented to the group.

They are as I explained during Thursday's meeting and above. I've done it this way for decades without complaint, so please send specific suggestions for a different approach, which we can bring before the workgroup.

The boxes in the most recent Survey Monkey you sent were not expandable.

When I test ran the survey the comment boxes were expandable, and Amelia (Millie) confirmed this to be true. Thus, I'm not sure why yours gave you a hard time. If the problem persists, don't hesitate to Zoom Millie so she can get it fixed in "real time." If she can't get it to cooperate, we'll accept your answers via email, and she will populate them into the data base manually.

FYI, per my recollection, the time agreed to in the meeting was 2:30 - 7:00 pm (after much 1,2,3-ing). Perhaps we should check the video.

The draft of the meeting minutes, taken independently by Darren and one of my assistants, each notes the 3:00 start time as the consensus decision. Here is the raw transcript. Please let me know if you read it differently.

Your email feels hostile to me. If that is correct, I suggest you take a deep breath and a step back.

You are entitled to feel how you feel about my emails, and vice versa. For what it's worth, I'm simply being direct just like you. The public policy processes/procedures/techniques I am using here have worked successfully for years because they are fair, effective, and designed to get collaborative results. I readily welcome suggestions for improvement as I have displayed throughout this process. I just ask that the underlying meta message doesn't convey that staff and/or I are incompetent or up to manipulative mischief. If you feel that is the case, please bring it up at our next meeting for discussion.

Finally, I would like to talk to you in "real time" about how to discuss situations where I and/or others hold a contrary view about the accuracy of statements about the law.

Happy to discuss.

Thanks, Sam

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Sent: Monday, September 12, 2022 7:12 PM

To: Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>

Subject: Re: Benton County Talks Trash Workgroup Homework

1. Why is the time for the next meeting different from what had been agreed to in the meeting? **The meeting will be from 3:00 to 7:00 PM, but we may need to add 30 minutes going forward if we need the time.**

2. Please let workgroup participants know which comments they make will be anonymized and which will not. Anonymized comments allow for greater candor. Non-anonymized comments can damage the ability of group members to collaborate. **Workgroup Commitments # 4 says, "Allow people to say what is true for them without fear of reprisal." I don't understand why folks comments would be different if they were attributed. We need to be transparent in order to succeed. What am I missing?**

3. Please identify, in the draft "Common Understandings" document, which members of staff prepared which sections (some are obvious, i.e. the section prepared by the County Attorney, but knowing who prepared what will help craft responses). I don't intend to do that... sorry. The statements proffered are accurate or they are not. Who wrote what portions of a draft is not relevant to their accuracy. They are drafts to push against... nothing more. This is about fixing problems and not about fixing blame.

4. "Survey Monkey" does not give survey respondents an opportunity to save their own responses. "Survey Monkey" also requires that all fields be answered in the format -- and with the answers -- required by "Survey Monkey". Some questions are not answerable with the options provided (i.e. "Please rank your satisfaction with the meeting pace" allowable answers are "too slow" "just right" "too fast" -- what if one has no opinion on "meeting pace"?). Survey respondents should be allowed to skip questions. Also, the ability to stretch the boxes to allow longer replies had reset to the "impossible to use" format. I can send the raw Excel file for the responses from individuals who request it, but I can assure you the summaries are "copy and paste." The meeting evaluations are a tool to get the general pulse of the group... they are not a scientific. I suggest you answer the best you can. I consciously made a choice as to which answers are required and which are not, based upon what is needed to prime the subsequent meeting conversation. I've used this tool successfully for decades because it works. The "text" boxes were converted to "comment" boxes, so all you have to do is drag the lower right corner (hash marks) to make them bigger.



If you have more to say, you can send an email with attachments.

5. You did a good job allowing public input. Thank you.

I do not intend this email to be incorporated in the workgroup corpus, it's process feedback. Of course it is arguably disclosable if somebody asks, but I request that it not be handed out to the group as large. I also request clarification [missing thought?]

Nancy, saying this can't be "incorporated into the workgroup corpus" is inconsistent with transparency need for us to succeed. Feedback on process can be placed in the meeting evaluations. Additionally, they serve no purpose to be off-the-record. Everyone gets to comment on the process and see what others think. Please consider that virtually everyone else has sent their comments/suggestions/concerns to the project email with a copy to me. (E.G. See this evenings email to paul.) My Facilitator's Initial Observations document, attached, said with specific intention:

While requested previously, starting 9/7/22, the workgroup email requirement will be required, so we have "one table" moving forward. Communications need to go to BentonCountyTalksTrash@Co.Benton.OR.US with a copy to me. Everyone deserves equal and transparent access to the process. This has been observed in the breach and I know not all the emails went there so the packet your received is not complete.

I've been told you have emailed staff with a request to post certain things without even copying me. Is that true? If yes, why, as that's not OK from my perspective. Each Workgroup members need equal and transparent access. This "bridge" collaborative process will not work if folks do the same things that happened in the last CUP process. That is exactly what the BOC wants to avoid.

As a sign of good faith, this is the last time I will refrain from sending your emails and my responses to the process email because the rules need to apply to everyone.

Happy to discuss.

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From: **N Whitcombe** <nwhitcombe@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, Sep 12, 2022 at 9:24 PM

Subject: The videos, presentation material, Ken Kenaston's letter, and the Findings from LU-21-047 need to be made available to the workgroup

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Subject: RE: Concerns about direction of solid-waste working group

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Joel,

If by “lawyerly reply,” you mean clear, factual, and direct... thanks! 😊 As to “lengthy,” I agree because those who have not had a chance to track the back-and-forth deserve to know the full context on issues as important as this.

As to your “Do the commissioners really want for us to take a deep look at Benton County's waste issues, or do they want us to have a narrow focus on a potential new CUP application” question, you can bring this up at our next workgroup meeting to see if there is a consensus to ask them, as I suggested. You are also free to ask them on your own behalf.

As to, “If the working group appointed by the commissioners clearly wants to put more focus on the broader issue of a Sustainable Materials Management Plan, and less focus on CUP criteria, are you willing to support that as a facilitator,” the answer is I will dutifully convey the Workgroup’s desire to the Commissioners. I will also recommend that Workgroup members present the request directly, so there is no concern that I might misrepresent anything.

As to, “Do you feel that your role as a "strong" facilitator is to keep herding us all toward some narrowly defined objectives, which were mostly formulated by yourself,” my role as a strong facilitator is to “continue to be assertive about the need to collaborate,” as I stated previously. It also includes providing my best judgment about what the community needs after listening to everyone’s views. As supplemented by the reasons that were given below, I simply do not think we can or should spend time doing more than scoping the SWMP/SMMP during this “bridge” process. The Commissioners agreed with that advice, and I will facilitate accordingly until they make a different decision. I would be surprised if you believe they would blindly ignore their better judgement and defer to mine.

I appreciate that you disagree with me, but saying I’m “herding [the Workgroup] toward some narrowly defined objectives” is just restating your disagreement with the current course. I get it, and I’ve provided a path forward for you to again pursue your point of view. I think that is a reasonable way to proceed. Please let me know if you have a better suggestion.

For what it’s worth, I can probably count on one hand the number of times when advisory group members have continued to push so much/so long against an appointing body’s charge. They tend to recognize, even if reluctantly, the right of the elected/appointed officials to determine what they want, and don’t want, from their appointed advisory bodies. You are free to push, duh, but please recognize the cost of doing so can impact the chances of any success for the community at large. You may think that’s hyperbole, but my experience tells me otherwise.

Speaking with radical candor, I’ll surface the reality that some believe, correctly or incorrectly, that the desire of some to not discuss anything CUP-related is motivated by their plan to stop any landfill expansion with a likely adverse SWAC recommendation and Planning Commission findings given the current makeup of those bodies. As a result, any consensus Workgroup guidance will potentially make that more difficult to accomplish. If true, that is a positional tactic, that defeats the purpose of this consciously designed exploration of the issues impacting the entire community.

Please consider that the Charter includes clear statements that the Workgroup is only making recommendations – not decisions, within the following CUP sideboards.

This proposed element does NOT include opining on the merits of Republic Services' expected Coffin Butte application, nor does it involve the actual writing of potential code language or recommendations that change the current steps in the existing CUP review process. The scope is limited to developing conceptual language for recommended review criteria and recommended guidelines for interpreting any existing ambiguous provisions using the below "Common Understanding" as guideposts. The WORKGROUP must operate within the legal parameters associated with its specific recommendations.

The Commissioners are simply asking for community input, which is consistent with statewide land use policy, as Darren indicated during Thursday's meeting.

Finally, I've been told there is a fear that Republic will write the Workgroup recommendations for the CUP element. I respectfully submit that fear is unlikely to materialize when any one member can block a consensus recommendation, and they only have two polling members.

Thanks and all the best to you, as well.

Sam

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Subject: Re: Concerns about direction of solid-waste working group

Sam,

Thanks for your very lengthy and lawyerly reply. I think the issues here are much more simple:

- (1) Do the commissioners really want for us to take a deep look at Benton County's waste issues, or do they want us to have a narrow focus on a potential new CUP application?
- (2) If the working group appointed by the commissioners clearly wants to put more focus on the broader issue of a Sustainable Materials Management Plan, and less focus on CUP criteria, are you willing to support that as a facilitator? Or ...
- (3) Do you feel that your role as a "strong" facilitator is to keep herding us all toward some narrowly defined objectives, which were mostly formulated by yourself?

Thanks, and all the best,
Joel

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Sent: Monday, September 19, 2022 3:53:26 PM

Subject: RE: Concerns about direction of solid-waste working group

Joel,

I appreciate your email about where the workgroup is headed. I “heard” your preference on the CUP vs. SWMP issue during the assessment, and recently during the Workgroup meetings... thanks!

I’ve included a summary of what we discussed during Thursday’s meeting along with some additional clarification for you consideration. Hopefully, it’s helpful. If not, let’s talk in “real time.”

1. The Board made the decision to limit the SWMP/SMMP discussion to scoping, and that is the direction we have been heading since they approved the Charter. The CUP element was a concern for others, including the Commissioners, and that’s why they included it in the Charter. (For context, I interviewed approximately 16 people, including the three Commissioners.) I do not think encouraging the Workgroup to do what the Board has asked them to do is “[railroading] toward a very narrow focus on CUP criteria” for the reasons explained below.
2. Here is what the CUP element includes:
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 - a. A common understanding document outlining which Development Code criteria are applicable to the review of a conditional use application for landfill expansion by reviewing 53.215 (Criteria,) 77.305 (Conditional Uses,) 77.310 (Review,) and 77.405 (DEQ);
 - b. Preparing a conceptual list of any other Development Code criteria the WORKGROUP recommends be applicable; and
 - c. Developing recommended guidelines for interpreting any ambiguous provisions recognizing current statutes, regulations, case law, and County precedent, etc.
 3. The Charter gave the Workgroup the opportunity to prioritize the five charges in concurrence with County staff. For what it’s worth, staff supports the draft workplan, which noted it was subject to change. Here were the working allocations used then.

	A	B	C	D	E	100%
Workplan	33	47	13	5	2	100

4. The workgroup responded via two surveys. The results are summarized as follows. (Note: I don’t think the numbers are the real issue here, as noted below.)

Q8. Topic Allocation (Including New Poll and Initial Poll):

HW for 2 nd meeting	A. Common Understandings	B. Landfill Expansion Cond./Info	C. Scoping L-T SMMP Process	D. Additional Topics	E. Community Education	Total
Polling 1	15	20	30	10	20	100%
Polling 2	25	20	35	10	10	100%
Polling 3	30	30	30	5	5	100%
Polling 4	30	30	30	5	5	100%
Polling 5	40	0	50	0	10	100%
Polling 6	15	25	25	20	15	100%
Polling 7	0	0	100	0	0	100%
Polling 8	20	20	40	15	5	100%
Polling 9	35	25	15	15	10	100%
Polling 10	20	5	60	5	10	100%
Polling 11	25	20	30	10	15	100%
Polling 12	10	30	40	15	5	100%
TOTAL	22.1%	18.75%	40.4%	9.2%	9.2%	100%

Ex-Officio 1	33	30	17	16	4	100%
Ex-Officio 2	30	25	20	10	15	100%
Ex-Officio 3	20	10	40	10	20	100%
TOTAL	27.7%	21.7%	25.7%	12%	13%	100%

Polling + Ex-Officio TOTAL	23.2%	19.3%	37.5%	9.7%	9.9%	100%
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HW for 1 st meeting	A. Common Understandings	B. Landfill Expansion Cond./Info	C. Scoping L-T SMMP Process	D. Additional Topics	E. Community Education	Total
Polling – 14	24.2%	29.4%	34.3%	6.8%	8.0%	100%
Ex-Officio – 2	32%	45.5%	13%	7.5%	2%	100%

Here are the approximate results at the median.

	A	B	C	D	E	%
Polling	22.5%	20%	32.5%	10%	10%	~95
All	25%	20%	30%	10%	10%	~95

5. Yes, the pulse surveys, which are used to start Workgroup discussions, show a Workgroup preference for focusing on the L-T SWMP. However, it won't take the polling members' suggested 40.4% time allocation to scope the SWMP/SMMP. (I note that amount is ~183% more than the suggested time allocated for Common Understandings, a crucial part of our work. If we are to do more than the scoping, it will require a meaningful extension beyond the current 12/15/22 end date of this "bridge" process.
6. There was also a robust conversation after the pulse numbers were presented to the Workgroup that covered the following topics, among others.
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 - a. The L-T SWMP was always limited to scoping it – not completing it – because:
 - i. the recommended independent outside consultant is not the table (the workgroup's work will shape an eventual RFP),

- ii. additional/different people need to participate,
- iii. the planning process takes substantial time to do well, and
- iv. the County has made it clear it will do that work, to the tune of about a half-million dollars, after we complete our work.

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- b. The first two elements of the Charge rely heavily on creating Common Understandings and the third will benefit from them.
- c. As a result, the time allocation issue becomes less relevant because we will be working on the three main topics simultaneously.
- d. Finally, we discussed the practical mechanics of how this will work by referencing the following document, which became part of the homework for our next meeting. In essence, if we focus on the Common Understandings column, we can use each understanding in one or more of the three sections.

DRAFT Table of Contents: Workgroup Recommendations

IV. Workgroup Recommendations	SECTION A: Develop Common Understandings	SECTION B: Existing Criteria and Information Requirements for Land Use Review Process of any Landfill Expansion.	SECTION C: Scope the Necessary Tasks to Start a Long-Term Sustainable Materials Management Plan Process
<i>1) A chronological history of key Coffin Butte Landfill topics</i>	x		

- 7. Regarding your “pillorying” reference, I intentionally did not name the two people that used zeros. I would have done so if I wanted to “out” them. I noted that allocating 100 points to one element, along with the zeros in the other columns, while their right to do so given the lack of instructions to the contrary, ignores the need to complete the rest of the elements the BOC asked us to accomplish.
- 8. I agreed with you during dinner when you said something to the effect you suspected the person probably did that intentionally because I had used averages previously, and their 100 points-to-one-topic allocation moved the average in their favor. So, yes, I raised the issue because the zeros and the use of 100 had an impact, as noted above.
- 9. Using the median as you suggested changed the SWMP/SMMP number from 40.4 average to 32.5 median. If I was trying to railroad the process, I would have used that information, but chose not to because I offered a solution that resolved the issue without making it a “numbers” game,” which was never the intent, especially given the draft nature of the workplan.
- 10. I think the real issue here is some members want to spend time on the SWMP beyond what is needed to scope it. The Board made that decision consciously because of the “bridge” nature of this process. It is my responsibility to point out what is inconsistent with the Charter, which I did. If the Workgroup wants to ask the Board to amend the Charter to do more with the SWMP now, it can do so by raising the topic at the next WG meeting. As I suggested in the first meeting, appointing bodies tend to prefer their advisory bodies try, before they ask to change the topics upon which they wanted advice, in my experience.
- 11. At the macro level, I do not believe we will succeed if we use the informal “pulse taking” process to impact data in a way that potentially sways outcomes. The Charter’s participant commitments were specifically designed to create a collaborative process. Here’s an example, “Each member agrees to work toward fair, practical, and durable recommendations that reflect the diverse interests of the entire WORKGROUP and the public.” As noted in the Assessment, anything different will not build the

trust and respect needed for the long term success of any Workgroup recommendations. I'm trying to foster exploration because the past debate-like dynamics have meaningfully contributed to what has been a 40+ year stalemate.

The Board appreciated the need for a "strong" facilitator and I will continue to be assertive about the need to collaborate. Thanks for listening.

Happy to discuss orally.

All the best to you, as well!

Thanks, Sam

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Subject: Concerns about direction of solid-waste working group

Hi Sam,

I'm really concerned about where this work group is headed.

From the very beginning, I expressed to you my concerns that we were being "railroaded" toward a very narrow focus on CUP criteria.

In our last meeting, you spent a lot of valuable time basically pillorying the one member of the group who decided to vote 100% for one item, and 0% for the rest. That was not respectful of the working group. You spent so much time on this that she wound up feeling compelled to "out" herself for her somewhat anomalous vote.

But as I pointed out to you during the break, the results would have been no different if you took the "median" response, reflecting the opinions of the "middle" of the group. Clearly, the "middle members" want to spend more time on the big-picture SMMP issues, and less time on the CUP criteria that you seem to be pushing us toward.

I even wrote out for Adam how to input that formula in Excel, so you could present the opinions of the "middle members". Adam was going to work on it, and you were part of the discussion, but you never presented his results. You went back to complaining about working group members who were supposedly "not being serious" about working toward the goals prescribed by the Commissioners.

Unfortunately, none of the Commissioners were there to respond. Perhaps they need to be attending these meetings, so they can speak directly for themselves.

All the best,
Joel

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Cc: WYSE Nancy; MALONE Patrick; AUGEROT Xanthippe; KERBY Joseph; NICHOLS Darren; CRONEY Vance M; WILLIAMS Inga; REDICK Daniel; KWIATKOWSKI Maura; MAKEPEACE Amanda; MILO Erika; GROGAN Cory; RAY Linda; Adam Meyer; Amelia Webb
Subject: 10/6/22 Workgroup Meeting Agenda and Materials
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Happy Sunday Evening!

I have attached the Working Agenda and supporting materials for Thursday's meeting. Once the documents are posted on the project website, we will send an updated agenda with links to the specific documents, as usual.

We are at a critical point in the process. Some Workgroup members have been advocating to change the current Charge to focus more on the SMMP as the best way forward. There has not been a focused opportunity for other members to weigh in outside the meeting evaluations. Please review them and the Agenda's "Comments" document to get a sense of where your colleagues are at. The reality is the time spent processing this and related process issues, during our meetings, and especially between them, has slowed down the work. The attached Working Agenda provides a revised Workplan in light of the current situation.

The core question is, "does the Commission want us to focus this process on:

- a) how the County can close the landfill as soon as possible with the least amount of remaining trash ("elephant in the room?"), or
- b) the Board's current "bridge" Charge to set the stage for the anticipated/planned processes (e.g. CUP application and SMMP)?"

Some folks have said offline that they believe, in effect, option a) should be the goal of this process. It's time for straight talk, so I'm asking to what extent, if any, adhering to the current Charge, will make it more or less difficult to achieve that goal. Other members may, or may not, agree with the "closure" goal and/or the processes' ability to impact it, either way. The current Charter does not ask us to opine on when/whether/how the landfill should be closed. Instead, it defers that question until it is ripe for consideration. It also defers the substantive SMMP work to the process the County already has planned and budgeted. A related consideration is to candidly explore, to what extent, if any, does completing the SMMP impact, positively or negatively, the outcome of expected Expansion CUP request. This may be another "elephant in the room."

It's time to put these and related issues on the table. As a result, County staff and I have asked for Board of Commissioner guidance to inform our Thursday discussion. Their guidance will come during Tuesday's Board meeting, which I encourage you to attend.

AGENDA:

www.co.benton.or.us/sites/default/files/fileattachments/board_of_commissioners_office/meeting/7881/221004_tu.pdf

PACKET:

www.co.benton.or.us/sites/default/files/fileattachments/board_of_commissioners_office/meeting/7881/221004_tu_pckt.pdf

The attached Working Agenda is designed to give each Workgroup member a chance to react to the Board's direction. The agenda may change in light of the BOC's Tuesday meeting.

I am available on my below cell between now and Tuesday night. I will then be available on the below phone.

Thanks, Sam

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To: CRONEY Vance M; Jeffrey L. Kleinman; Doyle, Holly; Condit, Jeffrey G.
Cc: Adam Meyer; Amelia Webb; NICHOLS Darren; Benton County Talks Trash
Subject: BCTT Draft Common Understandings
Attachments: DRAFT_Report_IV_A_Common Understandings_2_Rights Obligations.docx;
DRAFT_Report_IV_A_Common Understandings_3_Entity Rights Obligations.docx;
DRAFT_Report_IV_A_Common Understandings_1_E_Reporting Requirements.docx

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Dear Latin Speakers:

I've attached three draft documents generated by the County to kick off the creation of the law-related, Workgroup's Common Understandings process. I'm suggesting that you each do an initial pass using track changes, and send your comments/suggestions to me. Feel free to add additional topics.

My team will combine them into one document without attribution, but who said what will likely be apparent. Adam Meyer, a Latin-speaking ICMresolutions' associate, will then take a shot at identifying where there is agreement and where additional work is needed. We'll send that version to you, and I'll probably suggest a facilitated Zoom meeting to see how far we can get. The results of that séance will be sent to the Workgroup to review. In a perfect world (ha ha,) I would like to send our work to the members on October 20th for discussion at the October 27th meeting.

Happy to discuss other process options... and the Rule Against Perpetuities. If you don't want to participate, please advise, but know I grade on the curve!

Thanks, Sam

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Subject: BCTT Landfill tour questions

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Hi BCTT Work group,

Questions in regards to landfill tour.

Could we get a break down of counties that includes total tonnage? It should include or break out residential and commercial.

Could we get a break down of costs per user, that should include residential and commercial , host and non host, covered loads and non covered loads.

Total monies received from all leases, taxes for Benton County. I know this is in other documents, but I fear it has been buried.

Plan for quarry once it reaches its end.

I would also like to add that the article from the Corvallis Gazette on Sept 24th in regards to the landfill tour was disappointing at best. I found it to be misleading and the quotes were inaccurate. I am happy to provide the video's of much of the tour that I personally took. I found Republic Services to be very forthright and accommodating. In fact it was a very interesting tour and I learned a lot.

I sat next to a gentleman who was a member of the public, that told me that this whole tour must be a media stunt on behalf of Republic Services. I was happy to explain to him that in fact we the work group requested this tour. He didn't know there was a work group. I would be interested to know how he found out about the tour, I wish I would have asked at the time.

I hope that as a group, we work hard to put to rest any disinformation we may come by. Let us focus on the task at hand, fulfilling the [Work Group Charter](#). I would also like to take this moment to encourage continued respectful communication. My hope is that when we conclude our time in this work group that we all can walk away knowing we did the best we could for the residents of Benton County. While many have clearly made up their mind on this subject, it does not give the green light to be anything but a team player. We the work group are officially "the system". So, lets be the best version of that we can be. Here is to continued friendly and fruitful communication.

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Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 9:33 AM
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Cc: NICHOLS Darren; Sam Imperati; Benton County Talks Trash
Subject: Benton County Solid Waste Process Group

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I would like to follow up with Commissioners on the progress of the workgroup to date.

Mr. Imperati has suggested that members of the workgroup apply to the Commissioners if we are to focus more on medium- and long-term solid waste planning rather than on a new landfill expansion which appears the landfill operator is poised to submit before year-end.

So that is what I am doing.

In discussions with my fellow current Planning Commissioners (within the constraints of Oregon public meetings law), with former Planning Commissioners, with the DLCD, and with land use attorneys of my acquaintance, I have expressed my concern that workgroup work product would be able to be incorporated into the current strictly codified quasi-judicial evaluation process.

My concerns have not been dismissed out of hand. In fact, I have been told that my concerns are not unfounded, that well-meaning “clarification” — developed outside of the strict constraints of the quasi-judicial process — of applicable codes, terms, and processes might end up backfiring (on appeal to LUBA, etc.)

A solid waste management plan is a large outlay for the County, and I certainly think it is not unreasonable for the volunteer group to spend 30-50% of the remaining time budgeted to assign potential priorities to be included in an RFP. And in fact it appears that medium- long-range planning is what the workgroup members themselves want to do, and thought they were signing up for when they volunteered to serve.

I also think that reassessing Chapter 77 (LS) zone (which hasn't been touched since 1983), & Chapter 60 (FC) zone (to tighten up permissions for landfilling uses in FC zones), would be very useful, and that a formal recommendation could be made to do so either by the workgroup or by the Planning Commission to the Board.

I think that the Board should be apprised of the current work that has been assigned to the workgroup and the materials provided to the workgroup by County Staff, and do a high-level assessment of what is actually practical to accomplish in the time remaining, keeping in mind that the workgroup members are volunteers and many have other time commitments (often in other positions that directly benefit Benton County, either as paid staff, or in other volunteer positions). I think that it is not possible for the workgroup to tackle the charges that have been developed — by the facilitator, by staff, and identified as important by the workgroup itself — in the time remaining to the workgroup, especially with staff shortages, etc.

I personally spent more than 40 hours on the workgroup, and on Planning Commission (Adair UGB) work in the past couple of weeks. This is a recipe for volunteer burnout.

I think the workgroup is salvageable, but I think a course correction is in order.

I am available by phone any time today or tomorrow or I can answer questions at the next Board meeting if you would prefer that venue.

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N J Whitcombe

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To: NICHOLS Darren
Subject: Benton County Solid Waste Workgroup

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News Release

Benton County solid waste workgroup information

Sept. 15, 2022



Please see the following information about today's, Sept. 15 Solid Waste Process Workgroup Meeting #2:

- September 15, 2022 (Thursday)
- 3:00pm-7:00pm
- Benton County Kalapuya Building;
- 4500 SW Research Way
- Corvallis, OR 97333
- [Zoom Meeting Link](#)
- Meeting ID: 815 4343 1547
- Phone: (253) 215-8782
- [Agenda](#)

You can view the Sept. 8 kick-off meeting on [Benton County's YouTube](#) channel.

Information about future meetings and more can be found on the [Solid Waste Workgroup webpage](#). All meetings are open to the public with opportunities for public input. Please send written comments to BentonCountyTalksTrash@co.benton.or.us at least 48 hours before the meeting to be included in the meeting packet. The public may also provide verbal comments during the meetings either in-person or virtually during designated public comment periods.

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Subject: Benton County Talks Trash Homework
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Happy Saturday

Thank you for all the hard work on Thursday... we made very good progress!

I have attached the Draft Meeting Minutes for your review.

As promised, your homework assignments are attached and include the following requests:

- 1) SWMP Combined Table of Contents
- 2) Common Understandings Table of Contents, and
- 3) Compliance with Past Land Use Approvals.

Instructions are included for each assignment on the first page.

DUE DATE: Thursday, September 22nd at 9:00 AM, so we can rool them up and present them to you in advance of our 10/6/22 meeting... sorry and thanks!

Finally, please complete the meeting two evaluation found here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9KG9VXF>

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions, and we are looking forward to seeing you at the landfill tour next Saturday... details and RSVP to follow early next week... including the closed-toe shoe requirement!

Thanks, Sam



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Cc: SamImperati@ICMresolutions.com
Subject: Benton County Talks Trash homework
Attachments: RepublicServices[CUP CONDITIONS].docx

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Sam –
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Thanks,
Ginger

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Subject: Benton County Talks Trash Subcommittees and ETA on 10/6 Meeting Agenda/Materials
Attachments: DRAFT_Report_IV_A_Common Understandings_1_C_Specific Locations Cell Size.docx; DRAFT_Report_IV_A_Common Understandings_1_B_Size Development History.docx; Synchronization of Solid Waste Disposal and Alternative Path Forward - Coffin Butte Landfill.docx; Nietfeld_comment_input_v2_Workgoup_Meeting2_15Sep2022.pdf; Coffin Butte Summary Worksheet.xlsx; Coffin Butte Waste Stream by County.xlsx; Coffin Butte Site Life Republic 9-30-22.docx; Homework Compilation of Compliance with Past Land Use Approvals - 9-30-22 Draft.docx

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Greetings:

Subcommittees

At our last meeting, we formed two subcommittees to further our Common Understandings work. They are:

- 1) Landfill Size/Capacity/Longevity Subcommittee; and
- 2) CUP Conditions Subcommittee.

Each is designed to review the workgroup's suggestions (homework,) vet the draft document further, see what common understandings can be reached, and present the subcommittees' thoughts to the full Workgroup for formal polling. Darren and I asked the Board to allow select members of the public to participate, which they approved unanimously.

For the Landfill subcommittee, Paul Nietfeld has volunteered. Who else would like to be part of that group? Please reply by Noon on Wednesday. For context, I've attached the documents received to date. Additional material is welcome.

As to the CUP Conditions Subcommittee, Nancy and Joel have already volunteered. Who else would like to be part of that group? Please reply by Noon on Wednesday. For context, I have attached the current evolving draft. Additional material is welcome.

I anticipate each subcommittee will meet two to three times over Zoom, for about 1.5 hours, between now and our 10/26/22 meeting.

[ETA on 10/6 Agenda/Materials](#)

I plan to send a Working Agenda and the related materials to you on Sunday. I will attach the relevant files to the transmittal email. Those documents will be uploaded to the project website on Monday. You will receive an updated Working Agenda with the usual links soon thereafter.

Happy to chat.

Thanks, Sam

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Happy to discuss.

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Importance: High

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Darren,

Please review and give me a call to discuss as soon as you can so I can get the meeting packet to the Workgroup.

Thanks, Sam

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WILLIAMS Inga

From: BRADFORD Kristin
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 11:24 AM
To: Benton County Talks Trash
Subject: Committee members

Hello.

Is the 20 member community workgroup already selected? I know someone who might be a good candidate.

Thank you

Kristin

Sent from my iPad

From: NICHOLS Darren
Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2022 8:51 PM
To: KWIATKOWSKI Maura
Subject: Cover Memo and attachments
Attachments: Workgroup Vacancy Replacement BOC Memo - 9.22.2022.docx; Community Members Interested_092022 - redacted.pdf; Benton County Talks Trash Charter and Bylaws 8-18-22 Final Draft.pdf

Hi Maura,

Here is a cover memo that I hope will provide context for the Board's consideration of a replacement member on the Benton County Talks Trash workgroup.

The attachments are also included – just in case that makes it easier for assembling the packet.

Please let me know if you need anything more.

Thanks again,
Darren

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Subject: Coverage of 9-25-22 Landfill Tour
Attachments: Tour provides peek into landfill operations, Benton workgroup dynamics.pdf

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Subject: CUP Conditions Member Homework and Teeing Up Charge B
Attachments: Popp CUP Conditions.docx; Whitcombe Compliance with Past Land Use Approvals INFORMAL TRIAGING REQUEST(1).docx; MAY CUP Conditions.docx; [Parmigiani] CUP CONDITIONS.docx; McAlister Compliance with Past Land Use Approvals INFORMAL TRIAGING REQUEST.docx; Duvall CUP Conditions.docx; Geier Compliance with Past Land Use Approvals Triage.docx; Pitera CUP Conditions.docx; Compliance with Past Land Use Approvals_RepublicResponses.docx; Charge B - Clarifying Reuirements for Future CUP.docx

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Good Afternoon:

Here are the comments received to date.

Happy to discuss.

Thanks, Sam



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Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 6:09 PM
To: kkenaston@comcast.net
Cc: N Whitcombe; Benton County Talks Trash
Subject: CUP Subcommittee
Attachments: Compilation of Compliance with Past Land Use Approvals - Homework 9-30-22 Draft.pdf;
benton_county_talks_trash_charter_and_bylaws_approved_8-23-22_final.pdf

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Ken,

Nice to “meet” you. I am the process facilitator.

I’ve attached all of the feedback we have received to date on the CUP Compliance topic. The document also includes the staff’s response. This evolving work is part of the Common Understandings the Board has asked us to develop as part of the attached Charge.

Happy to discuss the process, the subcommittee, and the document. I’ll be available on my cell until Tuesday night. (503) 314-1156.

Thanks, Sam

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Sent: Saturday, October 1, 2022 5:53 PM
To: Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>
Cc: BentonCountyTalksTrash <bentoncountytalkstrash@co.benton.or.us>
Subject: Re:

I forwarded it to Ken Kenaston at his request b/c he is considering serving on the subcommittee, but was obediently copying you

On Saturday, October 1, 2022, Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com> wrote:

Nancy,

I received the below email upon my return from the tour. Is it different than the one you sent on 9/21?

Thanks, Sam

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To: Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>; BentonCountyTalksTrash <bentoncountytalkstrash@co.benton.or.us>
Subject: Fwd:

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From: N Whitcombe <nwhitcombe@gmail.com>
Date: Sat, Oct 1, 2022 at 1:41 PM
Subject: Fwd:
To: kkenaston <kkenaston@comcast.net>

Ken Kenaston,

Here are my comments on compliance with prior conditions of approval with prior CUP's. As you can see, this is a LOT of land use applications. My primary concern is that staff appears to think that DEQ approval overrides county requirements wrt conditions of approval, which I do not believe to be the case in conditions of approval where DEQ is not specifically called out as the regulatory entity.

Do conditions of approval, like easements, ride with the land, do you know?

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| N J Whitcombe

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From: Marge <marge@jyo.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2022 11:42 AM
To: Benton County Talks Trash; Sam Imperati Oregon Consensus Assessment
Subject: CUP
Attachments: Popp CUP Conditions.docx

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To: NICHOLS Darren
Subject: Draft Agenda for Thursday's Meeting
Attachments: BCTT 10-6-22 Working Agenda.docx

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Darren,

Here are my current draft thoughts subject to your review. Let's talk about this after the tour especially in light of Tuesday's BOC meeting.

Thanks, Sam

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To: REDICK Daniel
Subject: DRAFT communications strategy
Attachments: Solid Waste Work Group Strategic Comms Resources DN.docx

Attached – please feel free to revise and send to Cory as you are able. Thanks!

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Come see the new space; we are officially open for business!



Darren Nichols

Community Development
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From: Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 9:04 PM
To: NICHOLS Darren
Subject: Draft Emails
Attachments: RE: Lights on atop Coffin Butte Landfill; RE: Lights on atop Coffin Butte Landfill; RE: Member of work group giving public presentation on "future of waste for Benton County" outside of work group

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Darren,

Please review the attachments and call me to discuss.

Thanks, Sam

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From: Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>
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To: Duvall, Kathryn
Cc: Benton County Talks Trash
Subject: RE: Not on Email List?

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Kathryn,

The emails that go to the above project email do not go directly to the members. They are “bundled” and sent as “comments” to the Workgroup a day or so before the next scheduled meeting. We received your homework, so a positive note has been placed in your permanent record!

Thanks, Sam

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From: Duvall, Kathryn <Kathryn.Duvall@corvallisoregon.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2022 5:07 PM
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Hi Sam,

I’m not sure I’m signed up for emails through the bentoncountytalkstrash@Co.Benton.OR.US email. I haven’t received anything through there yet, including my own email that I just sent in with homework a while ago. That should’ve come back to me if I’m on that mailing list, I think. Also, if I don’t need to be, that’s fine. I just wanted to make sure I wasn’t missing any information relevant for our group.

Thanks!

Kathryn Duvall (she/her)
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Thanks and have a great weekend.

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Brian,

Yes, but no obligation to do so. What would be helpful are your insights on the DEQ or related topics.

Thanks, Sam

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Do ex-officio vote on this?

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Liz,

I appreciate your inquiry. Yes, we are asking if you agree with the staff "result," which appears in the "Status" column for each of the conditions of approval. The "ask" is to poll 1-2-3 by putting a check in the row that best indicates your level of agreement/disagreement with the staff's statement about that condition's status.

If you would like more information before you answer, I suggest you poll with a "two" or "three," noting what you would like to see, which will be provided after this "informal triaging" exercise. For example, one member did this:

Conditions of Approval	Status	1	2	3
<p><i>Note: It is uncertain whether any of these conditions of approval remain in effect or have been superseded by subsequent land use decisions, including the adoption of the LS zone and approval of Coffin Butte Landfill under that new zoning designation in 1983. County staff is researching this question.</i></p> <p>1. The service area to be served by the Coffin Butte Site should be defined and the approval should be confined to serving only areas MI, WS, DA, KV, MI, CO, AL, LV, and MH, as defined on the enclosed map³. Expanding Coffin Butte to service additional areas should require a re-review by the Planning Commission.</p>	<p>Additional Research Needed <i>COMMENT: Unable to accept this assessment until additional research is complete.</i></p>			3
<p>2. The site management activities conducted at Coffin Butte should be reviewed periodically by the County Sanitarian (ex-officio member of the Planning Commission). A report of compliance to all state and local standards should be made at least once annually to the Planning Commission by the Sanitarian.]</p>	<p>1st report submitted on 8-12-75 to the Planning Commission <i>COMMENT: Thereport was supposed to be annual but this assessment only mentions one year. More information needed to confirm compliance.</i></p>			3

Any condition that does not enjoy a "Consensus" (everyone voting one or two,) will be sent to our new subcommittee to do the heavy lifting. The subcommittee's observations will be presented to the entire workgroup for discussion and official polling at a formal meeting.

Please reach out again if you have any remaining questions or comments. BTW, welcome back, and we look forward to seeing you in person on October 6, 2022.

Thanks, Sam

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Subject: Re: Benton County Talks Trash Homework

Sam, For clarification on item 3 of our homework.

Are you asking if I agree with the staff "result"? I do not have any information other than what has been provided. Or are you asking if we are satisfied with the staffs "result"?

Thank you in advance,

Liz Irish
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On Saturday, September 17, 2022 at 03:13:12 PM PDT, Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com> wrote:

Happy Saturday

Thank you for all the hard work on Thursday... we made very good progress!

I have attached the Draft Meeting Minutes for your review.

As promised, your homework assignments are attached and include the following requests:

1. SWMP Combined Table of Contents
2. Common Understandings Table of Contents, and
3. Compliance with Past Land Use Approvals.

Instructions are included for each assignment on the first page.

DUE DATE: Thursday, September 22nd at 9:00 AM, so we can rool them up and present them to you in advance of our 10/6/22 meeting... sorry and thanks!

Finally, please complete the meeting two evaluation found here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9KG9VXF>

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions, and we are looking forward to seeing you at the landfill tour next Saturday... details and RSVP to follow early next week... including the closed-toe shoe requirement!

Thanks, Sam



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From: NICHOLS Darren
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2022 11:41 AM
To: Sam Imperati
Subject: FW:
Attachments: Compliance with Past Land Use Approvals INFORMAL TRIAGING REQUEST.docx

From: N Whitcombe <nwhitcombe@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2022 10:08 AM
To: NICHOLS Darren <darren.nichols@Co.Benton.OR.US>
Subject:

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Please take a look at the attached document. This is a portion of the "homework" assigned by Mr. Imperati, a 26-page, densely written, incomplete document, with missing backing documentation, with more than 100 fields, covering more than 50 years of land development & zoning history, that workgroup participants are asked to fill out indicating agreement/neutrality/disagreement with whether extremely technical requirements have been complied with.

Meanwhile, workgroup participants have been given no background in either land use or in the history of the landfill.

I am available today for a phone call.

--
N J Whitcombe

WILLIAMS Inga

From: Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2022 8:03 PM
To: Benton County Talks Trash
Subject: FW: A report on recent SWAC/DSAC difficulties
Attachments: DSACSWAC Agenda September.pdf

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From: NICHOLS Darren <darren.nichols@Co.Benton.OR.US>
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2022 7:29 PM
To: Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>
Subject: Fw: A report on recent SWAC/DSAC difficulties

FYI

From: Ken Eklund <futureeverything@writerguy.com>
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2022 5:11:10 PM
To: AUGEROT Xanthippe; MALONE Patrick; WYSE Nancy
Cc: NICHOLS Darren
Subject: A report on recent SWAC/DSAC difficulties

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Hello Commissioners Augerot, Malone, Wyse:

I am writing to you today, reluctantly, to apprise you of recent happenings concerning the SWAC and DSAC citizen groups, that I feel you should know about.

As background, SWAC and DSAC had a joint meeting scheduled for this Wednesday, September 28. This is their regular meeting, so as per their bylaws their agenda and packet go out one week before. On Monday of last week, as Chair I supplied my county contact, Daniel Redick, with the agenda for the meeting, as usual. Tuesday afternoon, however, I received an email from Daniel cancelling the meeting (see below). I was thoroughly taken aback and surprised. On Wednesday morning I called Darren Nichols to find out what was going on; no one answered, but staff got back to me and Darren and I talked the next day. We agreed to reinstate the meeting. Since the public notification deadline for the regular date had passed by then, we set a new date one week later, Weds October 5.

What I feel I should relay to you is the manner in which this all occurred, because it has caused me to re-evaluate my relationship to the county, as both a volunteer and a citizen. Negatively re-evaluate, I mean. When Darren Nichols came on board, I held hopes that his hiring and his experience signaled a shift in the wind regarding the county's relationship to the public; I do not think that anymore.

The crux of the issue is this: in my conversation with Darren, it emerged that although staffing was an issue, what drove the decision to cancel the meeting was a judgment about the agenda I had sent in – that our meeting was in violation of the idea that the TrashTalk WorkGroup be the “one table” for landfill discussions.

I have attached the draft agenda for the meeting. You'll see that the first portion, the SWAC portion, is devoted mainly to hearing a report from SWAC's ambassadors to the TTWG and for counsel to the ambassadors for upcoming TTWG meetings. You'll see in the second portion of the meeting, the DSAC portion, is devoted to hearing from the public about issues related to the landfill.

In our discussion, Darren brought up the idea that the meeting would violate the “one table” idea. He read me the “one table for landfill discussions” language from the TTWG charter several times.

However, the first portion of our agenda is EXACTLY the way that ambassadors to the TTWG should operate, as described by Sam Imperati at the Workgroup kickoff. And the second portion of our agenda is directly fulfilling DSAC's state-mandated charter to engage in dialogue with the public and to collect issues from the public for its annual report to Oregon DEQ. I asked Darren if, instead of coming to DSAC, people with odor complaints should testify before the Workgroup instead?

After I made these observations, Darren agreed to reinstate the meeting. He said he would pull the necessary strings to find staffing for it.

My point here is that I am exhausted. As you know, I came before you as a volunteer who wanted to contribute my experience, energy and attention to the county's future. I never sought to be Chair, but I didn't shirk from it either. I am doing the best I can to learn and fulfill the duties of the Council and the Committee, and I think we have made some valuable contributions.

But I'm exhausted because I am spending three-quarters of my time fighting the county itself, or writing emails like this one. I put in a lot of time to organize and orchestrate a productive meeting only to find it's unilaterally cancelled.

This betrayal by the county stings me uniquely hard, because in my professional life I work on projects which harness public participation and enthusiasm to imagine better ways of doing things, better futures to work toward. So I'm uniquely aware of how this could be different – how Benton County could be working WITH the public to overcome the county's chronic shortages of time, energy, data and imagination. I can see that alternate reality very clearly. And I thought for a while we were heading there.

I said at the beginning that I am writing to you “reluctantly.” Honestly, that's because I can't shake this idea that this episode has been engineered to get me to write this email, and that it will boomerang back on me horribly somehow.

I'm aware that the Solid Waste Advisory Council is but one little part of the county, and I appreciate that you've read all the way to the end. I want to be clear that my goal here is not to dis Darren or Daniel or anyone in particular, but to alert you to a systemic problem at the county in dealing with the public. Our experience, our energy and our work is not respected.

Sincerely,

Ken Eklund
Chair, Solid Waste Advisory Council

Daniel Redick 

September 20, 2022 at 4:06 PM



9/28/22 SWAC & DSAC Meetings Cancelled

[Details](#)

To: Daniel Redick, Cc: Linda Ray, VERRET Greg J

Hi SWAC and DSAC members,

The 9/28/22 SWAC and DSAC meetings have been cancelled due to lack of staffing. I will be out of the office from 9/26-10/7, Greg Verret will also be out of the office next week, and we do not have other staff members available to support the meetings. We will work on scheduling the next meetings with Chair Eklund. Any comments we've received will be included in the next meeting packets. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Best,



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To: Benton County Talks Trash
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Attachments: Coffin Butte Article.docx

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Sent: Monday, September 26, 2022 7:44 AM
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From: Marge <marge@jyo.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 25, 2022 9:30 AM
To: alex.powers@lee.net
Cc: GROGAN Cory <cory.grogan@Co.Benton.OR.US>
Subject: Article on Coffin Butte

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Hi Alex,

There are a number of factual errors in your story published in today's (9/25/22) Gazette Times. The most important to me is that you identified me as 'a resident of the Soap Creek Valley'. I, in fact, am a resident of SW Corvallis. See my address below. I was not the one who described 'the burden placed on landfill neighbors by a region's worth of trash.'

While I am very sympathetic to the plight of landfill neighbors, (and that is a great quote that I would be proud of), my own agenda veers more towards concern for the environment and sustainability, values close to the hearts of many of our county residents. I was the one who raised the issue of cattle carcasses from Tillamook county being a potent methane generator. Ian McNab countered something about organic household waste and I replied that since Benton County was responsible for only a small percentage of the waste being processed at Coffin Butte, we lacked agency over the composition of trash.

It was Julie Jackson, the Republic Services public relations representative who interrupted me to say that that's not why we're here today and that can be discussed in the workgroup. I do want to point out though, that since Ian was the one who introduced the topic of local waste, Julie's admonishment seemed disingenuous to me. I do think that you appropriately indicated that there seemed to be a lot of pushback from Republic Services to discuss the issues that are of most concern to county residents.

Your statement that vacating Coffin Butte Rd would extend the landfill for an estimated 30 years is subject to interpretation. Please read my As I See It article (which I have attached) for more detail on that. The claim that the active landfill cell will reach capacity in about three years contradicts other statements that Republic Services has made. Keep in mind that this is assuming that the 1.1 million ton cap assigned in the franchise agreement remains in place. If the expansion is approved, that cap is eliminated and Republic can dump as much trash as they can write contracts for and those lifespan numbers shrink markedly. Also, heavy truck traffic increases considerably resulting in even more stress for motorists and maintenance costs for the county on already busy highways, much more leachate is produced stressing the capabilities of regional water treatment systems, and liveability decreases for our entire county.

Marge Popp
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WILLIAMS Inga

From: NICHOLS Darren
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2022 9:07 AM
To: MILO Erika
Subject: Fw: BCTT To Do List
Attachments: bctt_9-8-22_agenda Updated 9-7-22.pdf; BCTT 9-15-22 Working Agenda - Draft.pdf; BCTT M1 Evaluation.pdf; Landfill Tour; BentonCounty Invoice 1 - July-Aug 2022.docx

Erika can you show the chart below.

From: Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 17, 2022 4:35:02 PM
To: NICHOLS Darren
Subject: BCTT To Do List

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Darren,

Please review and call me to discuss the following.

- 1) Whatever is on your To Do List.
- 2) I've attached a draft of our first invoice to see if it contains the right amount of detail, too much, or too little?
- 3) Here is a working draft of topics for the Tuesday BOC Debrief.
 - a. Progress Made After First Two Meetings:
 - i. Meeting One Agenda attached
 - ii. Meeting Two Agenda attached
 - iii. Meeting One Evaluation attached with Meeting Two Pending
 - b. Appoint replacement for Brandon Bates based upon Thursday's meeting minutes, below.

- Workgroup comments about balance of the workgroup membership.
- Homework Polling Q4. Responses to "All things considered, the BCTT Workgroup membership is balanced fair

Fifteen Responses:

	Strongly Disagree (zero)	(one)	(two)	Neutral (three)	(four)	(five)	Strongly Agree (six)	Avg.
Polling Votes	2	0	2	1	4	1	2	3.3
Ex-Officio Votes	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	4
Total Votes	2	0	2	1	7	1	2	3.5

- Specific names to consider:
 - BIPOC, students could be added.
 - Confused on the site location and what surrounds it. Is the Oregon Game Commission next to this landfill? Should they be involved? Ex Officio member?
 - Filling in missing info on landowners butting against the landfill. ODFW & private landowners.
- c. Is it OK to add select members of the public to participate in the subcommittees to tee-up topics for full Workgroup consideration?

This gives more public access and is an efficient way to speed up the Workgroup process by having more refined drafts for the members' consideration during the formal meetings. Related, will be the need to ask Vance if these subcommittee meeting need to be noticed and Zoomed.

- 4) Public Official 101 Training for next meeting
- 5) Land Use Law 101 Training for next meeting
- 6) Email with RSVP request for Saturday's landfill tour (Julie Jackson email with details attached)

Thanks, Sam

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Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2022 6:48 PM
To: NICHOLS Darren; VERRET Greg J; REDICK Daniel; WILLIAMS Inga
Cc: Amelia Webb; Adam Meyer
Subject: FW: Benton County Solid Waste Assessment Group Homework -- triaging the compliance issues
Attachments: Geier Compliance with Past Land Use Approvals Triage.docx

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CUP-ers,

Please see Joel's below email. The homework is due Thursday at 9AM, and my staff will send the documents received ASAP. Here is a preview.

We should meet on Thursday afternoon to create a plan to process it and figure out the subcommittee logistics. What do your dance cards look like?

Thanks, Sam

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From: Sam Imperati
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2022 6:43 PM
To: Joel Geier <clearwater@peak.org>
Cc: BentonCountyTalksTrash <BentonCountyTalksTrash@Co.Benton.OR.US>
Subject: RE: Benton County Solid Waste Assessment Group Homework -- triaging the compliance issues

Joel,

Thanks for completing the homework. I will include your comments in the summary and we can standup the subcommittee to do the heavy lifting with the needed information.

Sam

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From: Joel Geier <clearwater@peak.org>

Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2022 4:38 PM

To: Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>

Cc: BentonCountyTalksTrash <BentonCountyTalksTrash@Co.Benton.OR.US>

Subject: Re: Benton County Solid Waste Assessment Group Homework -- triaging the compliance issues

Sam and all,

Here's my mark-up of the compliance-issues document. A few prefatory notes:

1) This approach was not actually what I suggested for triaging these issues in the meeting. I suggested a "vote-a-rama" which we quickly went through the list as a group, just voting 1/2/3 with minimal discussion of each item. I regret that my suggestion wasn't fully understood, as I think this wound up being a whole lot more work for everyone, outside of the time that people are already committing to meetings.

2) The document was not fully ready for us to do this kind of triage. There are numerous places where the "status" column says something to the effect, "More research needed." We can't really give a final opinion on those items until the research is completed. In some cases they might turn out to be non-controversial. But for now I'm voting 3 on all of those.

3) Some of the responses really seem to be beating around the bush to avoid saying, "not in compliance." For example if screening is "not completed" even 20 years after a permit was issued, why not just state clearly, "Not in compliance."

4) I understand that county staff might want to explain why, for many conditions (lighting, noise etc.) they have not been monitoring. But it makes the document less clear than it ought to be. "Complaint-based monitoring" really means "no monitoring" in practice. In such cases, I've suggested this more direct language.

5) "Operating hours" seem to be where there is most reluctance to make a clear statement that the landfill is out of compliance. Three or four special kinds of "operations" are mentioned that take place outside of the operating hours that were stated as conditions for the permits.

On this last issue, for comparison I took a look at Lane County's Short Mountain Landfill. That landfill **only** serves commercial account holders, yet they seem to be able to restrict those haulers to their stated operating hours (7 AM to 5 PM weekdays and Saturdays). Seems like there's a lesson for Benton County our working group in there.

Joel

WILLIAMS Inga

From: NICHOLS Darren
Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2022 7:59 PM
To: GROGAN Cory
Subject: FW: Benton County Talks Trash Homework

Importance: High

Hi Cory – please add my name to the list for this Saturday’s tour. And for the following Saturday if you are taking RSVPs. Thanks! Darren

From: Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2022 3:30 PM
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Cc: GROGAN Cory <cory.grogan@Co.Benton.OR.US>; NICHOLS Darren <darren.nichols@Co.Benton.OR.US>
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LAST CALL FOR THE LANDFILL TOUR THIS SATURDAY.

Here are the details:

Landfill Tour	Open to the public.
September 24, 2022 (Saturday)	Meet at Republic Services office, 110 NE Walnut Blvd in Corvallis.
Bus will leave promptly at 10 AM, and will return at approximately 12 PM.	Participants will receive PPE (hard hat, high visibility vest, protective eye glasses)
	Closed-toe shoes are required

Please RSVP to Cory (Cc line) by Noon tomorrow if you would like to add your name to the following current list.

Janet Ohmann
Sean McGuire
Cody Mann

Louisa Shelby
Mary Parmigiani
Jennifer Brown
Ken Ecklund
Faye Yoshihara
Robert Heald
Edward Pitera
Cat Newsheller
Debbie Palmer
Marge Popp
Kevin Kenaga
Craig Shelby

Thanks, Sam

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Cc: Andrew Johnson <ajohnson@co.marion.or.us>
Subject: RE: Benton County Talks Trash Homework

Homework. In addition, please include Andrew Johnson as my alternate.

Thanks,

Brian




Brian May | Division Manager

Pronouns: he, him, his

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Brian,

Yes, but no obligation to do so. What would be helpful are your insights on the DEQ or related topics.

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Do ex-officio vote on this?

Thanks

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Liz,

I appreciate your inquiry. Yes, we are asking if you agree with the staff "result," which appears in the "Status" column for each of the conditions of approval. The "ask" is to poll 1-2-3 by putting a check in the row that best indicates your level of agreement/disagreement with the staff's statement about that condition's status.

If you would like more information before you answer, I suggest you poll with a "two" or "three," noting what you would like to see, which will be provided after this "informal triaging" exercise. For example, one member did this:

Conditions of Approval	Status	1	2	3
<p><i>Note: It is uncertain whether any of these conditions of approval remain in effect or have been superseded by subsequent land use decisions, including the adoption of the LS zone and approval of Coffin Butte Landfill under that new zoning designation in 1983. County staff is researching this question.</i></p> <p>1. The service area to be served by the Coffin Butte Site should be defined and the approval should be confined to serving only areas MI, WS, DA, KV, MI, CO, AL, LV, and MH, as defined on the enclosed map³. Expanding Coffin Butte to service additional areas should require a re-review by the Planning Commission.</p>	<p>Additional Research Needed <i>COMMENT: Unable to accept this assessment until additional research is complete.</i></p>			3
<p>2. The site management activities conducted at Coffin Butte should be reviewed periodically by the County Sanitarian (ex-officio member of the Planning Commission). A report of compliance to all state and local standards should be made at least once annually to the Planning Commission by the Sanitarian.]</p>	<p>1st report submitted on 8-12-75 to the Planning Commission <i>COMMENT: Thereport was supposed to be annual but this assessment only mentions one year. More information needed to confirm compliance.</i></p>			3

Any condition that does not enjoy a "Consensus" (everyone voting one or two,) will be sent to our new subcommittee to do the heavy lifting. The subcommittee's observations will be presented to the entire workgroup for discussion and official polling at a formal meeting.

Please reach out again if you have any remaining questions or comments. BTW, welcome back, and we look forward to seeing you in person on October 6, 2022.

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Sam, For clarification on item 3 of our homework.

Are you asking if I agree with the staff "result"? I do not have any information other than what has been provided. Or are you asking if we are satisfied with the staffs "result"?

Thank you in advance,

Liz Irish
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Cc: NICHOLS Darren; *Benton Web PIO
Subject: FW: Benton County Talks Trash Homework

Hi Sam,

Just wanted to give you a heads up that I missed some of the RSVP correspondence on Friday. I left early Thursday and was working offline Friday since I also had to work this weekend. I had JonnaVe covering for me (up to the RSVP deadline) on Thursday using PiInfo@co.or.us to track RSVPs.

I hope everything worked out okay and you can always call or text me on my cell phone at 541-745-4468.

Thanks!



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Sam,

To be clear; Where would you like our questions for the Landfill tour be sent?

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LAST CALL FOR THE LANDFILL TOUR THIS SATURDAY.

Here are the details:

Landfill Tour	Open to the public.
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Please RSVP to Cory (Cc line) by Noon tomorrow if you would like to add your name to the following current list.

Janet Ohmann

Sean McGuire

Cody Mann

Louisa Shelby

Mary Parmigiani

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Ken Ecklund

Faye Yoshihara

Robert Heald

Edward Pitera
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Subject: FW: Benton County Talks Trash Workgroup Agenda and Materials
Attachments: BCTT 9-15-22 Working Agenda.pdf

Do we want to send something to the interested parties list prior to this meeting?



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Good Evening:

I have attached the Agenda for tomorrow's meeting. It provides links to the relevant materials.

In other news:

- 1) Link to LU-21-047 materials can be found here: [Document Library](#) . Still working on getting a link to the videos of the hearings.
- 2) Here are the documents submitted this past week.

Documents Created by Individual Work Group Members

- o [Parmigiani - 9/3/22](#)
- o [Geier - 9/3/22 - History](#)
- o [Geier - 9/4/22 - Site Description](#)
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- o [Whitcombe - 9/12/22](#)

Documents Created by the General Public

- o [Eklund - 9/8/22 - Common Understandings](#)
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Happy to discuss.

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From: WYSE Nancy
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 11:32 AM
To: MALONE Patrick; AUGEROT Xanthippe
Cc: NICHOLS Darren; KERBY Joseph; GROGAN Cory
Subject: FW: Coffin Butte Landfill Neighborhood Tour

FYI, I responded to Kevin Kenaga.



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From: WYSE Nancy
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 11:23 AM
To: 'Kevin Kenaga' <kjkenaga@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Coffin Butte Landfill Neighborhood Tour

Hi Kevin,

Thank you for the heads up, I agree that sharing accurate information is important. My take away from your email is that you feel #1 this tour is very important, #2 Benton County did not correctly share information about it, and #3 that you are somewhat upset by it. Does that sound about right? Please feel free to clarify if I'm misinterpreting. I will also agree that the tour is very important and that we should "get it right" with our messaging. The other feedback I will share with you is that using words/phrases like "I'm expecting you..." and "immediately" can come across like you are attempting to direct Benton County staff. I'm not sure if that was actually your intention or not, but just wanted to give you the heads up. Of course, community members do not direct Benton County staff. As I said, I understand if you are upset, but it's important that we are all cautious and courteous with our communication with one another. After all, we have a lot of important work to get done together! 😊

Lastly, did you see if another/updated email went out? I will admit my email inbox is flooded at the moment...

Thank you,



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From: Kevin Kenaga <kjkenaga@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 8:49 AM

To: Benton County Talks Trash <bentoncountytalkstrash@Co.Benton.OR.US>; WYSE Nancy <nancy.wyse@Co.Benton.OR.US>; AUGEROT Xanthippe <Xanthippe.Augerot@Co.Benton.OR.US>; MALONE Patrick <Pat.Malone@Co.Benton.OR.US>

Subject: Fwd: Coffin Butte Landfill Neighborhood Tour

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Kevin Kenaga <kjkenaga@gmail.com>

Date: September 29, 2022 at 8:19:35 AM PDT

To: cory.grogan@co.benton.or.us

Cc: darren.nichols@co.benton.or.us, BentonCountyTalksTrash@co.benton

Subject: Coffin Butte Landfill Neighborhood Tour

Hi Corey,

As Benton County's Public Information person I'm expecting you can get a more accurate reminder sent out immediately.

I am emailing you regarding yesterday's - REMINDER - Benton County's Solid Waste Process. Which - Invites the public to tour "Adair Village along Arnold Rd".

That is not an accurate description.

Lots of time and energy is being put into a tour of the Neighborhoods that surround the Coffin Butte Landfill and the reminder needs to be accurate. The individuals involved in putting together the tour deserve Benton County's support in the effort. So an updated reminder accurately describing the tour is deserved.

A more accurate reminder would be:

Reminder - Benton County's Solid Waste Process Workgroup invites the public to tour the Neighborhoods that surround the Coffin Butte Landfill.

Can you please get an accurate reminder sent out immediately?

Thanks

Kevin Kenaga

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From: REDICK Daniel
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 11:30 AM
To: NICHOLS Darren
Cc: VERRET Greg J
Subject: FW: Committee members

Hi Darren,

Would you be interested in connecting with Kristin on this work group candidate recommendation?

Best,

Daniel

-----Original Message-----

From: BRADFORD Kristin <Kristin.BRADFORD@CO.Benton.OR.US>
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 11:24 AM
To: Benton County Talks Trash <bentoncountytalkstrash@Co.Benton.OR.US>
Subject: Committee members

Hello.

Is the 20 member community workgroup already selected? I know someone who might be a good candidate.

Thank you

Kristin

Sent from my iPad

From: Ryan McAlister <ryanm@gerdingbuilders.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 6:38 AM
To: Benton County Talks Trash; Sam Imperati
Subject: FW: Compliance Homework
Attachments: Compliance with Past Land Use Approvals INFORMAL TRIAGING REQUEST.docx

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From: Ryan McAlister
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 6:37 AM
To: Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>
Subject: Compliance Homework



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From: Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 8:10 PM
To: Benton County Talks Trash
Subject: FW: Feedback/ Neighborhood Tour

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From: NICHOLS Darren <darren.nichols@Co.Benton.OR.US>
Sent: Monday, October 3, 2022 8:50 AM
To: Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>
Subject: FW: Feedback/ Neighborhood Tour

Sam,

Here is my communication from and to Ms Merja last evening and this morning.

Darren

From: NICHOLS Darren
Sent: Monday, October 3, 2022 8:49 AM
To: 'BECKY MERJA' <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: Feedback/ Neighborhood Tour

Good morning Becky,

It was good to meet you as well.

Thank you for sharing your concerns. I take statements like these seriously; I called Sam early this morning to share the concerns and asked him to explain. Sam recalls meeting you, thanking you for the good food and offering to help clear the dishes/load your pickup.

He believes that was the extent of the interactions; if you can share specific details or comments I would welcome those and will share them with the Board of Commissioners.

Respectfully,
Darren

Community Development has moved to the Kalapuya Building at [4500 SW Research Way, 2nd Floor](#).
Come see the new space; we are officially open for business!



Darren Nichols

Community Development
Director

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From: BECKY MERJA <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 9:50 PM
To: NICHOLS Darren <darren.nichols@Co.Benton.OR.US>
Subject: Feedback/ Neighborhood Tour

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Good morning Darren,

It was good to meet you in person on Saturday, and to hear a little more about who you are and how you ended up in Benton County, welcome to the community!

I also had the opportunity to meet Sam Imperati in person for the first time. My initial impression was not favorable. The more I thought about this, the more I felt I needed to communicate my concerns.

While I know that a neighborhood gathering is an informal setting, I found him to be less than professional. Some of his comments were flippant, disregarding the effort community members were putting into the process. He also appears to be behind the times when it comes to knowing his audience. The backroom bar "humor" is distasteful and inappropriate. For decades, I was the only woman in my work group, I can assure you that I don't have a thin skin.

Corvallis / Benton County is a highly educated population, that actively participates in public process. This contractor is currently representing your department, and the Board of Commissioners. My experience with this community is, impressions matter.

Respectfully,
Becky Merja

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: Rough, Ginger <GRough@republicservices.com>
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2022 4:25 PM
To: Sam Imperati
Cc: Benton County Talks Trash
Subject: FW: Lights on atop Coffin Butte Landfill

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Good afternoon Sam –

I wanted to alert you to an email we received today from a member of the public who attended Saturday’s tour. Workgroup members Joel Geier and Marge Popp were cc’d on the email complaint.

We have not responded to the email/complainant because the tour was part of the Workgroup process and you’ve asked that questions and communications be directed to the Workgroup itself.

I’ve instructed our local team to preserve the integrity of the process by not engaging in conversations outside the Workgroup. However, I did ask Ian to provide some response information for you and the Workgroup for clarity purposes.

If you have any questions about this, do let me know.

**Thanks,
Ginger**

I think there was a little misunderstanding on the light usage. Coffin Butte is open to commercial customers from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. and our employees are onsite 4:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. to open and close the site. Lights are used in both the morning and afternoon as needed, but are not left on overnight.

Ian Macnab
Environmental Manager - Oregon

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Sustainability in Action

From: Ken Eklund <futureeverything@writerguy.com>

Sent: Monday, September 26, 2022 11:40 AM

To: Macnab, Ian <IMacnab@republicservices.com>; Joel Geier <clearwater@peak.org>; Marge Popp <marge@jyo.com>

Subject: Lights on atop Coffin Butte Landfill

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Hello Ian:

While we are on the landfill tour on Saturday, I heard you talking with Joel Geier, and the subject of the arc lamps on the scene came up (photo attached). You told Joel that the lamps were not used mornings, only in afternoons.

However, I went out this morning at 6 am and saw that the lights were indeed already on atop Coffin Butte, and there appeared to be operations going on, as I could see the red taillights of trucks moving around up there also.

So it seems you are mistaken about the use of the arc lamps, and have been for some time. All last winter, for example, the lights were on every workday morning. I know this because I can see them from where I live when I go out to get the paper, weather permitting. They were on even if I got up at 5 am.

As environmental manager, you should be aware of the goings-on at the landfill. Because those lights have an environmental impact. This appeared in my neighborhood newsletter yesterday:

From neighbor Janet Lee:

"Could you please add a note in the newsletter to remind people to follow Audubon guidelines and avoid excessive nighttime lighting during bird migration, which is at its height right now. Thanks so much."

Our neighbor is referring to the Audubon guidelines here: "Every year, billions of birds migrate north in the spring and south in the fall, the majority of them flying at night, navigating with the night sky. However, as they pass over populated areas along their way, they can become disoriented by bright artificial lights and sky glow, resulting in detours, energy drain and collisions with buildings or windows" resulting in an estimated 1 billion birds being killed annually.

<https://www.audubon.org/news/dim-lights-save-birds-night>

So I am looking for an explanation from you that reconciles your statement to Joel and the ground truth.

Normally, on behalf of the community we would take up this matter in the next Advisory Council meeting, which is on October 5. But since we have been asked to funnel landfill issues through the TrashTalk Workgroup, I'm requesting that Joel Geier and Marge Popp, the Council's representatives on the Workgroup, bring this matter forward in that forum. If upon their request, the workgroup's Facilitator does not put the item on the group's agenda, then we will take it up in Council.

This letter also is a complaint about landfill operations, the use of unhooded bright lighting and operations beyond operating hours – please process it as such.

Ken Eklund





Ken Eklund, writerguy

Creator of
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FutureCoast
and other storymaking games

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From: NICHOLS Darren
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 8:51 PM
To: RAY Linda
Subject: FW: Neighborhood tour: One more logistics request

Hi Linda,

Will you please find a projector (or point me to where one may be) before you leave the office tomorrow? See discussion below.

Thank you!
Darren

From: GROGAN Cory <cory.grogan@Co.Benton.OR.US>
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 4:51 PM
To: 'Joel Geier' <clearwater@peak.org>; NICHOLS Darren <darren.nichols@Co.Benton.OR.US>; *Benton Web PIO <Piinfo@Co.Benton.OR.US>
Cc: Benton County Talks Trash <bentoncountytalkstrash@Co.Benton.OR.US>
Subject: RE: Neighborhood tour: One more logistics request

Hi Joel,

We can accommodate this, Darren or someone from the team will bring them.

Thanks,



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From: Joel Geier <clearwater@peak.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 4:29 PM
To: NICHOLS Darren <darren.nichols@Co.Benton.OR.US>; *Benton Web PIO <Piinfo@Co.Benton.OR.US>; GROGAN Cory <cory.grogan@Co.Benton.OR.US>
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Subject: Neighborhood tour: One more logistics request

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Hi again Darren and Cory,

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We would not need a screen as the schoolhouse has a good wall for projection.

Thanks again, I think it will be really useful for the work group to hear from more people who live and earn their livelihoods in this end of the county.

Joel

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From: STOKES JonnaVe
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 2:11 PM
To: NICHOLS Darren
Cc: GROGAN Cory
Subject: FW: Neighborhood tour: One more logistics request

Hi Darren,

I just wanted to send you a reminder about bringing the laptop and projector for the tour tomorrow. Have a great weekend.

Thank you,

Jonna Ve

From: GROGAN Cory <cory.grogan@Co.Benton.OR.US>
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 4:57 PM
To: STOKES JonnaVe <JonnaVe.Stokes@Co.Benton.OR.US>
Subject: FW: Neighborhood tour: One more logistics request

Darren said they can accommodate but it would be very helpful if you can give him a reminder tomorrow. Thanks!



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Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 4:55 PM
To: GROGAN Cory <cory.grogan@Co.Benton.OR.US>
Cc: NICHOLS Darren <darren.nichols@Co.Benton.OR.US>; *Benton Web PIO <Piinfo@Co.Benton.OR.US>; Benton County Talks Trash <bentoncountytalkstrash@Co.Benton.OR.US>
Subject: Re: Neighborhood tour: One more logistics request

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Thanks Cory!

That's great to hear. Extra slice of apple pie for whoever brings them!

Joel

From: "GROGAN Cory" <cory.grogan@Co.Benton.OR.US>
To: "clearwater" <clearwater@peak.org>, "Darren Nichols" <darren.nichols@Co.Benton.OR.US>, "pioinfo" <Pioinfo@Co.Benton.OR.US>
Cc: "BentonCountyTalksTrash" <bentoncountytalkstrash@Co.Benton.OR.US>
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 4:50:54 PM
Subject: RE: Neighborhood tour: One more logistics request

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Joel

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From: Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 8:08 PM
To: Benton County Talks Trash
Subject: FW: Relative Path Forward - Benton County Talks Trash
Attachments: Relative Path Forward Benton County Talks Trash Waste to Energy 10-2-2022.docx

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From: crgilbert@comcast.net <crgilbert@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, October 3, 2022 11:26 AM
To: 'Daniel Redick' <daniel.redick@Co.Benton.OR.US>
Cc: Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>; 'Darren Nichols' <darren.nichols@Co.Benton.OR.US>; Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>
Subject: Relative Path Forward - Benton County Talks Trash

My apology for the belated email for Waste to Energy for a possible common understanding for the Benton County Talks Trash workgroup.

If it is possible for me to assist further with sub-committee 1) Landfill Size/Capacity/ Longevity Subcommittee, I greatly appreciate the opportunity.

Thanks.

Chuck

Chuck Gilbert
Cell 541 207 -5098 cell

WILLIAMS Inga

From: GROGAN Cory
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 11:32 AM
To: 'Sam Imperati'; Benton County Talks Trash
Cc: STOKES JonnaVe
Subject: FW: Reminder - Workgroup invites the public to tour Neighborhoods surrounding the Coffin Butte Landfill

Based on this email, I'm wondering if we need to send a reminder to the Workgroup to RSVP?



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From: GROGAN Cory
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 11:31 AM
To: 'Debbie Palmer' <dwingp@gmail.com>; *Benton Web PIO <Pioinfo@Co.Benton.OR.US>
Cc: Benton County Talks Trash <bentoncountytalkstrash@Co.Benton.OR.US>; 'Sam Imperati' <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>
Subject: RE: Reminder - Workgroup invites the public to tour Neighborhoods surrounding the Coffin Butte Landfill

Thanks for asking! Yes please RSVP, we need to get a head count for the buses.



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From: Debbie Palmer <dwingp@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 11:14 AM
To: *Benton Web PIO <Pioinfo@Co.Benton.OR.US>
Subject: Re: Reminder - Workgroup invites the public to tour Neighborhoods surrounding the Coffin Butte Landfill

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Hi there, quick question: do work group members need to RSVP or are they automatically on the list?

Debbie

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 29, 2022, at 11:09 AM, Benton County <pioinfo@co.benton.or.us> wrote:



Reminder - Workgroup invites public to tour Neighborhoods surrounding the Coffin Butte Landfill

Sept. 28, 2022

This is a final reminder to RSVP for Saturday's, Oct. 1, tour of neighborhoods surrounding the Coffin Butte Landfill. Send RSVPs by 5 p.m., today, Sept. 29 to pioinfo@co.benton.or.us

- Transportation will leave promptly at 10:00 a.m. and will return at approximately 12:15 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 1.
- Meet at Adair County Park (off of Arnold Ave., go to the north end of the park by softball fields).
- Please RSVP to pioinfo@co.benton.or.us by 5:00 p.m. today, Sept. 29.

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From: Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 3:01 PM
To: Benton County Talks Trash
Cc: Marge Popp; NICHOLS Darren
Subject: FW: Request for Work Group meeting on 10/6
Attachments: 10_2040tci-corevalues-finallanguage.pdf

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Staff... please post this to the website and the full version, as well... Thanks, Sam

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From: Marge <marge@jyo.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 1:56 PM
To: Darren Nichols <darren.nichols@co.benton.or.us>
Cc: Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>
Subject: Request for Work Group meeting on 10/6

Hi Darren,

Could you bring enough copies of the 2040 Thriving Communities Initiative Core Values document with you to the meeting so we could pass it out to everyone? I think it would be good to be reminded of what our residents' values are. It is a nicely formatted colorful document but printing copies on my home printer drains the ink cartridge! Maybe a link to this document should also be placed in the Supporting Documents Section of the website.

I have attached a copy so it will be easy for you to locate.

Thanks,
Marge

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From: GROGAN Cory
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 7:58 AM
To: NICHOLS Darren
Subject: FW: Saturday's n'hood tour
Attachments: Solid Waste Work Group Strategic Comms Resources.docx

Hi Darren,

Following up on this, I have a couple of thoughts.

One, if the reporter is there (they may not show) it may be worth offering them the opportunity to talk with you and Sam at the same time so you can support and play off each other. Would be great to get our perspective on the story, though they are most likely going to want to focus on speaking with folks who live near the landfill and get their opinions.

Two, I am not sure that sending another message to the group about media stuff is necessary since I sent something last week. I think it could stir up an email conversation and I'm not sure we want to go there. It would be better to set it as an agenda item at one of the workgroup meetings if the group wants to discuss it.

Here are talking points you can stick to and bridge back to ... even if you have to say the same thing in more than one way (if that makes sense) ... feel free to reach out today if you need anything:

- The workgroup decided a tour of the neighborhood impacted would be a good idea. This is to show various impacts that community members say they have experienced, so community members can speak to what they feel the neighborhood impacts are
- The diversity of community perspectives will be helpful in finding constructive paths forward on long-term sustainable materials management, including solid waste and disposal.
- Following on the Board's leadership, our goal is to establish best practices for how to handle this type of large-scale community project, being good partners with other counties, the state, our community, and key stakeholders outside of Benton County. We are very pleased to be working with the community on a long-term strategy for solid waste and disposal
- Transparency and openness with our community is paramount. We are endeavoring to be as open and transparent as we can by engaging with community members who have diverse perspectives, key stakeholders, Republic Services, adjacent counties, and the DEQ.
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- Benton County is using a third-party facilitator to support collaboration and balanced solutions. These are progressive best practices.
- We are working to establish a template for best practices on how to handle this type of large-scale community project, being good partners with other counties, the state, our community and key stakeholder outside of Benton County.
- Transparency and inclusion are paramount to the Board of Commissioners and to Benton County – especially on complex topics like solid waste and disposal. The Board, the Workgroup and its members look forward to learning more about the neighborhood and the landfill from different community perspectives.



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From: GROGAN Cory

Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 5:20 PM

To: NICHOLS Darren <darren.nichols@co.benton.or.us>; *Benton Web Monitor <webmon@Co.Benton.OR.US>; STOKES
JonnaVe <JonnaVe.Stokes@Co.Benton.OR.US>

Cc: MCGUIRE Sean <Sean.McGuire@Co.Benton.OR.US>; REDICK Daniel <daniel.redick@co.benton.or.us>; BROWN
Jennifer <Jennifer.Brown@co.benton.or.us>

Subject: RE: Saturday's n'hood tour

Thanks, Darren!

My recommendation is you should be the spokesperson on behalf of the county, encourage them to talk with Sam about workgroup processes and facts, and workgroup members should probably be given a heads up media may be there again, and that they should refer to the Charter and Bylaws that cover Transparency and Media.

We can't tell the workgroup members not to talk to the media but they should be clear they are expressing their personal opinion and not speaking on behalf of the group or the county, and they are more than welcome to defer inquiries to you. Attached is our communications info for review and here are the Charter and Bylaws for reference:

C. Transparency and Media: Members agree that transparency is essential to all deliberations. In that regard:

- 1) WORKGROUP members agree to notify Darren Nichols (darren.nichols@Co.Benton.OR.US) and Cory Grogan (cory.grogan@Co.Benton.OR.US) of written communications with the media.
- 2) Members agree to direct public testimony about WORKGROUP work to BentonCountyTalksTrash@Co.Benton.OR.US. These communications will be included in the public record and copied to all WORKGROUP members.
- 3) Individual members cannot and should not try to speak on behalf of the entire WORKGROUP.
- 4) Whenever reasonable, WORKGROUP members and staff will refer press, citizens, and other inquiries to Darren Nichols (darren.nichols@Co.Benton.OR.US) and Cory Grogan (cory.grogan@Co.Benton.OR.US.)

I am attaching the comms resources and talking points for review.



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Subject: Saturday's n'hood tour

Cory and JonnaVe,

FYI - I plan to join the n'hood tour on Saturday.

Copying other County representatives

1. as a reminder and
2. also to see if/how we should prep for potential media questions before the tour.

Thanks,
Darren

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Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2022 4:59 PM
To: GROGAN Cory
Cc: Joel Geier; NICHOLS Darren
Subject: FW: Trash group tour: Any news on buses/driver availability for Saturday?
Attachments: AdairCountyParkDirections.png

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Cory,

PL see Joel's below email and the map he attached.

Thanks, Sam

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BTW the parking area on the north side of the park is right next to one of the properties being considered for Adair Villages UGB expansion, so a few members of the work group might find it interesting from that angle.

Thanks,
Joel

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From: GROGAN Cory
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 12:40 PM
To: Benton County Talks Trash; Sam Imperati
Cc: STOKES JennaVe
Subject: FW: Trash group tour: Any news on buses/driver availability for Saturday?

FYI. The website has been updated.



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Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 10:52 AM
To: 'Joel Geier' <clearwater@peak.org>
Cc: Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>; NICHOLS Darren <darren.nichols@co.benton.or.us>; Benton County Talks Trash <bentoncountytalkstrash@Co.Benton.OR.US>; *Benton Web PIO <Piointo@Co.Benton.OR.US>; Dillingham, Brad <Brad.Dillingham@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: RE: Trash group tour: Any news on buses/driver availability for Saturday?

Thanks, Joel,

I should have sent the web update question separately without you included. Typically departments update their own website, but we (PIO and Communications Coordinator) are able to do that as well for every department.

We won't be able to set up separate lists, but we have less than 10 RSVPs for this one so far, so hopefully, there will plenty of room.

That said, we are going to send out reminders today on social media and via email once we have information about the bus capacity/availability and timing confirmed by Brad.

We could say there is limited space available and to RSVP as soon as possible. It is also possible that if the number of RSVPs goes over capacity we could offer the opportunity to follow the bus to individuals who RSVP after capacity is full. I don't anticipate that will happen, but I could be wrong, and we could get a lot of RSVPs between now and the deadline or extended deadline. Does that work?



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From: Joel Geier <clearwater@peak.org>

Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 8:04 AM

To: GROGAN Cory <cory.grogan@Co.Benton.OR.US>

Cc: Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>; NICHOLS Darren <darren.nichols@Co.Benton.OR.US>; Benton County Talks Trash <bentoncountytalkstrash@Co.Benton.OR.US>; *Benton Web PIO <Piinfo@Co.Benton.OR.US>

Subject: Re: Trash group tour: Any news on buses/driver availability for Saturday?

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Thank you, Cory,

That deadline for RSVPs sounds fine for me. Hopefully someone else can speak to responsibilities re: the county website.

One request while you're tracking RSVPs: Could you please set up separate lists for (1) people who plan to ride the bus for the entire tour, and (2) people who plan to just join the tour at one or more stops?

Probably most local participants from North Benton County (NBC) will be on List 2, to save space on the bus for Work Group members and people from Corvallis/Philomath or farther away.

Per Darren's reply last night, there were 28 riders on Republic's tour, but we may need to keep that number below 26 to work with the bus that's available. I expect that most of the NBC locals who joined the last tour will be happy to cooperate, to help make this work with a smaller bus.

I can send you a more detailed itinerary as a PDF for posting (including locations and ETAs for the main stops) by tomorrow morning, if not sooner.

Thanks,
Joel

From: "GROGAN Cory" <cory.grogan@Co.Benton.OR.US>

To: "Sam Imperati" <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>, "clearwater" <clearwater@peak.org>, "Darren Nichols" <darren.nichols@Co.Benton.OR.US>

Cc: "BentonCountyTalksTrash" <bentoncountytalkstrash@Co.Benton.OR.US>, "pioinfo" <Piinfo@Co.Benton.OR.US>

Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 7:35:54 AM

Subject: RE: Trash group tour: Any news on buses/driver availability for Saturday?

Yes, RSVPs should go to one place, pioinfo@co.benton.or.us. We can only be responsible for RSVP there until Friday at 4 p.m.

The issue last week was that RSVP requests were coming to my work email and I was not checking email on Friday and Saturday while flexing some time and working at Fall Festival, and working to set up our Fall Festival display on Friday. JonnaVe was covering the RSVPs up to the deadline, and on Friday using pioinfo@co.benton.or.us

We can send you a final head count around 4 p.m. on Friday for everything that comes into pioinfo@co.benton.or.us and you guys will need to keep track of anything after that ... or let folks know they can't RSVP after the deadline.

Are we (PIO and comms coordinator) responsible for updating the website to the starting point in Adair County Park (off of Arnold Ave)? I know Daniel has been updating the website but is out.

We can send an email reminder and update about the tour with starting point information today and **will give a you headcount today, and tomorrow at the deadline, and Friday if we accept more after the deadline.** Again, if you are going to accept RSVPs after the deadline we can only monitor until Friday 9/30 at 4 p.m. using pioinfo@co.benton.or.us. If you need to reach me directly please text or call my cell phone.

Hope that helps and let me know if you have questions or need anything else.

Thanks,



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Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2022 6:18 PM

To: Joel Geier <clearwater@peak.org>; GROGAN Cory <cory.grogan@Co.Benton.OR.US>; NICHOLS Darren <darren.nichols@Co.Benton.OR.US>

Cc: Benton County Talks Trash <bentoncountytalkstrash@Co.Benton.OR.US>

Subject: RE: Trash group tour: Any news on buses/driver availability for Saturday?

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Gentlemen:

I was involved in last week's RSVP adventure and I recommend one RSVP place.

For what it's worth, my email to the Workgroup yesterday morning noted, **"THIS COMING SATURDAY: Neighborhood Tour – Details coming soon. Please RSVP to pioinfo@co.benton.or.us by 9/29/22 at 5pm."**

While I understand Joel is going to be the main tour guide, I recommend I "facilitate" this Workgroup event if needed. This would involve a similar introduction as last week (attached.)

Please let me know if you prefer something else.

Thanks, Sam

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Subject: Re: Trash group tour: Any news on buses/driver availability for Saturday?

Thank you Sam and Cory,

Definitely good if we can get the website updated to show the right meeting place.

My other question was about availability of bus(es) and drivers. Darren was working on that but mentioned some difficulty finding drivers on the weekend.

It's already getting to be a narrow window for requesting RSVPs from the work group and community members, so we can get a reasonable head count by Friday.

But if the County can confirm bus availability by midday tomorrow (Wednesday), we can still pull this together on our end. Folks who were planning to show up to speak to the work group or provide a picnic lunch could still stick with plans to get those pies etc. in the oven.

Otherwise we could consider shifting this thing into next week, or the week beyond. But that would mean a lot of busy people in the neighborhood would have to rejigger their schedules. So it will be best if we can stick with the current plan, and make this happen.

Thanks,
Joel

From: "Sam Imperati" <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>
To: "GROGAN Cory" <cory.grogan@Co.Benton.OR.US>
Cc: "clearwater" <clearwater@peak.org>, "Darren Nichols" <darren.nichols@Co.Benton.OR.US>
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2022 4:58:46 PM
Subject: FW: Trash group tour: Any news on buses/driver availability for Saturday?

Cory,

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Thanks, Sam



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Cc: Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>; BentonCountyTalksTrash
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Subject: Trash group tour: Any news on buses/driver availability for Saturday?

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BTW the parking area on the north side of the park is right next to one of the properties being considered for Adair Villages UGB expansion, so a few members of the work group might find it interesting from that angle.

Thanks,
Joel

WILLIAMS Inga

From: N Whitcombe <nwhitcombe@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 4:38 PM
To: Sam Imperati; Benton County Talks Trash
Subject: Fwd: DEQ regulation of soil toxicity at landfills

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From: FULLER Brian * DEQ <Brian.FULLER@deq.oregon.gov>
Date: Wed, Sep 21, 2022 at 4:33 PM
Subject: RE: DEQ regulation of soil toxicity at landfills
To: N Whitcombe <nwhitcombe@gmail.com>

Hi Nancy

We don't do any soil monitoring or testing as part of normal landfill operations/oversight. If there were a spill or release that could require soil testing. Ground water and surface or storm water is what we monitor.

For new landfill siting there is an evaluation of current soils:

340-093-0130

Site Characterization Report(s)

(4) For a landfill, the following must be included:

- (a) A detailed soils, geologic, and groundwater report of the site prepared and stamped by a professional Engineer, Geologist or Engineering Geologist with current Oregon registration. The report must include consideration of surface features, geologic formations, soil boring data, water table profile, direction of groundwater flow, background quality of water resources in the anticipated zone of influence of the landfill, need and availability of cover material, climate, average rates of precipitation, evapotranspiration, runoff, and infiltration (preliminary water balance calculations);
- (b) Information on soil borings to a minimum depth of 20 feet below the deepest proposed excavation and lowest elevation of the site or to the permanent groundwater table if encountered within 20 feet. A minimum of one boring per representative landform at the site and an overall minimum of one boring per each ten acres must be provided. Soil boring data must include the location, depth, surface elevation and water level measurements of all borings, the textural classification (Unified Soil Classification System), permeability and cation exchange capacity of the subsurface materials and a preliminary soil balance;
- (c) For all water wells located within the anticipated zone of influence of the disposal site, the depth, static level and current use must be identified;

(d) Background groundwater quality must be determined by laboratory analysis and must include at least each of the constituents specified by the department.

Leachate irrigation to soil is no longer an option for Coffin Butte.

The ash from Covanta is quenched or cooled down when it comes out of Covanta, so it is somewhat "wet" which reduces the potential for dust migration.

Hope this helps.

From: N Whitcombe <nwhitcombe@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2022 11:20 AM
To: FULLER Brian * DEQ <Brian.FULLER@deq.oregon.gov>
Subject: Re: DEQ regulation of soil toxicity at landfills

This is one of the old conditions of approval, presumably referring to native soil -- and there is no definition of "toxicity" (of course, that would be too easy!). Here is the relevant quote:

"This plan must show that...metal or nutrient accumulations in the soils will remain far below any toxicity levels".

This pertains to soils that were historically used for leachate irrigation back before volumes increased so much, and the cutting edge reverse osmosis (?) process that was touted in the early aughts ended up failing. I was just wondering if DEQ monitors native soil.

I do think nearby residents are concerned about the Covanta ash. I personally live pretty far away, but see why they are concerned.

One of the neighbors was talking to a Republic guy who was mowing one of the hayfields on the property (I think it was the one surrounding the co-gen facility, but I'm not sure), and he said that the nitrogen content in the hay was too high to feed to livestock. So I was just wondering if this was something on DEQ's plate.

It sure is great to have you available to answer questions like this! Thank you so much!

On Tue, Sep 20, 2022 at 11:11 AM FULLER Brian * DEQ <Brian.FULLER@deg.oregon.gov> wrote:

Hi Nancy – Not sure I'm following. What soil would we monitor (incoming soil to be landfilled, soil used as daily cover, native soil surrounding the landfill...)? Any particular parameters or analytes to monitor for – toxicity can be a broad term any particular constituents?

Thanks

From: N Whitcombe <nwhitcombe@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2022 10:28 AM
To: FULLER Brian * DEQ <Brian.FULLER@deg.oregon.gov>
Subject: DEQ regulation of soil toxicity at landfills

I am going through the old CUPs and I wonder if this is part of the landfill regulatory process. Does DEQ monitor soil toxicity?

Thanks so much,

Nancy Whitcombe

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WILLIAMS Inga

From: Joel Geier <clearwater@peak.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2022 10:19 AM
To: Benton County Talks Trash
Cc: NICHOLS Darren; Sam Imperati; Ken Eklund; Marge Popp
Subject: Fwd: Lights on atop Coffin Butte Landfill

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Sharing this DSAC-related (DSAC = Disposal Site Advisory Committee) communication with the work group, per Sam Imperati's request.

As stated earlier, I will put some further work into formulating this question in a way that will be useful for the work group to deal with. But not today.

From: "Joel Geier" <clearwater@peak.org>
To: "Ken Eklund" <futureeverything@writerguy.com>
Cc: "Ian Macnab" <IMacnab@republicservices.com>, "Marge Popp" <marge@jyo.com>
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2022 4:47:14 PM
Subject: Re: Lights on atop Coffin Butte Landfill

Hi Ken (and Ian, and Marge),

Thanks for bringing up this issue.

I'm guessing that your question as posed here puts Ian in a bit of an awkward spot. He is not a member of the "trash talk" work group although he's a member of DSAC. Also it was not clear to me if Ian fully understood that my question was about how early those lights get switched on before dawn, rather than how late they keep them on at night.

But I can bring this question forward to the work group, so that Republic's members of that group will have a chance to address it.

I certainly agree, these very bright pre-dawn lights are a concern for migratory birds, especially at this time of year when we know that millions of native songbirds are streaming through the state. There is a substantial body of evidence that migratory songbirds will circle around bright lights in the pre-dawn hours, leading to what's known as "tower kills." And Coffin Butte along with Tampico Ridge seems to part of a very significant natural migration path, for geographic reasons.

Steady-burning lights like these are a particular problem, see for example:
<https://abcbirds.org/birds-communication-towers/>

So it would be good if we could get some voluntary compliance with recommendations from experts on bird conservation ... and no doubt that would also be helpful to residents for miles around, who see this as a light pollution problem.

Joel

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From: N Whitcombe <nwhitcombe@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2022 3:13 PM
To: Sam Imperati; NICHOLS Darren
Cc: Benton County Talks Trash; REDICK Daniel
Subject: Fwd:
Attachments: FW:.eml

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Sam, the email I sent to Daniel, which you objected to me not copying you on, is a continuation of email exchanges regarding missing information with Daniel, which I was engaging with with Darren's knowledge and encouragement, from August 2, 2022, August 5, 2022, and August 18, 2022, and which began long before the charter was approved.

I sent the other email you object to, privately to Darren because I thought that asking workgroup volunteers to complete your "homework" assignment was disrespectful of their time. I sent it privately to Darren because I felt that he might not be in the loop about how exactly this workgroup is being conducted, because I think it is going off the rails, and I was hoping that he might do a course correction with you.

Darren approached me about the idea of a consensus facilitator, in February of 2022, long before you were retained even for the preliminary assessment, and I am invested in a good outcome for the workgroup.

I have now spent a lot of time emailing you about emails that I have sent to email addresses that you do not think I should be sending emails to, and it's starting to feel very rabbit-hole-y.

Darren, I would appreciate it if you could give me a call; I really feel at a loss as to what I should do.

541-745-2056

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From: Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>
Date: Tue, Sep 20, 2022 at 1:49 PM
Subject: RE:
To: N Whitcombe <nwhitcombe@gmail.com>
Cc: bentoncountytalkstrash@co.benton.or.us <bentoncountytalkstrash@co.benton.or.us>

Nancy,

I agree the "explicit" instruction arrived several hours after you sent the 9/2 email. However, Charter Section D. 8) says, "Provide information as much in advance as possible of the meeting in which such information is to be used and share all relevant information to the maximum extent possible[.]" (Emphasis added.) I have included that section for years because, as here, behind-the-scenes communications interfere with our ability to achieve collaborative results. I sent the 9/2 email to reinforce the Charter's message.

In our recent email exchange, I said, “You did not copy the Workgroup email or me.” (Emphasis in the original.) I underlined “or me” because that was the gravamen of my concern in that sentence – not the lack of copying the workgroup email. I could have made that clearer as it was within the context of my 9/12 email, which said:

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Darren, I would appreciate it if you could give me a call; I really feel at a loss as to what I should do.

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From: REDICK Daniel
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 11:30 AM
To: NICHOLS Darren
Cc: VERRET Greg J
Subject: FW: Committee members

Hi Darren,

Would you be interested in connecting with Kristin on this work group candidate recommendation?

Best,

Daniel

-----Original Message-----

From: BRADFORD Kristin <Kristin.BRADFORD@CO.Benton.OR.US>
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 11:24 AM
To: Benton County Talks Trash <bentoncountytalkstrash@Co.Benton.OR.US>
Subject: Committee members

Hello.

Is the 20 member community workgroup already selected? I know someone who might be a good candidate.

Thank you

Kristin

Sent from my iPad

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From: Ryan McAlister <ryanm@gerdingbuilders.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 6:38 AM
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Subject: FW: Compliance Homework
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From: NICHOLS Darren <darren.nichols@Co.Benton.OR.US>
Sent: Monday, October 3, 2022 8:50 AM
To: Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>
Subject: FW: Feedback/ Neighborhood Tour

Sam,

Here is my communication from and to Ms Merja last evening and this morning.

Darren

From: NICHOLS Darren
Sent: Monday, October 3, 2022 8:49 AM
To: 'BECKY MERJA' <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: Feedback/ Neighborhood Tour

Good morning Becky,

It was good to meet you as well.

Thank you for sharing your concerns. I take statements like these seriously; I called Sam early this morning to share the concerns and asked him to explain. Sam recalls meeting you, thanking you for the good food and offering to help clear the dishes/load your pickup.

He believes that was the extent of the interactions; if you can share specific details or comments I would welcome those and will share them with the Board of Commissioners.

Respectfully,
Darren

Community Development has moved to the Kalapuya Building at [4500 SW Research Way, 2nd Floor](#).
Come see the new space; we are officially open for business!



Darren Nichols

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From: BECKY MERJA <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 9:50 PM
To: NICHOLS Darren <darren.nichols@Co.Benton.OR.US>
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Corvallis / Benton County is a highly educated population, that actively participates in public process. This contractor is currently representing your department, and the Board of Commissioners. My experience with this community is, impressions matter.

Respectfully,
Becky Merja

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I wanted to alert you to an email we received today from a member of the public who attended Saturday’s tour. Workgroup members Joel Geier and Marge Popp were cc’d on the email complaint.

We have not responded to the email/complainant because the tour was part of the Workgroup process and you’ve asked that questions and communications be directed to the Workgroup itself.

I’ve instructed our local team to preserve the integrity of the process by not engaging in conversations outside the Workgroup. However, I did ask Ian to provide some response information for you and the Workgroup for clarity purposes.

If you have any questions about this, do let me know.

**Thanks,
Ginger**

I think there was a little misunderstanding on the light usage. Coffin Butte is open to commercial customers from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. and our employees are onsite 4:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. to open and close the site. Lights are used in both the morning and afternoon as needed, but are not left on overnight.

Ian Macnab
Environmental Manager - Oregon

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Sustainability in Action

From: Ken Eklund <futureeverything@writerguy.com>

Sent: Monday, September 26, 2022 11:40 AM

To: Macnab, Ian <IMacnab@republicservices.com>; Joel Geier <clearwater@peak.org>; Marge Popp <marge@jyo.com>

Subject: Lights on atop Coffin Butte Landfill

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Hello Ian:

While we are on the landfill tour on Saturday, I heard you talking with Joel Geier, and the subject of the arc lamps on the scene came up (photo attached). You told Joel that the lamps were not used mornings, only in afternoons.

However, I went out this morning at 6 am and saw that the lights were indeed already on atop Coffin Butte, and there appeared to be operations going on, as I could see the red taillights of trucks moving around up there also.

So it seems you are mistaken about the use of the arc lamps, and have been for some time. All last winter, for example, the lights were on every workday morning. I know this because I can see them from where I live when I go out to get the paper, weather permitting. They were on even if I got up at 5 am.

As environmental manager, you should be aware of the goings-on at the landfill. Because those lights have an environmental impact. This appeared in my neighborhood newsletter yesterday:

From neighbor Janet Lee:

"Could you please add a note in the newsletter to remind people to follow Audubon guidelines and avoid excessive nighttime lighting during bird migration, which is at its height right now. Thanks so much."

Our neighbor is referring to the Audubon guidelines here: "Every year, billions of birds migrate north in the spring and south in the fall, the majority of them flying at night, navigating with the night sky. However, as they pass over populated areas along their way, they can become disoriented by bright artificial lights and sky glow, resulting in detours, energy drain and collisions with buildings or windows" resulting in an estimated 1 billion birds being killed annually.

<https://www.audubon.org/news/dim-lights-save-birds-night>

So I am looking for an explanation from you that reconciles your statement to Joel and the ground truth.

Normally, on behalf of the community we would take up this matter in the next Advisory Council meeting, which is on October 5. But since we have been asked to funnel landfill issues through the TrashTalk Workgroup, I'm requesting that Joel Geier and Marge Popp, the Council's representatives on the Workgroup, bring this matter forward in that forum. If upon their request, the workgroup's Facilitator does not put the item on the group's agenda, then we will take it up in Council.

This letter also is a complaint about landfill operations, the use of unhooded bright lighting and operations beyond operating hours – please process it as such.

Ken Eklund





Ken Eklund, writerguy

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

WILLIAMS Inga

From: NICHOLS Darren
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 8:51 PM
To: RAY Linda
Subject: FW: Neighborhood tour: One more logistics request

Hi Linda,

Will you please find a projector (or point me to where one may be) before you leave the office tomorrow? See discussion below.

Thank you!
Darren

From: GROGAN Cory <cory.grogan@Co.Benton.OR.US>
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 4:51 PM
To: 'Joel Geier' <clearwater@peak.org>; NICHOLS Darren <darren.nichols@Co.Benton.OR.US>; *Benton Web PIO <Pioinfo@Co.Benton.OR.US>
Cc: Benton County Talks Trash <bentoncountytalkstrash@Co.Benton.OR.US>
Subject: RE: Neighborhood tour: One more logistics request

Hi Joel,

We can accommodate this, Darren or someone from the team will bring them.

Thanks,



Cory Grogan
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From: Joel Geier <clearwater@peak.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 4:29 PM
To: NICHOLS Darren <darren.nichols@Co.Benton.OR.US>; *Benton Web PIO <Pioinfo@Co.Benton.OR.US>; GROGAN Cory <cory.grogan@Co.Benton.OR.US>
Cc: Benton County Talks Trash <bentoncountytalkstrash@Co.Benton.OR.US>
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Joel

WILLIAMS Inga

From: STOKES JonnaVe
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 2:11 PM
To: NICHOLS Darren
Cc: GROGAN Cory
Subject: FW: Neighborhood tour: One more logistics request

Hi Darren,

I just wanted to send you a reminder about bringing the laptop and projector for the tour tomorrow. Have a great weekend.

Thank you,

Jonna Ve

From: GROGAN Cory <cory.grogan@Co.Benton.OR.US>
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 4:57 PM
To: STOKES JonnaVe <JonnaVe.Stokes@Co.Benton.OR.US>
Subject: FW: Neighborhood tour: One more logistics request

Darren said they can accommodate but it would be very helpful if you can give him a reminder tomorrow. Thanks!



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Cc: NICHOLS Darren <darren.nichols@Co.Benton.OR.US>; *Benton Web PIO <Piinfo@Co.Benton.OR.US>; Benton County Talks Trash <bentoncountytalkstrash@Co.Benton.OR.US>
Subject: Re: Neighborhood tour: One more logistics request

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Thanks Cory!

That's great to hear. Extra slice of apple pie for whoever brings them!

Joel

From: "GROGAN Cory" <cory.grogan@Co.Benton.OR.US>
To: "clearwater" <clearwater@peak.org>, "Darren Nichols" <darren.nichols@Co.Benton.OR.US>, "pioinfo" <Piointo@Co.Benton.OR.US>
Cc: "BentonCountyTalksTrash" <bentoncountytalkstrash@Co.Benton.OR.US>
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 4:50:54 PM
Subject: RE: Neighborhood tour: One more logistics request

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Joel

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From: Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 8:08 PM
To: Benton County Talks Trash
Subject: FW: Relative Path Forward - Benton County Talks Trash
Attachments: Relative Path Forward Benton County Talks Trash Waste to Energy 10-2-2022.docx

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From: crgilbert@comcast.net <crgilbert@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, October 3, 2022 11:26 AM
To: 'Daniel Redick' <daniel.redick@Co.Benton.OR.US>
Cc: Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>; 'Darren Nichols' <darren.nichols@Co.Benton.OR.US>; Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>
Subject: Relative Path Forward - Benton County Talks Trash

My apology for the belated email for Waste to Energy for a possible common understanding for the Benton County Talks Trash workgroup.

If it is possible for me to assist further with sub-committee 1) Landfill Size/Capacity/ Longevity Subcommittee, I greatly appreciate the opportunity.

Thanks.

Chuck

Chuck Gilbert
Cell 541 207 -5098 cell

From: GROGAN Cory
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 11:32 AM
To: 'Sam Imperati'; Benton County Talks Trash
Cc: STOKES JonnaVe
Subject: FW: Reminder - Workgroup invites the public to tour Neighborhoods surrounding the Coffin Butte Landfill

Based on this email, I'm wondering if we need to send a reminder to the Workgroup to RSVP?



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From: GROGAN Cory
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 11:31 AM
To: 'Debbie Palmer' <dwingp@gmail.com>; *Benton Web PIO <Piinfo@Co.Benton.OR.US>
Cc: Benton County Talks Trash <bentoncountytalkstrash@Co.Benton.OR.US>; 'Sam Imperati' <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>
Subject: RE: Reminder - Workgroup invites the public to tour Neighborhoods surrounding the Coffin Butte Landfill

Thanks for asking! Yes please RSVP, we need to get a head count for the buses.



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From: Debbie Palmer <dwingp@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 11:14 AM
To: *Benton Web PIO <Piinfo@Co.Benton.OR.US>
Subject: Re: Reminder - Workgroup invites the public to tour Neighborhoods surrounding the Coffin Butte Landfill

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Hi there, quick question: do work group members need to RSVP or are they automatically on the list?

Debbie

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 29, 2022, at 11:09 AM, Benton County <pioinfo@co.benton.or.us> wrote:



Reminder - Workgroup invites public to tour Neighborhoods surrounding the Coffin Butte Landfill

Sept. 28, 2022

This is a final reminder to RSVP for Saturday's, Oct. 1, tour of neighborhoods surrounding the Coffin Butte Landfill. Send RSVPs by 5 p.m., today, Sept. 29 to pioinfo@co.benton.or.us

- Transportation will leave promptly at 10:00 a.m. and will return at approximately 12:15 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 1.
- Meet at Adair County Park (off of Arnold Ave., go to the north end of the park by softball fields).
- Please RSVP to pioinfo@co.benton.or.us by 5:00 p.m. today, Sept. 29.

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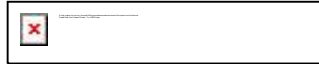
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From: Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 3:01 PM
To: Benton County Talks Trash
Cc: Marge Popp; NICHOLS Darren
Subject: FW: Request for Work Group meeting on 10/6
Attachments: 10_2040tci-corevalues-finallanguage.pdf

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Staff... please post this to the website and the full version, as well... Thanks, Sam

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From: Marge <marge@jyo.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 1:56 PM
To: Darren Nichols <darren.nichols@co.benton.or.us>
Cc: Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>
Subject: Request for Work Group meeting on 10/6

Hi Darren,

Could you bring enough copies of the 2040 Thriving Communities Initiative Core Values document with you to the meeting so we could pass it out to everyone? I think it would be good to be reminded of what our residents' values are. It is a nicely formatted colorful document but printing copies on my home printer drains the ink cartridge! Maybe a link to this document should also be placed in the Supporting Documents Section of the website.

I have attached a copy so it will be easy for you to locate.

Thanks,
Marge

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From: GROGAN Cory
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 7:58 AM
To: NICHOLS Darren
Subject: FW: Saturday's n'hood tour
Attachments: Solid Waste Work Group Strategic Comms Resources.docx

Hi Darren,

Following up on this, I have a couple of thoughts.

One, if the reporter is there (they may not show) it may be worth offering them the opportunity to talk with you and Sam at the same time so you can support and play off each other. Would be great to get our perspective on the story, though they are most likely going to want to focus on speaking with folks who live near the landfill and get their opinions.

Two, I am not sure that sending another message to the group about media stuff is necessary since I sent something last week. I think it could stir up an email conversation and I'm not sure we want to go there. It would be better to set it as an agenda item at one of the workgroup meetings if the group wants to discuss it.

Here are talking points you can stick to and bridge back to ... even if you have to say the same thing in more than one way (if that makes sense) ... feel free to reach out today if you need anything:

- The workgroup decided a tour of the neighborhood impacted would be a good idea. This is to show various impacts that community members say they have experienced, so community members can speak to what they feel the neighborhood impacts are
- The diversity of community perspectives will be helpful in finding constructive paths forward on long-term sustainable materials management, including solid waste and disposal.
- Following on the Board's leadership, our goal is to establish best practices for how to handle this type of large-scale community project, being good partners with other counties, the state, our community, and key stakeholders outside of Benton County. We are very pleased to be working with the community on a long-term strategy for solid waste and disposal
- Transparency and openness with our community is paramount. We are endeavoring to be as open and transparent as we can by engaging with community members who have diverse perspectives, key stakeholders, Republic Services, adjacent counties, and the DEQ.
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- Benton County is using a third-party facilitator to support collaboration and balanced solutions. These are progressive best practices.
- We are working to establish a template for best practices on how to handle this type of large-scale community project, being good partners with other counties, the state, our community and key stakeholder outside of Benton County.
- Transparency and inclusion are paramount to the Board of Commissioners and to Benton County – especially on complex topics like solid waste and disposal. The Board, the Workgroup and its members look forward to learning more about the neighborhood and the landfill from different community perspectives.



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From: GROGAN Cory

Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 5:20 PM

To: NICHOLS Darren <darren.nichols@co.benton.or.us>; *Benton Web Monitor <webmon@Co.Benton.OR.US>; STOKES
JonnaVe <JonnaVe.Stokes@Co.Benton.OR.US>

Cc: MCGUIRE Sean <Sean.McGuire@Co.Benton.OR.US>; REDICK Daniel <daniel.redick@co.benton.or.us>; BROWN
Jennifer <Jennifer.Brown@co.benton.or.us>

Subject: RE: Saturday's n'hood tour

Thanks, Darren!

My recommendation is you should be the spokesperson on behalf of the county, encourage them to talk with Sam about workgroup processes and facts, and workgroup members should probably be given a heads up media may be there again, and that they should refer to the Charter and Bylaws that cover Transparency and Media.

We can't tell the workgroup members not to talk to the media but they should be clear they are expressing their personal opinion and not speaking on behalf of the group or the county, and they are more than welcome to defer inquiries to you. Attached is our communications info for review and here are the Charter and Bylaws for reference:

C. Transparency and Media: Members agree that transparency is essential to all deliberations. In that regard:

- 1) WORKGROUP members agree to notify Darren Nichols (darren.nichols@Co.Benton.OR.US) and Cory Grogan (cory.grogan@Co.Benton.OR.US) of written communications with the media.
- 2) Members agree to direct public testimony about WORKGROUP work to BentonCountyTalksTrash@Co.Benton.OR.US. These communications will be included in the public record and copied to all WORKGROUP members.
- 3) Individual members cannot and should not try to speak on behalf of the entire WORKGROUP.
- 4) Whenever reasonable, WORKGROUP members and staff will refer press, citizens, and other inquiries to Darren Nichols (darren.nichols@Co.Benton.OR.US) and Cory Grogan (cory.grogan@Co.Benton.OR.US.)

I am attaching the comms resources and talking points for review.



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Cc: MCGUIRE Sean <Sean.McGuire@Co.Benton.OR.US>; REDICK Daniel <daniel.redick@Co.Benton.OR.US>; BROWN
Jennifer <Jennifer.Brown@Co.Benton.OR.US>
Subject: Saturday's n'hood tour

Cory and JonnaVe,

FYI - I plan to join the n'hood tour on Saturday.

Copying other County representatives

1. as a reminder and
2. also to see if/how we should prep for potential media questions before the tour.

Thanks,
Darren

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Director

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From: Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2022 4:59 PM
To: GROGAN Cory
Cc: Joel Geier; NICHOLS Darren
Subject: FW: Trash group tour: Any news on buses/driver availability for Saturday?
Attachments: AdairCountyParkDirections.png

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Cory,

PL see Joel's below email and the map he attached.

Thanks, Sam

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To: Darren Nichols <Darren.Nichols@co.Benton.OR.US>
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Subject: Trash group tour: Any news on buses/driver availability for Saturday?

Hi Darren,

Just wanted to check back as I haven't heard any confirmation on bus arrangements for Saturday's upcoming neighborhood tour. Are you able to make it work on your end?

Also, I notice that the web page at:

<https://www.co.benton.or.us/cd/page/solid-waste-process-work-group>

doesn't yet show the more detailed directions for the tour starting point in Adair County Park (off of Arnold Ave). Here's a copy of those directions again.

BTW the parking area on the north side of the park is right next to one of the properties being considered for Adair Villages UGB expansion, so a few members of the work group might find it interesting from that angle.

Thanks,
Joel

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From: GROGAN Cory
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 12:40 PM
To: Benton County Talks Trash; Sam Imperati
Cc: STOKES JonnaVe
Subject: FW: Trash group tour: Any news on buses/driver availability for Saturday?

FYI. The website has been updated.



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Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 10:52 AM
To: 'Joel Geier' <clearwater@peak.org>
Cc: Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>; NICHOLS Darren <darren.nichols@co.benton.or.us>; Benton County Talks Trash <bentoncountytalkstrash@Co.Benton.OR.US>; *Benton Web PIO <Pioinfo@Co.Benton.OR.US>; Dillingham, Brad <Brad.Dillingham@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: RE: Trash group tour: Any news on buses/driver availability for Saturday?

Thanks, Joel,

I should have sent the web update question separately without you included. Typically departments update their own website, but we (PIO and Communications Coordinator) are able to do that as well for every department.

We won't be able to set up separate lists, but we have less than 10 RSVPs for this one so far, so hopefully, there will plenty of room.

That said, we are going to send out reminders today on social media and via email once we have information about the bus capacity/availability and timing confirmed by Brad.

We could say there is limited space available and to RSVP as soon as possible. It is also possible that if the number of RSVPs goes over capacity we could offer the opportunity to follow the bus to individuals who RSVP after capacity is full. I don't anticipate that will happen, but I could be wrong, and we could get a lot of RSVPs between now and the deadline or extended deadline. Does that work?



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From: Joel Geier <clearwater@peak.org>

Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 8:04 AM

To: GROGAN Cory <cory.grogan@Co.Benton.OR.US>

Cc: Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>; NICHOLS Darren <darren.nichols@Co.Benton.OR.US>; Benton County Talks Trash <bentoncountytalkstrash@Co.Benton.OR.US>; *Benton Web PIO <Piinfo@Co.Benton.OR.US>

Subject: Re: Trash group tour: Any news on buses/driver availability for Saturday?

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Thank you, Cory,

That deadline for RSVPs sounds fine for me. Hopefully someone else can speak to responsibilities re: the county website.

One request while you're tracking RSVPs: Could you please set up separate lists for (1) people who plan to ride the bus for the entire tour, and (2) people who plan to just join the tour at one or more stops?

Probably most local participants from North Benton County (NBC) will be on List 2, to save space on the bus for Work Group members and people from Corvallis/Philomath or farther away.

Per Darren's reply last night, there were 28 riders on Republic's tour, but we may need to keep that number below 26 to work with the bus that's available. I expect that most of the NBC locals who joined the last tour will be happy to cooperate, to help make this work with a smaller bus.

I can send you a more detailed itinerary as a PDF for posting (including locations and ETAs for the main stops) by tomorrow morning, if not sooner.

Thanks,
Joel

From: "GROGAN Cory" <cory.grogan@Co.Benton.OR.US>

To: "Sam Imperati" <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>, "clearwater" <clearwater@peak.org>, "Darren Nichols" <darren.nichols@Co.Benton.OR.US>

Cc: "BentonCountyTalksTrash" <bentoncountytalkstrash@Co.Benton.OR.US>, "pioinfo" <Piinfo@Co.Benton.OR.US>

Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 7:35:54 AM

Subject: RE: Trash group tour: Any news on buses/driver availability for Saturday?

Yes, RSVPs should go to one place, pioinfo@co.benton.or.us. We can only be responsible for RSVP there until Friday at 4 p.m.

The issue last week was that RSVP requests were coming to my work email and I was not checking email on Friday and Saturday while flexing some time and working at Fall Festival, and working to set up our Fall Festival display on Friday. JonnaVe was covering the RSVPs up to the deadline, and on Friday using pioinfo@co.benton.or.us

We can send you a final head count around 4 p.m. on Friday for everything that comes into pioinfo@co.benton.or.us and you guys will need to keep track of anything after that ... or let folks know they can't RSVP after the deadline.

Are we (PIO and comms coordinator) responsible for updating the website to the starting point in Adair County Park (off of Arnold Ave)? I know Daniel has been updating the website but is out.

We can send an email reminder and update about the tour with starting point information today and **will give a you headcount today, and tomorrow at the deadline, and Friday if we accept more after the deadline.** Again, if you are going to accept RSVPs after the deadline we can only monitor until Friday 9/30 at 4 p.m. using pioinfo@co.benton.or.us. If you need to reach me directly please text or call my cell phone.

Hope that helps and let me know if you have questions or need anything else.

Thanks,



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From: Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>

Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2022 6:18 PM

To: Joel Geier <clearwater@peak.org>; GROGAN Cory <cory.grogan@Co.Benton.OR.US>; NICHOLS Darren <darren.nichols@Co.Benton.OR.US>

Cc: Benton County Talks Trash <bentoncountytalkstrash@Co.Benton.OR.US>

Subject: RE: Trash group tour: Any news on buses/driver availability for Saturday?

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Gentlemen:

I was involved in last week's RSVP adventure and I recommend one RSVP place.

For what it's worth, my email to the Workgroup yesterday morning noted, "**THIS COMING SATURDAY:** Neighborhood Tour – Details coming soon. Please RSVP to pioinfo@co.benton.or.us by 9/29/22 at 5pm."

While I understand Joel is going to be the main tour guide, I recommend I "facilitate" this Workgroup event if needed. This would involve a similar introduction as last week (attached.)

Please let me know if you prefer something else.

Thanks, Sam

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From: Joel Geier <clearwater@peak.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2022 6:00 PM
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Cc: GROGAN Cory <cory.grogan@Co.Benton.OR.US>; Darren Nichols <darren.nichols@Co.Benton.OR.US>
Subject: Re: Trash group tour: Any news on buses/driver availability for Saturday?

Thank you Sam and Cory,

Definitely good if we can get the website updated to show the right meeting place.

My other question was about availability of bus(es) and drivers. Darren was working on that but mentioned some difficulty finding drivers on the weekend.

It's already getting to be a narrow window for requesting RSVPs from the work group and community members, so we can get a reasonable head count by Friday.

But if the County can confirm bus availability by midday tomorrow (Wednesday), we can still pull this together on our end. Folks who were planning to show up to speak to the work group or provide a picnic lunch could still stick with plans to get those pies etc. in the oven.

Otherwise we could consider shifting this thing into next week, or the week beyond. But that would mean a lot of busy people in the neighborhood would have to rejigger their schedules. So it will be best if we can stick with the current plan, and make this happen.

Thanks,
Joel

From: "Sam Imperati" <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>
To: "GROGAN Cory" <cory.grogan@Co.Benton.OR.US>
Cc: "clearwater" <clearwater@peak.org>, "Darren Nichols" <darren.nichols@Co.Benton.OR.US>
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2022 4:58:46 PM
Subject: FW: Trash group tour: Any news on buses/driver availability for Saturday?

Cory,

PL see Joel's below email and the map he attached.

Thanks, Sam



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From: Joel Geier <clearwater@peak.org>

Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2022 12:24 PM

To: Darren Nichols <Darren.Nichols@co.Benton.OR.US>

Cc: Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>; BentonCountyTalksTrash
<BentonCountyTalksTrash@Co.Benton.OR.US>

Subject: Trash group tour: Any news on buses/driver availability for Saturday?

Hi Darren,

Just wanted to check back as I haven't heard any confirmation on bus arrangements for Saturday's upcoming neighborhood tour. Are you able to make it work on your end?

Also, I notice that the web page at:

<https://www.co.benton.or.us/cd/page/solid-waste-process-work-group>

doesn't yet show the more detailed directions for the tour starting point in Adair County Park (off of Arnold Ave). Here's a copy of those directions again.

BTW the parking area on the north side of the park is right next to one of the properties being considered for Adair Villages UGB expansion, so a few members of the work group might find it interesting from that angle.

Thanks,
Joel

From: N Whitcombe <nwhitcombe@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 4:38 PM
To: Sam Imperati; Benton County Talks Trash
Subject: Fwd: DEQ regulation of soil toxicity at landfills

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From: FULLER Brian * DEQ <Brian.FULLER@deq.oregon.gov>
Date: Wed, Sep 21, 2022 at 4:33 PM
Subject: RE: DEQ regulation of soil toxicity at landfills
To: N Whitcombe <nwhitcombe@gmail.com>

Hi Nancy

We don't do any soil monitoring or testing as part of normal landfill operations/oversight. If there were a spill or release that could require soil testing. Ground water and surface or storm water is what we monitor.

For new landfill siting there is an evaluation of current soils:

340-093-0130

Site Characterization Report(s)

(4) For a landfill, the following must be included:

(a) A detailed soils, geologic, and groundwater report of the site prepared and stamped by a professional Engineer, Geologist or Engineering Geologist with current Oregon registration. The report must include consideration of surface features, geologic formations, soil boring data, water table profile, direction of groundwater flow, background quality of water resources in the anticipated zone of influence of the landfill, need and availability of cover material, climate, average rates of precipitation, evapotranspiration, runoff, and infiltration (preliminary water balance calculations);

(b) Information on soil borings to a minimum depth of 20 feet below the deepest proposed excavation and lowest elevation of the site or to the permanent groundwater table if encountered within 20 feet. A minimum of one boring per representative landform at the site and an overall minimum of one boring per each ten acres must be provided. Soil boring data must include the location, depth, surface elevation and water level measurements of all borings, the textural classification (Unified Soil Classification System), permeability and cation exchange capacity of the subsurface materials and a preliminary soil balance;

(c) For all water wells located within the anticipated zone of influence of the disposal site, the depth, static level and current use must be identified;

(d) Background groundwater quality must be determined by laboratory analysis and must include at least each of the constituents specified by the department.

Leachate irrigation to soil is no longer an option for Coffin Butte.

The ash from Covanta is quenched or cooled down when it comes out of Covanta, so it is somewhat "wet" which reduces the potential for dust migration.

Hope this helps.

From: N Whitcombe <nwhitcombe@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2022 11:20 AM
To: FULLER Brian * DEQ <Brian.FULLER@deq.oregon.gov>
Subject: Re: DEQ regulation of soil toxicity at landfills

This is one of the old conditions of approval, presumably referring to native soil -- and there is no definition of "toxicity" (of course, that would be too easy!). Here is the relevant quote:

"This plan must show that...metal or nutrient accumulations in the soils will remain far below any toxicity levels".

This pertains to soils that were historically used for leachate irrigation back before volumes increased so much, and the cutting edge reverse osmosis (?) process that was touted in the early aughts ended up failing. I was just wondering if DEQ monitors native soil.

I do think nearby residents are concerned about the Covanta ash. I personally live pretty far away, but see why they are concerned.

One of the neighbors was talking to a Republic guy who was mowing one of the hayfields on the property (I think it was the one surrounding the co-gen facility, but I'm not sure), and he said that the nitrogen content in the hay was too high to feed to livestock. So I was just wondering if this was something on DEQ's plate.

It sure is great to have you available to answer questions like this! Thank you so much!

On Tue, Sep 20, 2022 at 11:11 AM FULLER Brian * DEQ <Brian.FULLER@deg.oregon.gov> wrote:

Hi Nancy – Not sure I'm following. What soil would we monitor (incoming soil to be landfilled, soil used as daily cover, native soil surrounding the landfill...)? Any particular parameters or analytes to monitor for – toxicity can be a broad term any particular constituents?

Thanks

From: N Whitcombe <nwhitcombe@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2022 10:28 AM
To: FULLER Brian * DEQ <Brian.FULLER@deg.oregon.gov>
Subject: DEQ regulation of soil toxicity at landfills

I am going through the old CUPs and I wonder if this is part of the landfill regulatory process. Does DEQ monitor soil toxicity?

Thanks so much,

Nancy Whitcombe

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From: Joel Geier <clearwater@peak.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2022 10:19 AM
To: Benton County Talks Trash
Cc: NICHOLS Darren; Sam Imperati; Ken Eklund; Marge Popp
Subject: Fwd: Lights on atop Coffin Butte Landfill

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Sharing this DSAC-related (DSAC = Disposal Site Advisory Committee) communication with the work group, per Sam Imperati's request.

As stated earlier, I will put some further work into formulating this question in a way that will be useful for the work group to deal with. But not today.

From: "Joel Geier" <clearwater@peak.org>
To: "Ken Eklund" <futureeverything@writerguy.com>
Cc: "Ian Macnab" <IMacnab@republicservices.com>, "Marge Popp" <marge@jyo.com>
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2022 4:47:14 PM
Subject: Re: Lights on atop Coffin Butte Landfill

Hi Ken (and Ian, and Marge),

Thanks for bringing up this issue.

I'm guessing that your question as posed here puts Ian in a bit of an awkward spot. He is not a member of the "trash talk" work group although he's a member of DSAC. Also it was not clear to me if Ian fully understood that my question was about how early those lights get switched on before dawn, rather than how late they keep them on at night.

But I can bring this question forward to the work group, so that Republic's members of that group will have a chance to address it.

I certainly agree, these very bright pre-dawn lights are a concern for migratory birds, especially at this time of year when we know that millions of native songbirds are streaming through the state. There is a substantial body of evidence that migratory songbirds will circle around bright lights in the pre-dawn hours, leading to what's known as "tower kills." And Coffin Butte along with Tampico Ridge seems to part of a very significant natural migration path, for geographic reasons.

Steady-burning lights like these are a particular problem, see for example:
<https://abcbirds.org/birds-communication-towers/>

So it would be good if we could get some voluntary compliance with recommendations from experts on bird conservation ... and no doubt that would also be helpful to residents for miles around, who see this as a light pollution problem.

Joel

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From: N Whitcombe <nwhitcombe@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2022 3:13 PM
To: Sam Imperati; NICHOLS Darren
Cc: Benton County Talks Trash; REDICK Daniel
Subject: Fwd:
Attachments: FW:.eml

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Sam, the email I sent to Daniel, which you objected to me not copying you on, is a continuation of email exchanges regarding missing information with Daniel, which I was engaging with with Darren's knowledge and encouragement, from August 2, 2022, August 5, 2022, and August 18, 2022, and which began long before the charter was approved.

I sent the other email you object to, privately to Darren because I thought that asking workgroup volunteers to complete your "homework" assignment was disrespectful of their time. I sent it privately to Darren because I felt that he might not be in the loop about how exactly this workgroup is being conducted, because I think it is going off the rails, and I was hoping that he might do a course correction with you.

Darren approached me about the idea of a consensus facilitator, in February of 2022, long before you were retained even for the preliminary assessment, and I am invested in a good outcome for the workgroup.

I have now spent a lot of time emailing you about emails that I have sent to email addresses that you do not think I should be sending emails to, and it's starting to feel very rabbit-hole-y.

Darren, I would appreciate it if you could give me a call; I really feel at a loss as to what I should do.

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From: Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>
Date: Tue, Sep 20, 2022 at 1:49 PM
Subject: RE:
To: N Whitcombe <nwhitcombe@gmail.com>
Cc: bentoncountytalkstrash@co.benton.or.us <bentoncountytalkstrash@co.benton.or.us>

Nancy,

I agree the "explicit" instruction arrived several hours after you sent the 9/2 email. However, Charter Section D. 8) says, "Provide information as much in advance as possible of the meeting in which such information is to be used and share all relevant information to the maximum extent possible[.]" (Emphasis added.) I have included that section for years because, as here, behind-the-scenes communications interfere with our ability to achieve collaborative results. I sent the 9/2 email to reinforce the Charter's message.

In our recent email exchange, I said, “You did not copy the Workgroup email or me.” (Emphasis in the original.) I underlined “or me” because that was the gravamen of my concern in that sentence – not the lack of copying the workgroup email. I could have made that clearer as it was within the context of my 9/12 email, which said:

I’ve been told you have emailed staff with a request to post certain things without even copying me. Is that true? If yes, why, as that’s not OK from my perspective. Each Workgroup members needs equal and transparent access. This “bridge” collaborative process will not work if folks do the same things that happened in the last CUP process. That is exactly what the BOC wants to avoid.

I note my Saturday’s email also said, “Additionally, you have sent several emails to me without copying the project email.” You did not disagree with that statement. Please let me know if you do disagree with it. I hoped the issue was resolved because you started doing so, and I thanked you for it. Unfortunately, you then sent the attached email to Darren yesterday without copying the workgroup email or me. It said:

Please take a look at the attached document. This is a portion of the "homework" assigned by Mr. Imperati, a 26-page, densely written, incomplete document, with missing backing documentation, with more than 100 fields, covering more than 50 years of land development & zoning history, that workgroup participants are asked to fill out indicating agreement/neutrality/disagreement with whether extremely technical requirements have been complied with.

Meanwhile, workgroup participants have been given no background in either land use or in the history of the landfill.

I am available today for a phone call.

It appears you don’t want to follow the rules others have been following, which is problematic. Section IX of the Charter says, “The BOC gives broad authority to the Facilitator to interpret this document and guide the WORKGROUP accordingly. The Facilitator will address situations where it appears a participant is not acting according to this document.” This is what I’m doing. Here is my explicit ask; please send emails that are consistent with your respectful meeting tone, and please copy the workgroup email and me.

I also note that the homework assignment you complained about yesterday (behind my back and the backs of members) is a direct result of Thursday's Workgroup discussion. It was intentionally titled, "Compliance with Past Land Use Approvals INFORMAL TRIAGING REQUEST." The idea was suggested by Joel, and it is designed to set the agenda for the subcommittee that you are on. That's where the heavy lifting will take place and it will include highly informed people like yourself with full access to the relevant documents.

I can't recall in the moment, another public process member in my decades of practice, that has pushed back so persistently on virtually every aspect of a process while using such a tone of disrespect. While common courtesy should not need to be codified, please remember the Charter's participant commitment, "Disagree without being disagreeable."

The information that you requested to be posted is being worked on by staff. I will check with Daniel on the status.

I'm sorry you had to spend time determining there was a cut and paste error. I said it felt like a "gotcha" because of the issues previously discussed.

We can talk about the legal issues after the Land Use 101 presentation/discussion planned for our next meeting. Darren has been working on coordinating it over the last couple of weeks and should have the details soon. I suspect the discussion will benefit from taking place in a subcommittee format, but that can be decided soon after our 10/6 meeting.

Thanks, Sam

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From: N Whitcombe <nwhitcombe@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 17, 2022 1:46 PM
To: Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>
Cc: bentoncountytalkstrash@co.benton.or.us
Subject:

See snip below. This is the first time that the group was given explicit instructions about sending emails. Per the timestamp, I received it at 4:28 PM on Friday, September 2.

 **Sam Imperati**
to Kathryn, marypalmigiani534@gmail.com, ewpitera25@gmail.com, bbates@samhealth.org, john.deuel@oregonstate.edu, christopher.mcmorran@gmail.com, I

Happy Friday!

A big thanks to those who have had time to finish the survey... very useful feedback!

The County and I have received helpful emails about finetuning the schedule, prioritizing the tasks, missing topics, and mis appreciated! In hopes of making the process run efficiently, please consider the following protocols, which are designed to workflow effectively. Based upon my past experience with processes like these, they are essential given the iterative nature turnaround time between meetings.

1. Please send process-related emails to the project email, BentonCountyTalksTrash@Co.Benton.OR.US, with a copy to SamImperati@IC everything in one place. We will compile the communications received by Noon the day before meetings. Soon thereafter, we will send a link to the Commissioners, Workgroup Members, and Interested Parties.

See snip below, which was the email I sent to Daniel about missing documents (which are still missing). Per the timestamp, I sent it at 9:48 a.m. on Friday, September 2, several hours before I received your email.

Additions to the document library

N Whitcombe <nwhitcombe@gmail.com>
to REDICK, NICHOLS 

I believe several land use actions are missing from the list. I believe there was another CUP in 1977 to expand the landfill (I believe by 22 acres). Because modification of the landfill had to go through the CUP process prior to 1983 and the LS zoning amendment. There was a vacation of an entire subdivision at the end of Coffin Butte Road. I do not see those actions in the list of prior-year land use actions, and I believe they should be included.

Re: you putting the wrong date on the agenda:

To clarify, I got the agenda with the wrong date and thought that I had perhaps opened the wrong email. So I searched my inbox for "landfill" + "agenda". That didn't work because there are now roughly 29,000 emails in my inbox about the landfill. I then navigated to the terrible Benton County website, and looked for the most current agenda, which also (at the time) had the wrong date. I then pulled up the prior agenda, compared the agenda items, and figured out that it was a typical cut-and-paste error. All told, it took me probably 10 minutes to figure out what had happened.

It is unfortunate that what was a genuine attempt on my part to save other people from experiencing my confusion was characterized by you as "gotcha" on my part.

It is also wrong; I have been, and am, making a very, very concerted effort to be even-handed.

The other comments in your email seem unproductive to address.

If you want to talk to me about the law, tell me what time you would like to call me. I have another call scheduled for 2 pm to probably 4 pm, but not much aside from that.

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From: N Whitcombe <nwhitcombe@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 10:44 PM
To: Benton County Talks Trash
Subject: Fwd:
Attachments: Whitcombe Common Understandings Table of Contents TRACK CHANGE INPUT REQUEST.docx

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Date: Wed, Sep 21, 2022 at 10:42 PM
Subject:
To: Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>

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From: Joel Geier <clearwater@peak.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 11:42 AM
To: Benton County Talks Trash
Cc: GROGAN Cory
Subject: Fwd: Neighborhood tour on Saturday, Oct 1: Please read this before you RSVP to county!

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FYI -- to keep the work group informed.

From: "clearwater" <clearwater@peak.org>
To: "vneqs neighborhood list"
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 11:33:21 AM
Subject: Neighborhood tour on Saturday, Oct 1: Please read this before you RSVP to county!

Good news and bad news:

GOOD NEWS is that the "landfill neighborhood" tour scheduled for Saturday (Oct 1st) is on, after some suspense as to whether the county could provide a bus.

BAD NEWS is that the bus can only seat 26 people. There were 28 people on Republic's landfill tour last Saturday, so this might work -- but possibly not.

So we're asking neighbors who are interested: PLEASE CONSIDER just joining the tour by personal vehicle, at one of several stops where there's sufficient room, and/or at the end of the route where we hope to have a bit of a picnic with the opportunity for further discussions.

I'll share more details on the schedule and locations for the different stops. But this is just to get the word out quickly. The county says they already have 10 RSVPs.

If you already signed up with the county and you'd like to help out by switching to this other option, please let me know and I'll try to sort things out with the county people.

Again, I'll have more & better info soon, but I wanted to get this out ASAP.

Thanks,
Joel

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From: N Whitcombe <nwhitcombe@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2022 9:36 PM
To: Sam Imperati; Benton County Talks Trash
Subject: Fwd: Phone from landfill tour

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Uhoh! I just realized I failed to copy you on this email I sent to Julie Jackson regarding my misplaced telephone! Would hate it if the BCPG did not have a copy of this!

Sorry!

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From: N Whitcombe <nwhitcombe@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Sep 26, 2022 at 5:36 PM
Subject: Phone from landfill tour
To: Jackson, Julie <JJackson6@republicservices.com>

Could you let me know what office to go to to get my phone? I was going to do it today, but over the weekend my mom in California fell and fractured her hip, and I was glued to the phone all day trying to wrangle help for her.

Thanks,

Nancy Whitcombe

P.S. Please let everybody who helped out on the tour know that we really appreciate them taking time out of their Saturday. We can have differing opinions about whether having the landfill is good for Benton County and have the same opinion that the people who work for Republic are good people -- our neighbors and our friends

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Subject: Fwd: Phone from landfill tour

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Final (I hope) email about misplaced phone.

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Sorry!

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From: N Whitcombe <nwhitcombe@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 1, 2022 1:48 PM
To: Sam Imperati; Benton County Talks Trash
Subject: Fwd:
Attachments: Whitcombe Compliance with Past Land Use Approvals INFORMAL TRIAGING REQUEST(1).docx

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From: N Whitcombe <nwhitcombe@gmail.com>
Date: Sat, Oct 1, 2022 at 1:41 PM
Subject: Fwd:
To: kkenaston <kkenaston@comcast.net>

Ken Kenaston,

Here are my comments on compliance with prior conditions of approval with prior CUP's. As you can see, this is a LOT of land use applications. My primary concern is that staff appears to think that DEQ approval overrides county requirements wrt conditions of approval, which I do not believe to be the case in conditions of approval where DEQ is not specifically called out as the regulatory entity.

Do conditions of approval, like easements, ride with the land, do you know?

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From: N Whitcombe <nwhitcombe@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 3:58 PM
To: Sam Imperati; Benton County Talks Trash
Subject: Fwd: Planning commission agenda item

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Subject: Planning commission agenda item
To: Nicholas Fowler <nicholas.f.fowler@gmail.com>
Cc: NICHOLS Darren <darren.nichols@co.benton.or.us>, Liz Irish <lizirish@ymail.com>

I wonder if it would be appropriate to put a report from the materials management process group as an item for an upcoming planning commission meeting. I know I would appreciate clarification from the entire group as to the utility of a certain of the workgroup charges, for example clarification of ambiguous terms, considering that a certain amount of ambiguity actually gives commissioners more flexibility to reflect community mores, values, etc.

It might be useful also to begin to think about asking the workgroup what standards to use if certain portions of the current code dealing with landfill issues are to be tackled by the Planning Commission at some point in the future.

Happy to answer any questions, if you'd like to set up a time for a phone call.

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From: Joel Geier <clearwater@peak.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 5:04 PM
To: Benton County Talks Trash
Subject: Fwd: Update on Saturday's "landfill neighborhood" tour and picnic

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Keeping the work group informed ...

From: "Joel Geier" <clearwater@peak.org>
To: "vneqs neighborhood group"
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 4:59:51 PM
Subject: Update on Saturday's "landfill neighborhood" tour and picnic

Hi again folks,

Latest word from the County is that they have a second bus and driver available for Saturday's landfill, if needed. The first bus can seat 26 passengers. The second bus can seat 24. So we can accommodate up to 50 people (my best current estimate is around 20).

Having two separate buses will create some communication challenges, but I think that's better than asking people to stay home or just join part of the tour. **So please go ahead and sign up, if you're interested** (see below for the link).

If anyone has a set of FRS radios to share, or enough tech savvy to rig up a cellphone/speaker system that could broadcast between buses, that could be a huge help! Otherwise we'll just have to accept that the two different buses will get slightly different flavors of the same tour.

Here's the info on how to sign up, from the county's official announcement:

Neighborhood Tour

October 1, 2022 (Saturday)

Transportation will leave promptly at 10 AM, and will return at approximately 12:15 PM.

*Open to the public. **Please RSVP to pioinfo@co.benton.or.us by 9/29/22 at 5pm.***

Meet at Adair County Park (off Arnold Ave., go to north end of park by the softball fields).

After the tour group gets back to the park around 12:15 PM, there will be a "community hosted picnic lunch" (or at least snacks) back at the picnic shelter in the north end of Camp Adair Park.

If you're not joining the tour, this would be a great way to help. I plan to bake a couple of apple pies myself, and maybe whip up a batch of deviled eggs to help work through the back-log from our overly productive hens (who knew six hens could lay so many eggs?). We don't need to go overboard, but it seems neighborly not to send the group away hungry.

We might also need 1-2 volunteers to "hold down the fort" at the picnic shelter while the tour is happening (so, 10 AM to noonish). Becky Merja tried to book the shelter but it turns out that it's not bookable on October 1st, despite what the county website says. It's "first-come-first-served" after the sun goes down on September 30th. I can be there 9-10 AM on Saturday to make it look occupied, and will welcome any company, but we should have at least a couple of people to hold it until the buses return at noon.

The weather forecast looks excellent so it's not a disaster if we have to use some of the unsheltered picnic tables. But the shelter has a few niceties that might be useful for a group (maybe even electricity, I'll work on that).

I think that's all for now, but please contact me if you can help to make this a success. **One thing that I'd really welcome is someone to coordinate the picnic at the end of the route!**

Meanwhile, happy fall ... I think we can finally say that after last night's very welcome rain.

Joel

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From: Joel Geier <clearwater@peak.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 6:40 PM
To: N Whitcombe
Cc: Sam Imperati; Benton County Talks Trash; NICHOLS Darren
Subject: Re: Have you seen this?

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Yeah, they know their market.

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Cc: "Sam Imperati" <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>, "BentonCountyTalksTrash" <bentoncountytalkstrash@co.benton.or.us>, "Darren Nichols" <Darren.Nichols@co.benton.or.us>
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 6:21:14 PM
Subject: Re: Have you seen this?

That's funny, I was able to download the link. Maybe they realized I'm not a scientist.

On Wed, Sep 21, 2022 at 6:19 PM Joel Geier <clearwater@peak.org> wrote:
Thanks Nancy,

No, I haven't seen this even though I'm on Elsevier's list as a scientific peer reviewer for groundwater publications. Unfortunately even though they give me free "reviewer" links that last for about a month after I review an article, I haven't done one for them in the past couple of years. So I can't access the full article without paying their fee, and Elsevier is one of the most expensive scientific publishers.

Now that the county seems to have found a half-million dollar budget for this issue, perhaps they could spend a few dollars of that to provide access for our work group, or else work with the OSU library (which might have an institutional subscription).

This article also looks interesting and potentially relevant for our work group:

Groundwater pollution assessment in landfill areas: Is it only about the leachate?
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0956053X19307342>

I've cc:d Darren on this since I'm not sure that e-mails to the "BentonCountyTalksTrash" address go to anyone other than Sam.

Joel

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Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 11:49 AM
To: Benton County Talks Trash
Subject: Gazette-Times

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Please add me to the email distribution list for the Talks Trash work group.

Thank you,

Cody Mann | [Reporter](#)
Corvallis Gazette-Times
971-240-2104

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From: Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2022 6:43 PM
To: Joel Geier
Cc: Benton County Talks Trash
Subject: RE: Benton County Solid Waste Assessment Group Homework -- triaging the compliance issues

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Joel,

Thanks for completing the homework. I will include your comments in the summary and we can standup the subcommittee to do the heavy lifting with the needed information.

Sam

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Subject: Re: Benton County Solid Waste Assessment Group Homework -- triaging the compliance issues

Sam and all,

Here's my mark-up of the compliance-issues document. A few prefatory notes:

1) This approach was not actually what I suggested for triaging these issues in the meeting. I suggested a "vote-a-rama" which we quickly went through the list as a group, just voting 1/2/3 with minimal discussion of each item. I regret that my suggestion wasn't fully understood, as I think this wound up being a whole lot more work for everyone, outside of the time that people are already committing to meetings.

2) The document was not fully ready for us to do this kind of triage. There are numerous places where the "status" column says something to the effect, "More research needed." We can't really give a final opinion on those items until the research is completed. In some cases they might turn out to be non-controversial. But for now I'm voting 3 on all of those.

3) Some of the responses really seem to be beating around the bush to avoid saying, "not in compliance." For example if screening is "not completed" even 20 years after a permit was issued, why not just state clearly, "Not in compliance."

4) I understand that county staff might want to explain why, for many conditions (lighting, noise etc.) they have not been monitoring. But it makes the document less clear than it ought to be. "Complaint-based monitoring" really means "no monitoring" in practice. In such cases, I've suggested this more direct language.

5) "Operating hours" seem to be where there is most reluctance to make a clear statement that the landfill is out of compliance. Three or four special kinds of "operations" are mentioned that take place outside of the operating hours that were stated as conditions for the permits.

On this last issue, for comparison I took a look at Lane County's Short Mountain Landfill. That landfill **only** serves commercial account holders, yet they seem to be able to restrict those haulers to their stated operating hours (7 AM to 5 PM weekdays and Saturdays). Seems like there's a lesson for Benton County our working group in there.

Joel

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And here's part 2 of the homework

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Subject: Re: Concerns about direction of solid-waste working group

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Sam,

I noticed from the time stamp that you were up typing this after midnight. So I'm going to let some of the more flippant things in here pass, on the understanding that few of us are in top form at that hour.

But there is one thing in here that really concerns me, even though you introduced it in jocular, quasi-Trumpian terms ("some people believe").

You seem to be harboring a view that objections by landfill neighbors, on any important issue where the group doesn't reach a consensus, can be dismissed as "positional tactics" by "people who oppose any kind of landfill expansion."

This is especially concerning to me, given the composition of the group. You note that Republic Services Inc. has only two polling members. There is really only one landfill neighbor: me. And I'm on there as a SWAC representative, so not entirely a free agent.

I understand that the commissioners thought it was enough if the group included one other person who lives farther away, in the upper Soap Creek Valley. But that person also is not entirely a free agent, as she also represents the Planning Commission. And moreover, the residents of upper Soap Creek Valley have different concerns than immediate landfill neighbors.

As far as I know, there is not a single other member of the work group who lives or owns property anywhere north of the Corvallis city limits, out of the 8000+ people who live in the north county.

So I think we need to clear up whether "consensus" will really mean consensus, in your final report and in your conversations with decision-makers. And we need to be confident about how you'll present your findings on non-consensus topics. Right now, I'm not confident that counterarguments from minority stakeholders will be treated seriously.

Thanks,
Joel

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Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2022 12:41:19 AM

Subject: RE: Concerns about direction of solid-waste working group

Joel,

If by “lawyerly reply,” you mean clear, factual, and direct... thanks! 😊 As to “lengthy,” I agree because those who have not had a chance to track the back-and-forth deserve to know the full context on issues as important as this.

As to your “Do the commissioners really want for us to take a deep look at Benton County's waste issues, or do they want us to have a narrow focus on a potential new CUP application” question, you can bring this up at our next workgroup meeting to see if there is a consensus to ask them, as I suggested. You are also free to ask them on your own behalf.

As to, “If the working group appointed by the commissioners clearly wants to put more focus on the broader issue of a Sustainable Materials Management Plan, and less focus on CUP criteria, are you willing to support that as a facilitator,” the answer is I will dutifully convey the Workgroup’s desire to the Commissioners. I will also recommend that Workgroup members present the request directly, so there is no concern that I might misrepresent anything.

As to, “Do you feel that your role as a "strong" facilitator is to keep herding us all toward some narrowly defined objectives, which were mostly formulated by yourself,” my role as a strong facilitator is to “continue to be assertive about the need to collaborate,” as I stated previously. It also includes providing my best judgment about what the community needs after listening to everyone’s views. As supplemented by the reasons that were given below, I simply do not think we can or should spend time doing more than scoping the SWMP/SMMP during this “bridge” process. The Commissioners agreed with that advice, and I will facilitate accordingly until they make a different decision. I would be surprised if you believe they would blindly ignore their better judgement and defer to mine.

I appreciate that you disagree with me, but saying I’m “herding [the Workgroup] toward some narrowly defined objectives” is just restating your disagreement with the current course. I get it, and I’ve provided a path forward for you to again pursue your point of view. I think that is a reasonable way to proceed. Please let me know if you have a better suggestion.

For what it’s worth, I can probably count on one hand the number of times when advisory group members have continued to push so much/so long against an appointing body’s charge. They tend to recognize, even if reluctantly, the right of the elected/appointed officials to determine what they want, and don’t want, from their appointed advisory bodies. You are free to push, duh, but please recognize the cost of doing so can impact the chances of any success for the community at large. You may think that’s hyperbole, but my experience tells me otherwise.

Speaking with radical candor, I’ll surface the reality that some believe, correctly or incorrectly, that the desire of some to not discuss anything CUP-related is motivated by their plan to stop any landfill expansion with a likely adverse SWAC recommendation and Planning Commission findings given the current makeup of those bodies. As a result, any consensus Workgroup guidance will potentially make that more difficult to accomplish. If true, that is a positional tactic, that defeats the purpose of this consciously designed exploration of the issues impacting the entire community.

Please consider that the Charter includes clear statements that the Workgroup is only making recommendations – not decisions, within the following CUP sideboards.

This proposed element does NOT include opining on the merits of Republic Services' expected Coffin Butte application, nor does it involve the actual writing of potential code language or recommendations that change the current steps in the existing CUP review process. The scope is limited to developing conceptual language for recommended review criteria and recommended guidelines for interpreting any existing ambiguous provisions using the below "Common Understanding" as guideposts. The WORKGROUP must operate within the legal parameters associated with its specific recommendations.

The Commissioners are simply asking for community input, which is consistent with statewide land use policy, as Darren indicated during Thursday's meeting.

Finally, I've been told there is a fear that Republic will write the Workgroup recommendations for the CUP element. I respectfully submit that fear is unlikely to materialize when any one member can block a consensus recommendation, and they only have two polling members.

Thanks and all the best to you, as well.

Sam

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Subject: Re: Concerns about direction of solid-waste working group

Sam,

Thanks for your very lengthy and lawyerly reply. I think the issues here are much more simple:

- (1) Do the commissioners really want for us to take a deep look at Benton County's waste issues, or do they want us to have a narrow focus on a potential new CUP application?
- (2) If the working group appointed by the commissioners clearly wants to put more focus on the broader issue of a Sustainable Materials Management Plan, and less focus on CUP criteria, are you willing to support that as a facilitator? Or ...
- (3) Do you feel that your role as a "strong" facilitator is to keep herding us all toward some narrowly defined objectives, which were mostly formulated by yourself?

Thanks, and all the best,
Joel

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Joel,

I appreciate your email about where the workgroup is headed. I "heard" your preference on the CUP vs. SWMP issue during the assessment, and recently during the Workgroup meetings... thanks!

I've included a summary of what we discussed during Thursday's meeting along with some additional clarification for you consideration. Hopefully, it's helpful. If not, let's talk in "real time."

1. The Board made the decision to limit the SWMP/SMMP discussion to scoping, and that is the direction we have been heading since they approved the Charter. The CUP element was a concern for others, including the Commissioners, and that's why they included it in the Charter. (For context, I interviewed approximately 16 people, including the three Commissioners.) I do not think encouraging the Workgroup to do what the Board has asked them to do is "[railroading] toward a very narrow focus on CUP criteria" for the reasons explained below.
2. Here is what the CUP element includes:
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3. The Charter gave the Workgroup the opportunity to prioritize the five charges in concurrence with County staff. For what it's worth, staff supports the draft workplan, which noted it was subject to change. Here were the working allocations used then.

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Workplan	33	47	13	5	2	100

4. The workgroup responded via two surveys. The results are summarized as follows. (Note: I don't think the numbers are the real issue here, as noted below.)

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Happy to discuss orally.

All the best to you, as well!

Thanks, Sam

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All the best,
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From: Joel Geier <clearwater@peak.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 4:47 PM
To: N Whitcombe
Cc: Sam Imperati; Benton County Talks Trash
Subject: Re: Joel, could you check for accuracy?

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Thanks Nancy! He's 24 now and living out-of-state, and his cat was having health issues, so no cake for us tonight. But hopefully we can do a delayed celebration next month.

The day he was born in 1998 was also the last day we ever drove our old 1978 Honda Civic. The rear wheel bearing froze up just as I was driving out the long driveway of the farmhouse that we were renting back then, on my way into town to swap cars with Becky who was working at the county Health Department when she went into labor. I had his older sister along and had to carry her back 1/4 mile on my shoulders to get our Ford pickup.

We left the car out there at the end of the driveway for a few days (actually in full view of what was then a much smaller landfill, mostly visible when it caught fire). It was a good car that still got 35 mpg even though some parts were literally held together with baling wire, and I wired in a lamp switch that I ran through the firewall so that I could manually switch on the radiator fan if it started to overheat. It was originally owned by some old military guy in Idaho.

The car came to me with an ice scraper and a plastic coffee cup that I still use. The cup is supposedly good for free coffee forever at a mini-mart in Centralia WA, but pretty sure that place no longer exists (I did look for it, plastic coffee cup in hand, on a recent trip to Olympia for some bird surveys).

I'm noticing now that we have the work group copied on all of this, but I think that 30+ year old coffee cup deserves to be part of the record as we start to talk about Sustainable Materials Management.

From: "N Whitcombe" <nwhitcombe@gmail.com>
To: "clearwater" <clearwater@peak.org>
Cc: "Sam Imperati" <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>, "BentonCountyTalksTrash" <bentoncountytalkstrash@co.benton.or.us>
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 4:17:41 PM
Subject: Re: Joel, could you check for accuracy?

Happy birthday to your youngest? How old? What kind of cake?

On Wed, Sep 21, 2022 at 4:06 PM N Whitcombe <nwhitcombe@gmail.com> wrote:

I'll just send it in then, I was hoping that you could fill in some of the blanks I don't know about wrt wetlands and stormwater drainage particularly, but this will have to do (roughly 8 hours of work in this, believe it or not).

On Wed, Sep 21, 2022 at 3:46 PM Joel Geier <clearwater@peak.org> wrote:

I can take a look tomorrow. It's our youngest kid's birthday today, expecting a call back any minute. Then after that I need to prep for an early-morning meeting with a Swedish research team.

Joel

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Cc: "Sam Imperati" <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>, "BentonCountyTalksTrash" <bentoncountytalkstrash@co.benton.or.us>
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 3:30:39 PM
Subject: Joel, could you check for accuracy?

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From: GROGAN Cory
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2022 8:41 AM
To: 'Marge'; Benton County Talks Trash; Sam Imperati Oregon Consensus Assessment
Cc: NICHOLS Darren
Subject: RE: It's hard to find the workgroup webpage...

Hi Marge,

Thanks for the feedback. We can reach out to our IT team to see if there is any way to improve search results. As for the branding, we use both "Benton County Talks Trash" and "Solid Waste Process Work Group". We can use both in the headline next time and see if that helps. I say that because I think it will work well as a headline. Something like ... Benton County Talks Trash, Solid Waste Process Work Group ...

We have also established an interested parties email list, are posting on social media, sending to media partners, and are planning to consistently send twice monthly updates.

Respectfully,



Cory Grogan

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Sent: Saturday, September 17, 2022 11:52 AM
To: GROGAN Cory <cory.grogan@Co.Benton.OR.US>; Benton County Talks Trash <bentoncountytalkstrash@Co.Benton.OR.US>; Sam Imperati Oregon Consensus Assessment <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>
Cc: NICHOLS Darren <darren.nichols@Co.Benton.OR.US>
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Community members have voiced their frustration to me regarding the difficulty of finding our workgroup webpage. I discovered that the catchy 'Benton County Talks Trash' appellation was what tripped them up when they tried to Google that term.

While I vastly prefer the no-nonsense term 'Solid Waste Process Work Group' to the whimsical 'Benton County Talks Trash', I have to acknowledge that the latter term sticks in your mind. So, it is doubly unfortunate that the County chose to highlight the 'Talks Trash' term in its initial public news release on September 12 but then seem to settle upon the more serious Solid Waste Process Work Group without publicly noting that transition and without emphasizing that change.

Subject: Benton County workgroup talking trash & the future of solid waste...note first sentence The “Benton County Talks Trash” workgroup



Benton County News Release
OREGON

Benton County workgroup talking trash & the future of solid waste

Sept. 12, 2022

Recycle Food & Yard Waste Landfill

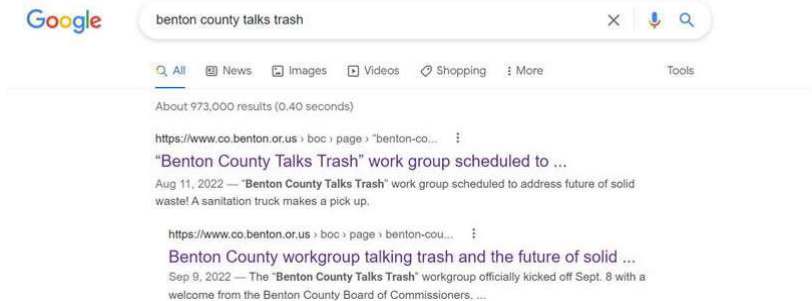


The “Benton County Talks Trash” workgroup officially kicked off Sept. 8 with a welcome from the Benton County Board of Commissioners, introductions, and discussion about a collaboration process that will be happening through mid-December to support decision-making about the future of solid waste in Benton County. This includes developing common understandings, advising the Board on the criteria and information requirements for any future land use process at the landfill, and recommending the process for developing a long-term sustainable materials management plan and community education program.

The public is invited to attend the twice-monthly meetings via Zoom or in-person. For information about the meetings, how to attend or to provide feedback or comments, community members are encouraged to email bentoncountytalkstrash@Co.Benton.OR.US.

Additional information about upcoming meetings, participation, supporting documents

Also, apparently no attempt was made to update web page headers so, when a citizen uses the search term “Benton County Talks Trash,” using Google, the first few results shown below appear (from 9/17), none of which reference our web page. The workgroup webpage is not listed in the first two pages of results although there are two citations from Benton County Indiana mentioning a man cutting off his girlfriend’s legs (he put them in trash bags, which is apparently what Google keyed on).



This kind of oversight makes it very difficult for the public to access our webpage or to contact us with their comments and opinions.

Could you 1) instruct your IT department to train Google to show results for the workgroup webpage in response to the search term: 'Benton County Talks Trash' 2) consider issuing another News Release that clarifies the transition

Thanks,
Marge Popp

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From: Joel Geier <clearwater@peak.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 2:29 PM
To: Sam Imperati
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Subject: Work group "homework": SWMP/SMMP TOC

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Sam,

I looked through the Sustainable Materials Management Plan comparative TOC and have no edits to suggest at this point.

The list of topics seems to be appropriate and reasonably comprehensive, at least for a top-level TOC. So there will be no attached file with this.

A useful task for the working group could be to drill down on some of the key topics and discuss what should be the expected subtopics that should be assessed in detail by an eventual consultant.

For example, under the topics related to landfills, I'd expect that SWAC members would strongly support having this include a look at methane generation and release from a landfill, with or without cogeneration/flaring to convert to CO2 emissions. The overall climate impacts should be considered if this is to be a SMMP (though not always considered in more old-fashioned SWMPs).

It could also be useful to ask the work group to identify unique aspects of Benton County's waste stream and recycling options. For example John Deuel mentioned how waste and recycling from OSU is highly cyclic, as a function of student move-in/move-out dates on campus. So there may be potential for economies of scale in materials recovery, different from counties where residential or commercial sources are more dominant.

But these types of things might be better to discuss after we move on from the CUP/landfill-specific topics to focus more on the SMMP.

Joel

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Subject: Great Neighborhood Tour on Saturday!

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I would like to thank Joel Geier, Nancy Whitcombe, and all the Soap Creek neighbors for arranging a fantastic multimedia tour of the Coffin Butte and Soap Creek area Saturday morning. It was so thoughtfully produced, from the Trash Talks destination sign greeting us from our bus to the terrific picnic lunch (accompanied by awesome wine from the vineyard of one of the neighbors) that you served our group. It was professionally done and every minute was enlightening and engrossing.

Experiencing the cohesiveness and energy of the Soap Creek community was uplifting and I felt fortunate to be a part of this experience.

Marge Popp

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Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2022 4:51 PM
To: Sam Imperati; Benton County Talks Trash
Subject: Homework
Attachments: Duvall CUP Conditions.docx; Duvall TOC Recommendations.docx

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Homework from the last meeting attached. I didn't add anything to the SWMP so didn't include it here.

Thank you,
Kathryn

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From: Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 18, 2022 2:27 PM
To: NICHOLS Darren
Cc: Adam Meyer; Amelia Webb
Subject: Hdre's another draft to review.RE: Concerns about direction of solid-waste working group

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Joel,

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From: Louisa and Craig Shelby <louisa@peak.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2022 7:31 AM
To: Benton County Talks Trash; samimperati
Subject: Homework

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Hi,
I have read through the homework and I just don't have time to finish this by this morning. I could have it complete by Monday the 26th though. Sorry about that but I will do my best to complete it by Monday. Thanks!
Louisa Shelby

WILLIAMS Inga

From: Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2022 6:29 PM
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Liz,

I appreciate your inquiry. Yes, we are asking if you agree with the staff "result," which appears in the "Status" column for each of the conditions of approval. The "ask" is to poll 1-2-3 by putting a check in the row that best indicates your level of agreement/disagreement with the staff's statement about that condition's status.

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Please reach out again if you have any remaining questions or comments. BTW, welcome back, and we look forward to seeing you in person on October 6, 2022.

Thanks, Sam



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Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions, and we are looking forward to seeing you at the landfill tour next Saturday... details and RSVP to follow early next week... including the closed-toe shoe requirement!

Thanks, Sam



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From: Mary Parmigiani <maryparmigiani534@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 8:26 PM
To: Benton County Talks Trash; SamImperati@icmresolutions.com
Subject: Homework Email
Attachments: [Parmigiani] CUP CONDITIONS.docx; [Parmigiani], SWMP TOC.docx; [Parmigiani], TOC Recommendations.docx

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Hi,
This is Mary Parmigiani. I've attached the homework documents with my comments on them.

Thanks,
Mary P.

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From: Louisa and Craig Shelby <louisa@peak.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2022 12:16 AM
To: Benton County Talks Trash; samimperati
Subject: Homework
Attachments: Shelby CUP.docx

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Hi,
I didn't really have anything to add to the other documents but the topics for the solid waste management plan look great. I wasn't sure what you meant by a "track change".
Louisa Shelby

WILLIAMS Inga

From: Marge <marge@jyo.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 17, 2022 11:52 AM
To: GROGAN Cory; Benton County Talks Trash; Sam Imperati Oregon Consensus Assessment
Cc: NICHOLS Darren
Subject: It's hard to find the workgroup webpage...

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Community members have voiced their frustration to me regarding the difficulty of finding our workgroup webpage. I discovered that the catchy 'Benton County Talks Trash' appellation was what tripped them up when they tried to Google that term.

While I vastly prefer the no-nonsense term 'Solid Waste Process Work Group' to the whimsical 'Benton County Talks Trash', I have to acknowledge that the latter term sticks in your mind. So, it is doubly unfortunate that the County chose to highlight the 'Talks Trash' term in its initial public news release on September 12 but then seem to settle upon the more serious Solid Waste Process Work Group without publicly noting that transition and without emphasizing that change.

Subject: Benton County workgroup talking trash & the future of solid waste...note first sentence The "Benton County Talks Trash" workgroup



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Sept. 12, 2022

Recycle Food & Yard Waste Landfill



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The public is invited to attend the twice-monthly meetings via Zoom or in-person. For information about the meetings, how to attend or to provide feedback or comments, community members are encouraged to email bentoncountytalkstrash@Co.Benton.OR.US.

Additional information about upcoming meetings, participation, supporting documents

Also, apparently no attempt was made to update web page headers so, when a citizen uses the search term "Benton County Talks Trash," using Google, the first few results shown below appear (from 9/17), none of which reference our web page. The workgroup webpage is not listed in the first two pages of results although there are two citations from Benton County Indiana mentioning a man cutting off his girlfriend's legs (he put them in trash bags, which is apparently what Google keyed on).



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Aug 11, 2022 — "Benton County Talks Trash" work group scheduled to address future of solid waste! A sanitation truck makes a pick up.

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This kind of oversight makes it very difficult for the public to access our webpage or to contact us with their comments and opinions.

Could you 1) instruct your IT department to train Google to show results for the workgroup webpage in response to the search term: 'Benton County Talks Trash' 2) consider issuing another News Release that clarifies the transition

Thanks,

Marge Popp

From: Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 1:03 PM
To: Marge
Cc: Benton County Talks Trash; NICHOLS Darren
Subject: RE: Compliance with Past Land Use Approvals triaging document

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Good Afternoon, Marge

I appreciate your concerns. Please know this informal triage exercise is not a “last call,” the heavy lifting will be done by the subcommittee, and the formal polling will be done at an official meeting with the benefit of the subcommittee’s work in hand. Any condition that does not enjoy a “Consensus” (everyone voting one or two,) will be analyzed further. If you would like more information before you answer, I suggest you poll with a “two” or “three,” noting what you would like to see, which will be provided after this “informal triaging” exercise. For example, one member did this:

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From: Marge <marge@jyo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 9:18 AM
To: Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>; Darren Nichols <darren.nichols@co.benton.or.us>
Subject: Compliance with Past Land Use Approvals triaging document

Hi Sam and Darren,

I am having trouble trying to understand the purpose and meaning of our 'indication of agreement/disagreement' responses to the Compliance with Past Land Use Approvals triaging document recently sent to the workgroup.

I am not qualified to opine on the analysis of the status of most of these conditions of approval beyond what is self-evident from a reading of this document. How do I know if Condition of Approval 2002 item 4. Provide on-site parking for employees, customers, and visitors to the landfill site has been completed as the status indicates? I am confused to be asked to rate my level of agreement/disagreement with the status "additional research needed" that appears for many of the items. How can I make any judgement about that? Does it even make any sense to ask me?

The only way I can tell if an item is in non-compliance is when text in the Status box actually explains to me how the item is not in compliance. Then I can form the logical conclusion from information given to me in this very table that the condition of approval was not met. For example, I can conclude that condition of approval 2002 item 6 'The landfill operation hours shall occur between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 12:00 p.m. through 5:00 p.m. on Sundays' is not in compliance by reading the text in the Status column which quotes the Republic Services Environmental Manager as saying operations commence at 4:30 AM. Why isn't the status simply 'Not complied with?'

Am I supposed to go through and rate all the self-acknowledged violations of the conditions of approval a 3? What is the purpose of that?

The example I provided in our last meeting regarding the 'not completed' status of a landscape buffer which appears impossible to meet given the current laws of physics is an example of the type of issue that I believe would be worthwhile for the work group to address. I believe the only relevant Conditions of Approval for our purposes are those which have not been met. This is the level of input I would expect our work group to be asked to give.

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From: Joel Geier <clearwater@peak.org>
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2022 11:28 AM
To: Sam Imperati; Benton County Talks Trash
Cc: NICHOLS Darren; WYSE Nancy; AUGEROT Xanthippe; MALONE Patrick
Subject: Landfill neighborhood tour invitation: Adair County Park, Saturday, October 10:00 AM to 12:15 PM
Attachments: AdairCountyParkDirections.png

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Sam and all,

After looking into alternatives, it looks like the best starting point for the "landfill neighborhood" tour on Saturday will be Adair County Park, in Adair Village off of the east end of Arnold Ave. I've attached a map with basic directions for participants starting from Corvallis.

This site has ample parking where we can safely load/unload from buses, and also a picnic area where there will be a neighborhood-hosted picnic lunch at the end of the tour.

Darren mentioned that there was still some uncertainty about the county being able to supply drivers for this event. But otherwise everything else is looking good, including the weather forecast.

Thanks,
Joel

P.S. I've included our county commissioners on this, in the hope that they can find time to join us.

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Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 3:31 PM
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Subject: RE: Concerns about direction of solid-waste working group

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Joel,

If by “lawyerly reply,” you mean clear, factual, and direct... thanks! 😊 As to “lengthy,” I agree because those who have not had a chance to track the back-and-forth deserve to know the full context on issues as important as this.

As to your “Do the commissioners really want for us to take a deep look at Benton County's waste issues, or do they want us to have a narrow focus on a potential new CUP application” question, you can bring this up at our next workgroup meeting to see if there is a consensus to ask them, as I suggested. You are also free to ask them on your own behalf.

As to, “If the working group appointed by the commissioners clearly wants to put more focus on the broader issue of a Sustainable Materials Management Plan, and less focus on CUP criteria, are you willing to support that as a facilitator,” the answer is I will dutifully convey the Workgroup’s desire to the Commissioners. I will also recommend that Workgroup members present the request directly, so there is no concern that I might misrepresent anything.

As to, “Do you feel that your role as a "strong" facilitator is to keep herding us all toward some narrowly defined objectives, which were mostly formulated by yourself,” my role as a strong facilitator is to “continue to be assertive about the need to collaborate,” as I stated previously. It also includes providing my best judgment about what the community needs after listening to everyone’s views. As supplemented by the reasons that were given below, I simply do not think we can or should spend time doing more than scoping the SWMP/SMMP during this “bridge” process. The Commissioners agreed with that advice, and I will facilitate accordingly until they make a different decision. I would be surprised if you believe they would blindly ignore their better judgement and defer to mine.

I appreciate that you disagree with me, but saying I’m “herding [the Workgroup] toward some narrowly defined objectives” is just restating your disagreement with the current course. I get it, and I’ve provided a path forward for you to again pursue your point of view. I think that is a reasonable way to proceed. Please let me know if you have a better suggestion.

For what it’s worth, I can probably count on one hand the number of times when advisory group members have continued to push so much/so long against an appointing body’s charge. They tend to recognize, even if reluctantly, the right of the elected/appointed officials to determine what they want, and don’t want, from their appointed advisory bodies. You are free to push, duh, but please recognize the cost of doing so can impact the chances of any success for the community at large. You may think that’s hyperbole, but my experience tells me otherwise.

Speaking with radical candor, I’ll surface the reality that some believe, correctly or incorrectly, that the desire of some to not discuss anything CUP-related is motivated by their plan to stop any landfill expansion with a likely adverse SWAC recommendation and Planning Commission findings given the current makeup of those bodies. As a result, any consensus Workgroup guidance will potentially make that more difficult to accomplish. If true, that is a positional tactic, that defeats the purpose of this consciously designed exploration of the issues impacting the entire community.

Please consider that the Charter includes clear statements that the Workgroup is only making recommendations – not decisions, within the following CUP sideboards.

This proposed element does NOT include opining on the merits of Republic Services' expected Coffin Butte application, nor does it involve the actual writing of potential code language or recommendations that change the current steps in the existing CUP review process. The scope is limited to developing conceptual language for recommended review criteria and recommended guidelines for interpreting any existing ambiguous provisions using the below "Common Understanding" as guideposts. The WORKGROUP must operate within the legal parameters associated with its specific recommendations.

The Commissioners are simply asking for community input, which is consistent with statewide land use policy, as Darren indicated during Thursday's meeting.

Finally, I've been told there is a fear that Republic will write the Workgroup recommendations for the CUP element. I respectfully submit that fear is unlikely to materialize when any one member can block a consensus recommendation, and they only have two polling members.

Thanks and all the best to you, as well.

Sam

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Subject: Re: Concerns about direction of solid-waste working group

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Thanks, and all the best,
Joel

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Sent: Monday, September 19, 2022 3:53:26 PM

Subject: RE: Concerns about direction of solid-waste working group

Joel,

I appreciate your email about where the workgroup is headed. I “heard” your preference on the CUP vs. SWMP issue during the assessment, and recently during the Workgroup meetings... thanks!

I’ve included a summary of what we discussed during Thursday’s meeting along with some additional clarification for you consideration. Hopefully, it’s helpful. If not, let’s talk in “real time.”

1. The Board made the decision to limit the SWMP/SMMP discussion to scoping, and that is the direction we have been heading since they approved the Charter. The CUP element was a concern for others, including the Commissioners, and that’s why they included it in the Charter. (For context, I interviewed approximately 16 people, including the three Commissioners.) I do not think encouraging the Workgroup to do what the Board has asked them to do is “[railroading] toward a very narrow focus on CUP criteria” for the reasons explained below.
2. Here is what the CUP element includes:
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 - a. A common understanding document outlining which Development Code criteria are applicable to the review of a conditional use application for landfill expansion by reviewing 53.215 (Criteria,) 77.305 (Conditional Uses,) 77.310 (Review,) and 77.405 (DEQ);
 - b. Preparing a conceptual list of any other Development Code criteria the WORKGROUP recommends be applicable; and
 - c. Developing recommended guidelines for interpreting any ambiguous provisions recognizing current statutes, regulations, case law, and County precedent, etc.
 3. The Charter gave the Workgroup the opportunity to prioritize the five charges in concurrence with County staff. For what it’s worth, staff supports the draft workplan, which noted it was subject to change. Here were the working allocations used then.

	A	B	C	D	E	100%
Workplan	33	47	13	5	2	100

4. The workgroup responded via two surveys. The results are summarized as follows. (Note: I don’t think the numbers are the real issue here, as noted below.)

Q8. Topic Allocation (Including New Poll and Initial Poll):

HW for 2 nd meeting	A. Common Understandings	B. Landfill Expansion Cond./Info	C. Scoping L-T SMMP Process	D. Additional Topics	E. Community Education	Total
Polling 1	15	20	30	10	20	100%
Polling 2	25	20	35	10	10	100%
Polling 3	30	30	30	5	5	100%
Polling 4	30	30	30	5	5	100%
Polling 5	40	0	50	0	10	100%
Polling 6	15	25	25	20	15	100%
Polling 7	0	0	100	0	0	100%
Polling 8	20	20	40	15	5	100%
Polling 9	35	25	15	15	10	100%
Polling 10	20	5	60	5	10	100%
Polling 11	25	20	30	10	15	100%
Polling 12	10	30	40	15	5	100%
TOTAL	22.1%	18.75%	40.4%	9.2%	9.2%	100%

Ex-Officio 1	33	30	17	16	4	100%
Ex-Officio 2	30	25	20	10	15	100%
Ex-Officio 3	20	10	40	10	20	100%
TOTAL	27.7%	21.7%	25.7%	12%	13%	100%

Polling + Ex-Officio TOTAL	23.2%	19.3%	37.5%	9.7%	9.9%	100%
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HW for 1 st meeting	A. Common Understandings	B. Landfill Expansion Cond./Info	C. Scoping L-T SMMP Process	D. Additional Topics	E. Community Education	Total
Polling – 14	24.2%	29.4%	34.3%	6.8%	8.0%	100%
Ex-Officio – 2	32%	45.5%	13%	7.5%	2%	100%

Here are the approximate results at the median.

	A	B	C	D	E	%
Polling	22.5%	20%	32.5%	10%	10%	~95
All	25%	20%	30%	10%	10%	~95

5. Yes, the pulse surveys, which are used to start Workgroup discussions, show a Workgroup preference for focusing on the L-T SWMP. However, it won't take the polling members' suggested 40.4% time allocation to scope the SWMP/SMMP. (I note that amount is ~183% more than the suggested time allocated for Common Understandings, a crucial part of our work. If we are to do more than the scoping, it will require a meaningful extension beyond the current 12/15/22 end date of this "bridge" process.
6. There was also a robust conversation after the pulse numbers were presented to the Workgroup that covered the following topics, among others.
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 - a. The L-T SWMP was always limited to scoping it – not completing it – because:
 - i. the recommended independent outside consultant is not the table (the workgroup's work will shape an eventual RFP),

- ii. additional/different people need to participate,
- iii. the planning process takes substantial time to do well, and
- iv. the County has made it clear it will do that work, to the tune of about a half-million dollars, after we complete our work.

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- b. The first two elements of the Charge rely heavily on creating Common Understandings and the third will benefit from them.
- c. As a result, the time allocation issue becomes less relevant because we will be working on the three main topics simultaneously.
- d. Finally, we discussed the practical mechanics of how this will work by referencing the following document, which became part of the homework for our next meeting. In essence, if we focus on the Common Understandings column, we can use each understanding in one or more of the three sections.

DRAFT Table of Contents: Workgroup Recommendations

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<i>1) A chronological history of key Coffin Butte Landfill topics</i>	x		

- 7. Regarding your “pillorying” reference, I intentionally did not name the two people that used zeros. I would have done so if I wanted to “out” them. I noted that allocating 100 points to one element, along with the zeros in the other columns, while their right to do so given the lack of instructions to the contrary, ignores the need to complete the rest of the elements the BOC asked us to accomplish.
- 8. I agreed with you during dinner when you said something to the effect you suspected the person probably did that intentionally because I had used averages previously, and their 100 points-to-one-topic allocation moved the average in their favor. So, yes, I raised the issue because the zeros and the use of 100 had an impact, as noted above.
- 9. Using the median as you suggested changed the SWMP/SMMP number from 40.4 average to 32.5 median. If I was trying to railroad the process, I would have used that information, but chose not to because I offered a solution that resolved the issue without making it a “numbers” game,” which was never the intent, especially given the draft nature of the workplan.
- 10. I think the real issue here is some members want to spend time on the SWMP beyond what is needed to scope it. The Board made that decision consciously because of the “bridge” nature of this process. It is my responsibility to point out what is inconsistent with the Charter, which I did. If the Workgroup wants to ask the Board to amend the Charter to do more with the SWMP now, it can do so by raising the topic at the next WG meeting. As I suggested in the first meeting, appointing bodies tend to prefer their advisory bodies try, before they ask to change the topics upon which they wanted advice, in my experience.
- 11. At the macro level, I do not believe we will succeed if we use the informal “pulse taking” process to impact data in a way that potentially sways outcomes. The Charter’s participant commitments were specifically designed to create a collaborative process. Here’s an example, “Each member agrees to work toward fair, practical, and durable recommendations that reflect the diverse interests of the entire WORKGROUP and the public.” As noted in the Assessment, anything different will not build the

trust and respect needed for the long term success of any Workgroup recommendations. I'm trying to foster exploration because the past debate-like dynamics have meaningfully contributed to what has been a 40+ year stalemate.

The Board appreciated the need for a "strong" facilitator and I will continue to be assertive about the need to collaborate. Thanks for listening.

Happy to discuss orally.

All the best to you, as well!

Thanks, Sam

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Hi Sam,

I'm really concerned about where this work group is headed.

From the very beginning, I expressed to you my concerns that we were being "railroaded" toward a very narrow focus on CUP criteria.

In our last meeting, you spent a lot of valuable time basically pillorying the one member of the group who decided to vote 100% for one item, and 0% for the rest. That was not respectful of the working group. You spent so much time on this that she wound up feeling compelled to "out" herself for her somewhat anomalous vote.

But as I pointed out to you during the break, the results would have been no different if you took the "median" response, reflecting the opinions of the "middle" of the group. Clearly, the "middle members" want to spend more time on the big-picture SMMP issues, and less time on the CUP criteria that you seem to be pushing us toward.

I even wrote out for Adam how to input that formula in Excel, so you could present the opinions of the "middle members". Adam was going to work on it, and you were part of the discussion, but you never presented his results. You went back to complaining about working group members who were supposedly "not being serious" about working toward the goals prescribed by the Commissioners.

Unfortunately, none of the Commissioners were there to respond. Perhaps they need to be attending these meetings, so they can speak directly for themselves.

All the best,
Joel

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Sent: Saturday, September 17, 2022 12:21 PM
To: N Whitcombe
Cc: Benton County Talks Trash; Amelia Webb
Subject: Re: The videos, presentation material, Ken Kenaston's letter, and the Findings from LU-21-047 need to be made available to the workgroup
Attachments: Solid Waste Process Work Group 9-8-22 Meeting TRANSCRIPT.docx; FW: Additions to the document library

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Nancy,

My responses are in [blue](#), below. I drafted them before the last meeting, but didn't have time to finalize them until now... sorry!

Happy to discuss.

Thanks, Sam



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Subject: Fwd: The videos, presentation material, Ken Kenaston's letter, and the Findings from LU-21-047 need to be made available to the workgroup

See below, you were copied.

Yes, that email said, "Subject: The videos, presentation material, Ken Kenaston's letter, and the Findings from LU-21-047 need to be made available to the workgroup." It was perfectly appropriate and appreciated. However, that was not the email I'm referring to. It was your 9-2-22 to Daniel and Darren, attached, asking the County to post a bunch of materials to the project website. You did not copy the Workgroup email [or me](#). Additionally, you have sent several emails to me without copying the project

email. All I'm asking is to copy that email (and include me on emails to staff,) which you are now doing... thanks!

I also said this verbally in the workgroup. Staff promised that this information would be made available on the website. It has not been made available (the links from LU-21-047 are hard to find, and many have expired).

The links from LU-21-047 are here: <https://www.co.benton.or.us/cd/page/materials-management-document-library>. I don't know when they were posted, but staff got to it in a reasonable timeframe. The site says, "2021 Coffin Butte Landfill Land Use File LU-21-047. [Materials](#) (Link Expires 10/12 at 9AM). Password: BentonCounty1!" Please consider something like this, instead, "Hey Sam, when will staff be able to post the CUP information?" That version does not include the implication that staff is breaking its promise.

The reason to ask which staff members prepared which section is not to "cast blame" but to understand where they are coming from. Some staff members understand land use (because that is their background), some understand law, some understand environmental science. One communicates different corrections differently (i.e. more gently) with people who aren't up to speed.

My point is the tone of feedback should be the same regardless if the author is up to speed or not. You do this very well in the meetings, and I hope that approach will be used in future emails.

When you presented "Survey Monkey" responses and poll results, those were anonymized, but certain comments were not anonymized (perhaps you did not realize that). The question of anonymization is "are all comments anonymized, or just some comments?" If only some, who chooses? If you, as facilitator, choose to anonymize some comments, but not anonymize other comments, that needs to be disclosed to workgroup participants. It is a fair question (and one you should answer, not get defensive about). Just answer (as a wise man said, "This is about fixing problems and not about fixing blame").

As explained on Thursday night, the process is copy, paste, and reformat. There is no selection of comments to anonymize and comments not to anonymize. We are not aware of any comments with names attached to them. If you have come across an example where this is not the case, please send me a screenshot, I will apologize, and our team will do better moving forward.

I not being "defensive." I have readily owned my mistakes and will continue to do so. Here is one example based on a recent email exchange between us.

Sam to WG: "I have attached the Agenda for tomorrow's meeting..." (Emphasis added.)

Nancy: "You have the wrong date on your agenda. At the top."

Sam: "Thanks. Daniel caught it last night and my staff fixed it. The new version is on the website."

Nancy: "You should let people know so that they don't waste time, like I did last night, trying to figure out what is going on."

Your last comment feels like a "gotcha" because I find it virtually impossible to believe that someone as smart as you didn't immediately realize there was simply a typo on the Agenda... embarrassing, but a typo.

Suggestion: Perhaps the question about whether workgroup comments should be anonymized should be presented to the group.

They are as I explained during Thursday's meeting and above. I've done it this way for decades without complaint, so please send specific suggestions for a different approach, which we can bring before the workgroup.

The boxes in the most recent Survey Monkey you sent were not expandable.

When I test ran the survey the comment boxes were expandable, and Amelia (Millie) confirmed this to be true. Thus, I'm not sure why yours gave you a hard time. If the problem persists, don't hesitate to Zoom Millie so she can get it fixed in "real time." If she can't get it to cooperate, we'll accept your answers via email, and she will populate them into the data base manually.

FYI, per my recollection, the time agreed to in the meeting was 2:30 - 7:00 pm (after much 1,2,3-ing). Perhaps we should check the video.

The draft of the meeting minutes, taken independently by Darren and one of my assistants, each notes the 3:00 start time as the consensus decision. Here is the raw transcript. Please let me know if you read it differently.

Your email feels hostile to me. If that is correct, I suggest you take a deep breath and a step back.

You are entitled to feel how you feel about my emails, and vice versa. For what it's worth, I'm simply being direct just like you. The public policy processes/procedures/techniques I am using here have worked successfully for years because they are fair, effective, and designed to get collaborative results. I readily welcome suggestions for improvement as I have displayed throughout this process. I just ask that the underlying meta message doesn't convey that staff and/or I are incompetent or up to manipulative mischief. If you feel that is the case, please bring it up at our next meeting for discussion.

Finally, I would like to talk to you in "real time" about how to discuss situations where I and/or others hold a contrary view about the accuracy of statements about the law.

Happy to discuss.

Thanks, Sam

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Sent: Monday, September 12, 2022 7:12 PM

To: Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>

Subject: Re: Benton County Talks Trash Workgroup Homework

1. Why is the time for the next meeting different from what had been agreed to in the meeting? [The meeting will be from 3:00 to 7:00 PM, but we may need to add 30 minutes going forward if we need the time.](#)
2. Please let workgroup participants know which comments they make will be anonymized and which will not. Anonymized comments allow for greater candor. Non-anonymized comments can damage the ability of group members to collaborate. [Workgroup Commitments # 4](#) says, "Allow people to say what is true for them without fear of reprisal." I don't understand why folks comments would be different if they were attributed. We need to be transparent in order to succeed. What am I missing?

3. Please identify, in the draft "Common Understandings" document, which members of staff prepared which sections (some are obvious, i.e. the section prepared by the County Attorney, but knowing who prepared what will help craft responses). I don't intend to do that... sorry. The statements proffered are accurate or they are not. Who wrote what portions of a draft is not relevant to their accuracy. They are drafts to push against... nothing more. This is about fixing problems and not about fixing blame.

4. "Survey Monkey" does not give survey respondents an opportunity to save their own responses. "Survey Monkey" also requires that all fields be answered in the format -- and with the answers -- required by "Survey Monkey". Some questions are not answerable with the options provided (i.e. "Please rank your satisfaction with the meeting pace" allowable answers are "too slow" "just right" "too fast" -- what if one has no opinion on "meeting pace"?). Survey respondents should be allowed to skip questions. Also, the ability to stretch the boxes to allow longer replies had reset to the "impossible to use" format. I can send the raw Excel file for the responses from individuals who request it, but I can assure you the summaries are "copy and paste." The meeting evaluations are a tool to get the general pulse of the group... they are not a scientific. I suggest you answer the best you can. I consciously made a choice as to which answers are required and which are not, based upon what is needed to prime the subsequent meeting conversation. I've used this tool successfully for decades because it works. The "text" boxes were converted to "comment" boxes, so all you have to do is drag the lower right corner (hash marks) to make them bigger.



If you have more to say, you can send an email with attachments.

5. You did a good job allowing public input. Thank you.

I do not intend this email to be incorporated in the workgroup corpus, it's process feedback. Of course it is arguably disclosable if somebody asks, but I request that it not be handed out to the group as large. I also request clarification [missing thought?]

Nancy, saying this can't be "incorporated into the workgroup corpus" is inconsistent with transparency need for us to succeed. Feedback on process can be placed in the meeting evaluations. Additionally, they serve no purpose to be off-the-record. Everyone gets to comment on the process and see what others think. Please consider that virtually everyone else has sent their comments/suggestions/concerns to the project email with a copy to me. (E.G. See this evenings email to paul.) My Facilitator's Initial Observations document, attached, said with specific intention:

While requested previously, starting 9/7/22, the workgroup email requirement will be required, so we have "one table" moving forward. Communications need to go to BentonCountyTalksTrash@Co.Benton.OR.US with a copy to me. Everyone deserves equal and transparent access to the process. This has been observed in the breach and I know not all the emails went there so the packet your received is not complete.

I've been told you have emailed staff with a request to post certain things without even copying me. Is that true? If yes, why, as that's not OK from my perspective. Each Workgroup members need equal and transparent access. This "bridge" collaborative process will not work if folks do the same things that happened in the last CUP process. That is exactly what the BOC wants to avoid.

As a sign of good faith, this is the last time I will refrain from sending your emails and my responses to the process email because the rules need to apply to everyone.

Happy to discuss.

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To: Benton County Talks Trash
Cc: Sam Imperati Oregon Consensus Assessment; NICHOLS Darren
Subject: A couple of spreadsheets that capture important Coffin Butte historical figures over time
Attachments: Coffin Butte Summary Worksheet.xlsx; Coffin Butte Waste Stream by County.xlsx

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In late June, I developed the attached spreadsheets for my own edification. As such, they are not completely transparent but the most pertinent information is pretty apparent. Darren Nichols suggested I share these with the workgroup.

If anyone finds this information useful and has specific questions, by all means contact me. And if you want to use any part as a basis for your own research, please feel free to do so.

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Joel,

If by “lawyerly reply,” you mean clear, factual, and direct... thanks! 😊 As to “lengthy,” I agree because those who have not had a chance to track the back-and-forth deserve to know the full context on issues as important as this.

As to your “Do the commissioners really want for us to take a deep look at Benton County's waste issues, or do they want us to have a narrow focus on a potential new CUP application” question, you can bring this up at our next workgroup meeting to see if there is a consensus to ask them, as I suggested. You are also free to ask them on your own behalf.

As to, “If the working group appointed by the commissioners clearly wants to put more focus on the broader issue of a Sustainable Materials Management Plan, and less focus on CUP criteria, are you willing to support that as a facilitator,” the answer is I will dutifully convey the Workgroup’s desire to the Commissioners. I will also recommend that Workgroup members present the request directly, so there is no concern that I might misrepresent anything.

As to, “Do you feel that your role as a "strong" facilitator is to keep herding us all toward some narrowly defined objectives, which were mostly formulated by yourself,” my role as a strong facilitator is to “continue to be assertive about the need to collaborate,” as I stated previously. It also includes providing my best judgment about what the community needs after listening to everyone’s views. As supplemented by the reasons that were given below, I simply do not think we can or should spend time doing more than scoping the SWMP/SMMP during this “bridge” process. The Commissioners agreed with that advice, and I will facilitate accordingly until they make a different decision. I would be surprised if you believe they would blindly ignore their better judgement and defer to mine.

I appreciate that you disagree with me, but saying I’m “herding [the Workgroup] toward some narrowly defined objectives” is just restating your disagreement with the current course. I get it, and I’ve provided a path forward for you to again pursue your point of view. I think that is a reasonable way to proceed. Please let me know if you have a better suggestion.

For what it’s worth, I can probably count on one hand the number of times when advisory group members have continued to push so much/so long against an appointing body’s charge. They tend to recognize, even if reluctantly, the right of the elected/appointed officials to determine what they want, and don’t want, from their appointed advisory bodies. You are free to push, duh, but please recognize the cost of doing so can impact the chances of any success for the community at large. You may think that’s hyperbole, but my experience tells me otherwise.

Speaking with radical candor, I’ll surface the reality that some believe, correctly or incorrectly, that the desire of some to not discuss anything CUP-related is motivated by their plan to stop any landfill expansion with a likely adverse SWAC recommendation and Planning Commission findings given the current makeup of those bodies. As a result, any consensus Workgroup guidance will potentially make that more difficult to accomplish. If true, that is a positional tactic, that defeats the purpose of this consciously designed exploration of the issues impacting the entire community.

Please consider that the Charter includes clear statements that the Workgroup is only making recommendations – not decisions, within the following CUP sideboards.

This proposed element does NOT include opining on the merits of Republic Services' expected Coffin Butte application, nor does it involve the actual writing of potential code language or recommendations that change the current steps in the existing CUP review process. The scope is limited to developing conceptual language for recommended review criteria and recommended guidelines for interpreting any existing ambiguous provisions using the below "Common Understanding" as guideposts. The WORKGROUP must operate within the legal parameters associated with its specific recommendations.

The Commissioners are simply asking for community input, which is consistent with statewide land use policy, as Darren indicated during Thursday's meeting.

Finally, I've been told there is a fear that Republic will write the Workgroup recommendations for the CUP element. I respectfully submit that fear is unlikely to materialize when any one member can block a consensus recommendation, and they only have two polling members.

Thanks and all the best to you, as well.

Sam

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Sent: Monday, September 19, 2022 3:53:26 PM

Subject: RE: Concerns about direction of solid-waste working group

Joel,

I appreciate your email about where the workgroup is headed. I “heard” your preference on the CUP vs. SWMP issue during the assessment, and recently during the Workgroup meetings... thanks!

I’ve included a summary of what we discussed during Thursday’s meeting along with some additional clarification for you consideration. Hopefully, it’s helpful. If not, let’s talk in “real time.”

1. The Board made the decision to limit the SWMP/SMMP discussion to scoping, and that is the direction we have been heading since they approved the Charter. The CUP element was a concern for others, including the Commissioners, and that’s why they included it in the Charter. (For context, I interviewed approximately 16 people, including the three Commissioners.) I do not think encouraging the Workgroup to do what the Board has asked them to do is “[railroading] toward a very narrow focus on CUP criteria” for the reasons explained below.
2. Here is what the CUP element includes:
 2.
 - a. A common understanding document outlining which Development Code criteria are applicable to the review of a conditional use application for landfill expansion by reviewing 53.215 (Criteria,) 77.305 (Conditional Uses,) 77.310 (Review,) and 77.405 (DEQ);
 - b. Preparing a conceptual list of any other Development Code criteria the WORKGROUP recommends be applicable; and
 - c. Developing recommended guidelines for interpreting any ambiguous provisions recognizing current statutes, regulations, case law, and County precedent, etc.
 3. The Charter gave the Workgroup the opportunity to prioritize the five charges in concurrence with County staff. For what it’s worth, staff supports the draft workplan, which noted it was subject to change. Here were the working allocations used then.

	A	B	C	D	E	100%
Workplan	33	47	13	5	2	100

4. The workgroup responded via two surveys. The results are summarized as follows. (Note: I don’t think the numbers are the real issue here, as noted below.)

Q8. Topic Allocation (Including New Poll and Initial Poll):

HW for 2 nd meeting	A. Common Understandings	B. Landfill Expansion Cond./Info	C. Scoping L-T SMMP Process	D. Additional Topics	E. Community Education	Total
Polling 1	15	20	30	10	20	100%
Polling 2	25	20	35	10	10	100%
Polling 3	30	30	30	5	5	100%
Polling 4	30	30	30	5	5	100%
Polling 5	40	0	50	0	10	100%
Polling 6	15	25	25	20	15	100%
Polling 7	0	0	100	0	0	100%
Polling 8	20	20	40	15	5	100%
Polling 9	35	25	15	15	10	100%
Polling 10	20	5	60	5	10	100%
Polling 11	25	20	30	10	15	100%
Polling 12	10	30	40	15	5	100%
TOTAL	22.1%	18.75%	40.4%	9.2%	9.2%	100%

Ex-Officio 1	33	30	17	16	4	100%
Ex-Officio 2	30	25	20	10	15	100%
Ex-Officio 3	20	10	40	10	20	100%
TOTAL	27.7%	21.7%	25.7%	12%	13%	100%

Polling + Ex-Officio TOTAL	23.2%	19.3%	37.5%	9.7%	9.9%	100%
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HW for 1 st meeting	A. Common Understandings	B. Landfill Expansion Cond./Info	C. Scoping L-T SMMP Process	D. Additional Topics	E. Community Education	Total
Polling – 14	24.2%	29.4%	34.3%	6.8%	8.0%	100%
Ex-Officio – 2	32%	45.5%	13%	7.5%	2%	100%

Here are the approximate results at the median.

	A	B	C	D	E	%
Polling	22.5%	20%	32.5%	10%	10%	~95
All	25%	20%	30%	10%	10%	~95

5. Yes, the pulse surveys, which are used to start Workgroup discussions, show a Workgroup preference for focusing on the L-T SWMP. However, it won't take the polling members' suggested 40.4% time allocation to scope the SWMP/SMMP. (I note that amount is ~183% more than the suggested time allocated for Common Understandings, a crucial part of our work. If we are to do more than the scoping, it will require a meaningful extension beyond the current 12/15/22 end date of this "bridge" process.
6. There was also a robust conversation after the pulse numbers were presented to the Workgroup that covered the following topics, among others.
 6.
 - a. The L-T SWMP was always limited to scoping it – not completing it – because:
 - i. the recommended independent outside consultant is not the table (the workgroup's work will shape an eventual RFP),

- ii. additional/different people need to participate,
- iii. the planning process takes substantial time to do well, and
- iv. the County has made it clear it will do that work, to the tune of about a half-million dollars, after we complete our work.

6.

- b. The first two elements of the Charge rely heavily on creating Common Understandings and the third will benefit from them.
- c. As a result, the time allocation issue becomes less relevant because we will be working on the three main topics simultaneously.
- d. Finally, we discussed the practical mechanics of how this will work by referencing the following document, which became part of the homework for our next meeting. In essence, if we focus on the Common Understandings column, we can use each understanding in one or more of the three sections.

DRAFT Table of Contents: Workgroup Recommendations

IV. Workgroup Recommendations	SECTION A: Develop Common Understandings	SECTION B: Existing Criteria and Information Requirements for Land Use Review Process of any Landfill Expansion.	SECTION C: Scope the Necessary Tasks to Start a Long-Term Sustainable Materials Management Plan Process
<i>1) A chronological history of key Coffin Butte Landfill topics</i>	x		

- 7. Regarding your “pillorying” reference, I intentionally did not name the two people that used zeros. I would have done so if I wanted to “out” them. I noted that allocating 100 points to one element, along with the zeros in the other columns, while their right to do so given the lack of instructions to the contrary, ignores the need to complete the rest of the elements the BOC asked us to accomplish.
- 8. I agreed with you during dinner when you said something to the effect you suspected the person probably did that intentionally because I had used averages previously, and their 100 points-to-one-topic allocation moved the average in their favor. So, yes, I raised the issue because the zeros and the use of 100 had an impact, as noted above.
- 9. Using the median as you suggested changed the SWMP/SMMP number from 40.4 average to 32.5 median. If I was trying to railroad the process, I would have used that information, but chose not to because I offered a solution that resolved the issue without making it a “numbers” game,” which was never the intent, especially given the draft nature of the workplan.
- 10. I think the real issue here is some members want to spend time on the SWMP beyond what is needed to scope it. The Board made that decision consciously because of the “bridge” nature of this process. It is my responsibility to point out what is inconsistent with the Charter, which I did. If the Workgroup wants to ask the Board to amend the Charter to do more with the SWMP now, it can do so by raising the topic at the next WG meeting. As I suggested in the first meeting, appointing bodies tend to prefer their advisory bodies try, before they ask to change the topics upon which they wanted advice, in my experience.
- 11. At the macro level, I do not believe we will succeed if we use the informal “pulse taking” process to impact data in a way that potentially sways outcomes. The Charter’s participant commitments were specifically designed to create a collaborative process. Here’s an example, “Each member agrees to work toward fair, practical, and durable recommendations that reflect the diverse interests of the entire WORKGROUP and the public.” As noted in the Assessment, anything different will not build the

trust and respect needed for the long term success of any Workgroup recommendations. I'm trying to foster exploration because the past debate-like dynamics have meaningfully contributed to what has been a 40+ year stalemate.

The Board appreciated the need for a "strong" facilitator and I will continue to be assertive about the need to collaborate. Thanks for listening.

Happy to discuss orally.

All the best to you, as well!

Thanks, Sam

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Subject: Concerns about direction of solid-waste working group

Hi Sam,

I'm really concerned about where this work group is headed.

From the very beginning, I expressed to you my concerns that we were being "railroaded" toward a very narrow focus on CUP criteria.

In our last meeting, you spent a lot of valuable time basically pillorying the one member of the group who decided to vote 100% for one item, and 0% for the rest. That was not respectful of the working group. You spent so much time on this that she wound up feeling compelled to "out" herself for her somewhat anomalous vote.

But as I pointed out to you during the break, the results would have been no different if you took the "median" response, reflecting the opinions of the "middle" of the group. Clearly, the "middle members" want to spend more time on the big-picture SMMP issues, and less time on the CUP criteria that you seem to be pushing us toward.

I even wrote out for Adam how to input that formula in Excel, so you could present the opinions of the "middle members". Adam was going to work on it, and you were part of the discussion, but you never presented his results. You went back to complaining about working group members who were supposedly "not being serious" about working toward the goals prescribed by the Commissioners.

Unfortunately, none of the Commissioners were there to respond. Perhaps they need to be attending these meetings, so they can speak directly for themselves.

All the best,
Joel

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Subject: 10/6/22 Workgroup Meeting Agenda and Materials
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Happy Sunday Evening!

I have attached the Working Agenda and supporting materials for Thursday's meeting. Once the documents are posted on the project website, we will send an updated agenda with links to the specific documents, as usual.

We are at a critical point in the process. Some Workgroup members have been advocating to change the current Charge to focus more on the SMMP as the best way forward. There has not been a focused opportunity for other members to weigh in outside the meeting evaluations. Please review them and the Agenda's "Comments" document to get a sense of where your colleagues are at. The reality is the time spent processing this and related process issues, during our meetings, and especially between them, has slowed down the work. The attached Working Agenda provides a revised Workplan in light of the current situation.

The core question is, "does the Commission want us to focus this process on:

- a) how the County can close the landfill as soon as possible with the least amount of remaining trash ("elephant in the room?"), or
- b) the Board's current "bridge" Charge to set the stage for the anticipated/planned processes (e.g. CUP application and SMMP)?"

Some folks have said offline that they believe, in effect, option a) should be the goal of this process. It's time for straight talk, so I'm asking to what extent, if any, adhering to the current Charge, will make it more or less difficult to achieve that goal. Other members may, or may not, agree with the "closure" goal and/or the processes' ability to impact it, either way. The current Charter does not ask us to opine on when/whether/how the landfill should be closed. Instead, it defers that question until it is ripe for consideration. It also defers the substantive SMMP work to the process the County already has planned and budgeted. A related consideration is to candidly explore, to what extent, if any, does completing the SMMP impact, positively or negatively, the outcome of expected Expansion CUP request. This may be another "elephant in the room."

It's time to put these and related issues on the table. As a result, County staff and I have asked for Board of Commissioner guidance to inform our Thursday discussion. Their guidance will come during Tuesday's Board meeting, which I encourage you to attend.

AGENDA:

www.co.benton.or.us/sites/default/files/fileattachments/board_of_commissioners_office/meeting/7881/221004_tu.pdf

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www.co.benton.or.us/sites/default/files/fileattachments/board_of_commissioners_office/meeting/7881/221004_tu_pckt.pdf

The attached Working Agenda is designed to give each Workgroup member a chance to react to the Board's direction. The agenda may change in light of the BOC's Tuesday meeting.

I am available on my below cell between now and Tuesday night. I will then be available on the below phone.

Thanks, Sam

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Benton County solid waste workgroup information

Sept. 15, 2022



Please see the following information about today's, Sept. 15 Solid Waste Process Workgroup Meeting #2:

- September 15, 2022 (Thursday)
- 3:00pm-7:00pm
- Benton County Kalapuya Building;
- 4500 SW Research Way
- Corvallis, OR 97333
- [Zoom Meeting Link](#)
- Meeting ID: 815 4343 1547
- Phone: (253) 215-8782
- [Agenda](#)

You can view the Sept. 8 kick-off meeting on [Benton County's YouTube](#) channel.

Information about future meetings and more can be found on the [Solid Waste Workgroup webpage](#). All meetings are open to the public with opportunities for public input. Please send written comments to BentonCountyTalksTrash@co.benton.or.us at least 48 hours before the meeting to be included in the meeting packet. The public may also provide verbal comments during the meetings either in-person or virtually during designated public comment periods.

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I would like to follow up with Commissioners on the progress of the workgroup to date.

Mr. Imperati has suggested that members of the workgroup apply to the Commissioners if we are to focus more on medium- and long-term solid waste planning rather than on a new landfill expansion which appears the landfill operator is poised to submit before year-end.

So that is what I am doing.

In discussions with my fellow current Planning Commissioners (within the constraints of Oregon public meetings law), with former Planning Commissioners, with the DLCD, and with land use attorneys of my acquaintance, I have expressed my concern that workgroup work product would be able to be incorporated into the current strictly codified quasi-judicial evaluation process.

My concerns have not been dismissed out of hand. In fact, I have been told that my concerns are not unfounded, that well-meaning “clarification” — developed outside of the strict constraints of the quasi-judicial process — of applicable codes, terms, and processes might end up backfiring (on appeal to LUBA, etc.)

A solid waste management plan is a large outlay for the County, and I certainly think it is not unreasonable for the volunteer group to spend 30-50% of the remaining time budgeted to assign potential priorities to be included in an RFP. And in fact it appears that medium- long-range planning is what the workgroup members themselves want to do, and thought they were signing up for when they volunteered to serve.

I also think that reassessing Chapter 77 (LS) zone (which hasn't been touched since 1983), & Chapter 60 (FC) zone (to tighten up permissions for landfilling uses in FC zones), would be very useful, and that a formal recommendation could be made to do so either by the workgroup or by the Planning Commission to the Board.

I think that the Board should be apprised of the current work that has been assigned to the workgroup and the materials provided to the workgroup by County Staff, and do a high-level assessment of what is actually practical to accomplish in the time remaining, keeping in mind that the workgroup members are volunteers and many have other time commitments (often in other positions that directly benefit Benton County, either as paid staff, or in other volunteer positions). I think that it is not possible for the workgroup to tackle the charges that have been developed — by the facilitator, by staff, and identified as important by the workgroup itself — in the time remaining to the workgroup, especially with staff shortages, etc.

I personally spent more than 40 hours on the workgroup, and on Planning Commission (Adair UGB) work in the past couple of weeks. This is a recipe for volunteer burnout.

I think the workgroup is salvageable, but I think a course correction is in order.

I am available by phone any time today or tomorrow or I can answer questions at the next Board meeting if you would prefer that venue.

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N J Whitcombe

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Hi BCTT Work group,

Questions in regards to landfill tour.

Could we get a break down of counties that includes total tonnage? It should include or break out residential and commercial.

Could we get a break down of costs per user, that should include residential and commercial , host and non host, covered loads and non covered loads.

Total monies received from all leases, taxes for Benton County. I know this is in other documents, but I fear it has been buried.

Plan for quarry once it reaches its end.

I would also like to add that the article from the Corvallis Gazette on Sept 24th in regards to the landfill tour was disappointing at best. I found it to be misleading and the quotes were inaccurate. I am happy to provide the video's of much of the tour that I personally took. I found Republic Services to be very forthright and accommodating. In fact it was a very interesting tour and I learned a lot.

I sat next to a gentleman who was a member of the public, that told me that this whole tour must be a media stunt on behalf of Republic Services. I was happy to explain to him that in fact we the work group requested this tour. He didn't know there was a work group. I would be interested to know how he found out about the tour, I wish I would have asked at the time.

I hope that as a group, we work hard to put to rest any disinformation we may come by. Let us focus on the task at hand, fulfilling the [Work Group Charter](#). I would also like to take this moment to encourage continued respectful communication. My hope is that when we conclude our time in this work group that we all can walk away knowing we did the best we could for the residents of Benton County. While many have clearly made up their mind on this subject, it does not give the green light to be anything but a team player. We the work group are officially "the system". So, lets be the best version of that we can be. Here is to continued friendly and fruitful communication.

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Sam –
Sending this per the instructions on top of the word document.

Thanks,
Ginger

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Happy Saturday

Thank you for all the hard work on Thursday... we made very good progress!

I have attached the Draft Meeting Minutes for your review.

As promised, your homework assignments are attached and include the following requests:

- 1) SWMP Combined Table of Contents
- 2) Common Understandings Table of Contents, and
- 3) Compliance with Past Land Use Approvals.

Instructions are included for each assignment on the first page.

DUE DATE: Thursday, September 22nd at 9:00 AM, so we can rool them up and present them to you in advance of our 10/6/22 meeting... sorry and thanks!

Finally, please complete the meeting two evaluation found here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9KG9VXF>

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions, and we are looking forward to seeing you at the landfill tour next Saturday... details and RSVP to follow early next week... including the closed-toe shoe requirement!

Thanks, Sam



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Good Evening:

I have attached the Agenda for tomorrow's meeting. It provides links to the relevant materials.

In other news:

- 1) Link to LU-21-047 materials can be found here: [Document Library](#) . Still working on getting a link to the videos of the hearings.
- 2) Here are the documents submitted this past week.

Documents Created by Individual Work Group Members

- o [Parmigiani - 9/3/22](#)
- o [Geier - 9/3/22 - History](#)
- o [Geier - 9/4/22 - Site Description](#)
- o [Pitera - 9/6/22](#)
- o [Whitcombe - 9/12/22](#)

Documents Created by the General Public

- o [Eklund - 9/8/22 - Common Understandings](#)
- o [Eklund - 9/8/22 - Futures Workshop](#)
- o [Nietfeld - 9/14/22](#)
- o [Republic Services - 091422 - Coffin Butte Landfill Fact Sheets](#)

Happy to discuss.

Thanks, Sam



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To: Duvall, Kathryn; maryparmigiani534@gmail.com; ewpitera25@gmail.com; john.deuel@oregonstate.edu; christopher.mcmorran@gmail.com; ryanm@gerdingbuilders.com; louisa@peak.org; Brian.FULLER@deq.oregon.gov; marge@jyo.com; nwhitcombe@gmail.com; lizirish@ymail.com; RKnocke@republicservices.com; GRough@republicservices.com; SEdmonds@republicservices.com; REDICK Daniel; Joel Geier; MCGUIRE Sean; BMay@co.marion.or.us; bmay@co.linn.or.us; catherinerae@yahoo.com; Benton County Talks Trash; Rough, Ginger; Jackson, Julie; crgilbert@comcast.net; Paul Nietfeld
Cc: WYSE Nancy; MALONE Patrick; AUGEROT Xanthippe; KERBY Joseph; NICHOLS Darren; CRONEY Vance M; WILLIAMS Inga; REDICK Daniel; KWIATKOWSKI Maura; MAKEPEACE Amanda; MILO Erika; GROGAN Cory; RAY Linda; Adam Meyer; Amelia Webb
Subject: Benton County Talks Trash Subcommittees and ETA on 10/6 Meeting Agenda/Materials
Attachments: DRAFT_Report_IV_A_Common Understandings_1_C_Specific Locations Cell Size.docx; DRAFT_Report_IV_A_Common Understandings_1_B_Size Development History.docx; Synchronization of Solid Waste Disposal and Alternative Path Forward - Coffin Butte Landfill.docx; Nietfeld_comment_input_v2_Workgoup_Meeting2_15Sep2022.pdf; Coffin Butte Summary Worksheet.xlsx; Coffin Butte Waste Stream by County.xlsx; Coffin Butte Site Life Republic 9-30-22.docx; Homework Compilation of Compliance with Past Land Use Approvals - 9-30-22 Draft.docx

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Greetings:

Subcommittees

At our last meeting, we formed two subcommittees to further our Common Understandings work. They are:

- 1) Landfill Size/Capacity/Longevity Subcommittee; and
- 2) CUP Conditions Subcommittee.

Each is designed to review the workgroup's suggestions (homework,) vet the draft document further, see what common understandings can be reached, and present the subcommittees' thoughts to the full Workgroup for formal polling. Darren and I asked the Board to allow select members of the public to participate, which they approved unanimously.

For the Landfill subcommittee, Paul Nietfeld has volunteered. Who else would like to be part of that group? Please reply by Noon on Wednesday. For context, I've attached the documents received to date. Additional material is welcome.

As to the CUP Conditions Subcommittee, Nancy and Joel have already volunteered. Who else would like to be part of that group? Please reply by Noon on Wednesday. For context, I have attached the current evolving draft. Additional material is welcome.

I anticipate each subcommittee will meet two to three times over Zoom, for about 1.5 hours, between now and our 10/26/22 meeting.

[ETA on 10/6 Agenda/Materials](#)

I plan to send a Working Agenda and the related materials to you on Sunday. I will attach the relevant files to the transmittal email. Those documents will be uploaded to the project website on Monday. You will receive an updated Working Agenda with the usual links soon thereafter.

Happy to chat.

Thanks, Sam

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From: Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 8:39 AM
To: NICHOLS Darren
Subject: Charge C and Working Agenda
Attachments: Charge C - Scope SMMP and Possible Amendment.docx; BCTT 10-6-22 Working Agenda.docx

Importance: High

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Darren,

Please review and give me a call to discuss as soon as you can so I can get the meeting packet to the Workgroup.

Thanks, Sam

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From: N Whitcombe <nwhitcombe@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2022 6:48 AM
To: Sam Imperati
Cc: Benton County Talks Trash
Subject: Benton County Talks Trash Workgroup Agenda and Materials

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You have the wrong date on your agenda. At the top.

On Wednesday, September 14, 2022, Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com> wrote:

Good Evening:

I have attached the Agenda for tomorrow's meeting. It provides links to the relevant materials.

In other news:

1. Link to LU-21-047 materials can be found here: [Document Library](#) . Still working on getting a link to the videos of the hearings.

2) Here are the documents submitted this past week.

Documents Created by Individual Work Group Members

- [Parmigiani - 9/3/22](#)
- [Geier - 9/3/22 - History](#)
- [Geier - 9/4/22 - Site Description](#)
- [Pitera - 9/6/22](#)
- [Whitcombe - 9/12/22](#)

Documents Created by the General Public

- [Eklund - 9/8/22 - Common Understandings](#)
- [Eklund - 9/8/22 - Futures Workshop](#)

- [Nietfeld - 9/14/22](#)
- [Republic Services - 091422 - Coffin Butte Landfill Fact Sheets](#)

Happy to discuss.

Thanks, Sam



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WILLIAMS Inga

From: NICHOLS Darren
Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2022 8:51 PM
To: KWIATKOWSKI Maura
Subject: Cover Memo and attachments
Attachments: Workgroup Vacancy Replacement BOC Memo - 9.22.2022.docx; Community Members Interested_092022 - redacted.pdf; Benton County Talks Trash Charter and Bylaws 8-18-22 Final Draft.pdf

Hi Maura,

Here is a cover memo that I hope will provide context for the Board's consideration of a replacement member on the Benton County Talks Trash workgroup.

The attachments are also included – just in case that makes it easier for assembling the packet.

Please let me know if you need anything more.

Thanks again,
Darren

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From: BRADFORD Kristin
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 11:24 AM
To: Benton County Talks Trash
Subject: Committee members

Hello.

Is the 20 member community workgroup already selected? I know someone who might be a good candidate.

Thank you

Kristin

Sent from my iPad

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Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2022 1:48 PM
To: WILLIAMS Inga; REDICK Daniel; VERRET Greg J; NICHOLS Darren
Subject: CUP Conditions Member Homework and Teeing Up Charge B
Attachments: Popp CUP Conditions.docx; Whitcombe Compliance with Past Land Use Approvals INFORMAL TRIAGING REQUEST(1).docx; MAY CUP Conditions.docx; [Parmigiani] CUP CONDITIONS.docx; McAlister Compliance with Past Land Use Approvals INFORMAL TRIAGING REQUEST.docx; Duvall CUP Conditions.docx; Geier Compliance with Past Land Use Approvals Triage.docx; Pitera CUP Conditions.docx; Compliance with Past Land Use Approvals_RepublicResponses.docx; Charge B - Clarifying Reuirements for Future CUP.docx

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Good Afternoon:

Here are the comments received to date.

Happy to discuss.

Thanks, Sam

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From: Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 25, 2022 1:24 PM
To: Benton County Talks Trash
Subject: Coverage of 9-25-22 Landfill Tour
Attachments: Tour provides peek into landfill operations, Benton workgroup dynamics.pdf

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https://democratherald.com/corvallis/news/local/govt-and-politics/tour-provides-peek-into-landfill-operations-benton-workgroup-dynamics/article_6905a762-3c6b-11ed-a26b-93d299422c60.html



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From: Marge <marge@jyo.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2022 11:42 AM
To: Benton County Talks Trash; Sam Imperati Oregon Consensus Assessment
Subject: CUP
Attachments: Popp CUP Conditions.docx

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From: Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 6:09 PM
To: kkenaston@comcast.net
Cc: N Whitcombe; Benton County Talks Trash
Subject: CUP Subcommittee
Attachments: Compilation of Compliance with Past Land Use Approvals - Homework 9-30-22 Draft.pdf;
benton_county_talks_trash_charter_and_bylaws_approved_8-23-22_final.pdf

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Ken,

Nice to “meet” you. I am the process facilitator.

I’ve attached all of the feedback we have received to date on the CUP Compliance topic. The document also includes the staff’s response. This evolving work is part of the Common Understandings the Board has asked us to develop as part of the attached Charge.

Happy to discuss the process, the subcommittee, and the document. I’ll be available on my cell until Tuesday night. (503) 314-1156.

Thanks, Sam

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From: N Whitcombe <nwhitcombe@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 1, 2022 5:53 PM
To: Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>
Cc: BentonCountyTalksTrash <bentoncountytalkstrash@co.benton.or.us>
Subject: Re:

I forwarded it to Ken Kenaston at his request b/c he is considering serving on the subcommittee, but was obediently copying you

On Saturday, October 1, 2022, Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com> wrote:

Nancy,

I received the below email upon my return from the tour. Is it different than the one you sent on 9/21?

Thanks, Sam

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<bentoncountytalkstrash@co.benton.or.us>
Subject: Fwd:

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From: N Whitcombe <nwhitcombe@gmail.com>
Date: Sat, Oct 1, 2022 at 1:41 PM
Subject: Fwd:
To: kkenaston <kkenaston@comcast.net>

Ken Kenaston,

Here are my comments on compliance with prior conditions of approval with prior CUP's. As you can see, this is a LOT of land use applications. My primary concern is that staff appears to think that DEQ approval overrides county requirements wrt conditions of approval, which I do not believe to be the case in conditions of approval where DEQ is not specifically called out as the regulatory entity.

Do conditions of approval, like easements, ride with the land, do you know?

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| N J Whitcombe

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From: Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>
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To: NICHOLS Darren
Subject: Draft Agenda for Thursday's Meeting
Attachments: BCTT 10-6-22 Working Agenda.docx

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Darren,

Here are my current draft thoughts subject to your review. Let's talk about this after the tour especially in light of Tuesday's BOC meeting.

Thanks, Sam

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From: N Whitcombe <nwhitcombe@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 1, 2022 3:29 PM
To: Sam Imperati
Cc: Benton County Talks Trash
Subject: Did a republic not send workgroup participants/alternates on the neighborhood tour?

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From: Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 9:04 PM
To: NICHOLS Darren
Subject: Draft Emails
Attachments: RE: Lights on atop Coffin Butte Landfill; RE: Lights on atop Coffin Butte Landfill; RE: Member of work group giving public presentation on "future of waste for Benton County" outside of work group

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Darren,

Please review the attachments and call me to discuss.

Thanks, Sam

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From: NICHOLS Darren
Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2022 6:49 PM
To: REDICK Daniel
Subject: DRAFT communications strategy
Attachments: Solid Waste Work Group Strategic Comms Resources DN.docx

Attached – please feel free to revise and send to Cory as you are able. Thanks!

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From: Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>
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To: Benton County Talks Trash
Subject: FW: Benton County Talks Trash Homework

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From: Sam Imperati
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 8:51 AM
To: FULLER Brian * DEQ <Brian.FULLER@deq.oregon.gov>
Subject: RE: Benton County Talks Trash Homework

Brian,

Yes, but no obligation to do so. What would be helpful are your insights on the DEQ or related topics.

Thanks, Sam

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Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 7:22 AM
To: Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>
Subject: RE: Benton County Talks Trash Homework

Do ex-officio vote on this?
Thanks

From: Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2022 6:29 PM
To: Liz Irish <lizirish@ymail.com>; Duvall, Kathryn <kathryn.duvall@corvallisoregon.gov>;
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christopher.mcmorran@gmail.com; ryanm@gerdingbuilders.com; louisa@peak.org; FULLER Brian * DEQ
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Subject: RE: Benton County Talks Trash Homework

Liz,

I appreciate your inquiry. Yes, we are asking if you agree with the staff "result," which appears in the "Status" column for each of the conditions of approval. The "ask" is to poll 1-2-3 by putting a check in the row that best indicates your level of agreement/disagreement with the staff's statement about that condition's status.

If you would like more information before you answer, I suggest you poll with a "two" or "three," noting what you would like to see, which will be provided after this "informal triaging" exercise. For example, one member did this:

Conditions of Approval	Status	1	2	3
<p><i>Note: It is uncertain whether any of these conditions of approval remain in effect or have been superseded by subsequent land use decisions, including the adoption of the LS zone and approval of Coffin Butte Landfill under that new zoning designation in 1983. County staff is researching this question.</i></p> <p>1. The service area to be served by the Coffin Butte Site should be defined and the approval should be confined to serving only areas MI, WS, DA, KV, MI, CO, AL, LV, and MH, as defined on the enclosed map³. Expanding Coffin Butte to service additional areas should require a re-review by the Planning Commission.</p>	<p>Additional Research Needed <i>COMMENT: Unable to accept this assessment until additional research is complete.</i></p>			3
<p>2. The site management activities conducted at Coffin Butte should be reviewed periodically by the County Sanitarian (ex-officio member of the Planning Commission). A report of compliance to all state and local standards should be made at least once annually to the Planning Commission by the Sanitarian.[]</p>	<p>1st report submitted on 8-12-75 to the Planning Commission <i>COMMENT: Thereport was supposed to be annual but this assessment only mentions one year. More information needed to confirm compliance.</i></p>			3

Any condition that does not enjoy a "Consensus" (everyone voting one or two,) will be sent to our new subcommittee to do the heavy lifting. The subcommittee's observations will be presented to the entire workgroup for discussion and official polling at a formal meeting.

Please reach out again if you have any remaining questions or comments. BTW, welcome back, and we look forward to seeing you in person on October 6, 2022.

Thanks, Sam

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Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2022 5:05 PM
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Cc: WYSE Nancy <nancy.wyse@co.benton.or.us>; MALONE Patrick <pat.malone@co.benton.or.us>; AUGEROT Xanthippe <xanthippe.augerot@co.benton.or.us>; KERBY Joseph <joseph.kerby@co.benton.or.us>; NICHOLS Darren <darren.nichols@co.benton.or.us>; CRONEY Vance M <vance.m.crony@co.benton.or.us>; WILLIAMS Inga <inga.williams@co.benton.or.us>; KWIATKOWSKI Maura <maura.kwiatkowski@co.benton.or.us>; MAKEPEACE Amanda <amanda.makepeace@co.benton.or.us>; MILO Erika <erika.milo@co.benton.or.us>; GROGAN Cory <cory.grogan@co.benton.or.us>; RAY Linda <linda.ray@co.benton.or.us>; Adam Meyer <adam.k.meyer@gmail.com>; Amelia Webb <AmeliaWebb@icmresolutions.com>

Subject: Re: Benton County Talks Trash Homework

Sam, For clarification on item 3 of our homework.

Are you asking if I agree with the staff "result"? I do not have any information other than what has been provided. Or are you asking if we are satisfied with the staffs "result"?

Thank you in advance,

Liz Irish
503-867-7267
lizirish@ymail.com

On Saturday, September 17, 2022 at 03:13:12 PM PDT, Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com> wrote:

Happy Saturday

Thank you for all the hard work on Thursday... we made very good progress!

I have attached the Draft Meeting Minutes for your review.

As promised, your homework assignments are attached and include the following requests:

1. SWMP Combined Table of Contents
2. Common Understandings Table of Contents, and
3. Compliance with Past Land Use Approvals.

Instructions are included for each assignment on the first page.

DUE DATE: Thursday, September 22nd at 9:00 AM, so we can rool them up and present them to you in advance of our 10/6/22 meeting... sorry and thanks!

Finally, please complete the meeting two evaluation found here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9KG9VXF>

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions, and we are looking forward to seeing you at the landfill tour next Saturday... details and RSVP to follow early next week... including the closed-toe shoe requirement!

Thanks, Sam



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Kathryn,

The emails that go to the above project email do not go directly to the members. They are “bundled” and sent as “comments” to the Workgroup a day or so before the next scheduled meeting. We received your homework, so a positive note has been placed in your permanent record!

Thanks, Sam

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From: Duvall, Kathryn <Kathryn.Duvall@corvallisoregon.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2022 5:07 PM
To: Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>
Subject: Not on Email List?

Hi Sam,

I’m not sure I’m signed up for emails through the bentoncountytalkstrash@Co.Benton.OR.US email. I haven’t received anything through there yet, including my own email that I just sent in with homework a while ago. That should’ve come back to me if I’m on that mailing list, I think. Also, if I don’t need to be, that’s fine. I just wanted to make sure I wasn’t missing any information relevant for our group.

Thanks!

Kathryn Duvall (she/her)
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From: FULLER Brian * DEQ <Brian.FULLER@deq.oregon.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2022 12:08 PM
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Cc: WYSE Nancy; MALONE Patrick; AUGEROT Xanthippe; KERBY Joseph; NICHOLS Darren; CRONEY Vance M; WILLIAMS Inga; REDICK Daniel; KWIATKOWSKI Maura; MAKEPEACE Amanda; MILO Erika; GROGAN Cory; RAY Linda; Adam Meyer; Amelia Webb
Subject: Some DEQ Information

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Hello BCCT Group

Passing on some information from DEQ based on last night's conversation that will hopefully be of value.

For the group working on landfill capacity expected life. You may find DEQ's Material Recovery and Waste Generation Survey helpful: <https://www.oregon.gov/deq/recycling/Pages/Survey.aspx>. Garbage isn't free you have to buy it and then pay to get rid of it. When the economy is good people buy more stuff and waste disposal increases. You can see in the report the drop in the amount of waste generated during the 2008 recession and then the steady increase since then. Also who knew that a global pandemic would lead to an increase in residential waste generation. These are just a couple of factors in the variability of predicting waste generation and the associated landfilling rates.

For the Materials Management Planning group:

DEQ's Environmental Quality Commission adopted our [2050 Vision](#) in which Oregonians produce and use materials responsibly, conserve resources, protect the environment and live well. To accomplish this, DEQ uses a whole life cycle materials management approach to reduce the impacts of materials we use. One of the core concepts is to consider the environmental impacts of the materials we consume from raw material extraction, manufacturing, transport, consumption and end of life disposal (landfilling, recycling, etc..). Most of the impacts from materials occur prior to end of life management. While hard to believe initially in some instances, but if viewed from a Life Cycle perspective, landfilling of certain materials can be better for the environment than recycling. More on materials management can be found here: <https://www.oregon.gov/deq/mm/Pages/What-is-Materials-Management.aspx>. The 2050 Vision is the north star for DEQ's Materials Management Program.

Oregon is poised to be one of (if not) the first state in Country to bring manufactures to the waste and materials management table. Producer Responsibility Organizations will provide funding for changing and operating recycling systems in Oregon. Oregon's model will be a shared system with both the producers and rate payers providing funding. The Oregon legislature passed the Recycling Modernization Act (Senate Bill 582) during the 2021 legislative session. It was signed by Governor Brown on Aug. 6, 2021. The new law became effective Jan. 1, 2022 and recycling program changes will start in July 2025. Efforts are currently underway to develop this common in other countries but ground breaking in the US approach. The County's planning efforts should include evaluation and inclusion of what these changes will mean for the solid waste management infrastructure in the County. DEQ will be holding some information overview webinars soon and then reaching out to local governments early next year for what we are calling a Needs Assessment. This will focus mainly on collection and reload of recyclable materials, think equipment, carts and

communities not currently providing recycling collection. More can be found here: <https://www.oregon.gov/deq/recycling/Pages/Modernizing-Oregons-Recycling-System.aspx>

Thanks and have a great weekend.

Brian Fuller
Manager – Hazardous Waste and Materials Management Programs
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He/Him/His

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From: Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2022 5:15 PM
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Cc: WYSE Nancy <nancy.wyse@Co.Benton.OR.US>; MALONE Patrick <Pat.Malone@Co.Benton.OR.US>; AUGEROT Xanthippe <Xanthippe.Augerot@Co.Benton.OR.US>; KERBY Joseph <Joseph.Kerby@Co.Benton.OR.US>; NICHOLS Darren <darren.nichols@Co.Benton.OR.US>; CRONEY Vance M <Vance.M.CRONEY@Co.Benton.OR.US>; WILLIAMS Inga <Inga.Williams@Co.Benton.OR.US>; REDICK Daniel <daniel.redick@Co.Benton.OR.US>; KWIATKOWSKI Maura <maura.kwiatkowski@Co.Benton.OR.US>; MAKEPEACE Amanda <amanda.makepeace@Co.Benton.OR.US>; MILO Erika <Erika.Milo@Co.Benton.OR.US>; GROGAN Cory <cory.grogan@Co.Benton.OR.US>; RAY Linda <Linda.Ray@Co.Benton.OR.US>; Adam Meyer <adam.k.meyer@gmail.com>; Amelia Webb <AmeliaWebb@icmresolutions.com>
Subject: Benton County Talks Trash Workgroup Agenda and Materials

Good Evening:

I have attached the Agenda for tomorrow's meeting. It provides links to the relevant materials.

In other news:

- 1) Link to LU-21-047 materials can be found here: [Document Library](#) . Still working on getting a link to the videos of the hearings.
- 2) Here are the documents submitted this past week.

Documents Created by Individual Work Group Members

- o [Parmigiani - 9/3/22](#)
- o [Geier - 9/3/22 - History](#)

- [Geier - 9/4/22 - Site Description](#)
- [Pitera - 9/6/22](#)
- [Whitcombe - 9/12/22](#)

Documents Created by the General Public

- [Eklund - 9/8/22 - Common Understandings](#)
- [Eklund - 9/8/22 - Futures Workshop](#)
- [Nietfeld - 9/14/22](#)
- [Republic Services - 091422 - Coffin Butte Landfill Fact Sheets](#)

Happy to discuss.

Thanks, Sam



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From: Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2022 8:03 PM
To: Benton County Talks Trash
Subject: FW: A report on recent SWAC/DSAC difficulties
Attachments: DSACSWAC Agenda September.pdf

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Sent: Monday, September 26, 2022 7:29 PM
To: Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>
Subject: Fw: A report on recent SWAC/DSAC difficulties

FYI

From: Ken Eklund <futureeverything@writerguy.com>
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2022 5:11:10 PM
To: AUGEROT Xanthippe; MALONE Patrick; WYSE Nancy
Cc: NICHOLS Darren
Subject: A report on recent SWAC/DSAC difficulties

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Hello Commissioners Augerot, Malone, Wyse:

I am writing to you today, reluctantly, to apprise you of recent happenings concerning the SWAC and DSAC citizen groups, that I feel you should know about.

As background, SWAC and DSAC had a joint meeting scheduled for this Wednesday, September 28. This is their regular meeting, so as per their bylaws their agenda and packet go out one week before. On Monday of last week, as Chair I supplied my county contact, Daniel Redick, with the agenda for the meeting, as usual. Tuesday afternoon, however, I received an email from Daniel cancelling the meeting (see below). I was thoroughly taken aback and surprised. On Wednesday morning I called Darren Nichols to find out what was going on; no one answered, but staff got back to me and Darren and I talked the next day. We agreed to reinstate the meeting. Since the public notification deadline for the regular date had passed by then, we set a new date one week later, Weds October 5.

What I feel I should relay to you is the manner in which this all occurred, because it has caused me to re-evaluate my relationship to the county, as both a volunteer and a citizen. Negatively re-evaluate, I mean. When Darren Nichols came on board, I held hopes that his hiring and his experience signaled a shift in the wind regarding the county's relationship to the public; I do not think that anymore.

The crux of the issue is this: in my conversation with Darren, it emerged that although staffing was an issue, what drove the decision to cancel the meeting was a judgment about the agenda I had sent in – that our meeting was in violation of the idea that the TrashTalk WorkGroup be the “one table” for landfill discussions.

I have attached the draft agenda for the meeting. You'll see that the first portion, the SWAC portion, is devoted mainly to hearing a report from SWAC's ambassadors to the TTWG and for counsel to the ambassadors for upcoming TTWG meetings. You'll see in the second portion of the meeting, the DSAC portion, is devoted to hearing from the public about issues related to the landfill.

In our discussion, Darren brought up the idea that the meeting would violate the “one table” idea. He read me the “one table for landfill discussions” language from the TTWG charter several times.

However, the first portion of our agenda is EXACTLY the way that ambassadors to the TTWG should operate, as described by Sam Imperati at the Workgroup kickoff. And the second portion of our agenda is directly fulfilling DSAC's state-mandated charter to engage in dialogue with the public and to collect issues from the public for its annual report to Oregon DEQ. I asked Darren if, instead of coming to DSAC, people with odor complaints should testify before the Workgroup instead?

After I made these observations, Darren agreed to reinstate the meeting. He said he would pull the necessary strings to find staffing for it.

My point here is that I am exhausted. As you know, I came before you as a volunteer who wanted to contribute my experience, energy and attention to the county's future. I never sought to be Chair, but I didn't shirk from it either. I am doing the best I can to learn and fulfill the duties of the Council and the Committee, and I think we have made some valuable contributions.

But I'm exhausted because I am spending three-quarters of my time fighting the county itself, or writing emails like this one. I put in a lot of time to organize and orchestrate a productive meeting only to find it's unilaterally cancelled.

This betrayal by the county stings me uniquely hard, because in my professional life I work on projects which harness public participation and enthusiasm to imagine better ways of doing things, better futures to work toward. So I'm uniquely aware of how this could be different – how Benton County could be working WITH the public to overcome the county's chronic shortages of time, energy, data and imagination. I can see that alternate reality very clearly. And I thought for a while we were heading there.

I said at the beginning that I am writing to you “reluctantly.” Honestly, that's because I can't shake this idea that this episode has been engineered to get me to write this email, and that it will boomerang back on me horribly somehow.

I'm aware that the Solid Waste Advisory Council is but one little part of the county, and I appreciate that you've read all the way to the end. I want to be clear that my goal here is not to dis Darren or Daniel or anyone in particular, but to alert you to a systemic problem at the county in dealing with the public. Our experience, our energy and our work is not respected.

Sincerely,

Ken Eklund
Chair, Solid Waste Advisory Council

Daniel Redick 

September 20, 2022 at 4:06 PM



9/28/22 SWAC & DSAC Meetings Cancelled

[Details](#)

To: Daniel Redick, Cc: Linda Ray, VERRET Greg J

Hi SWAC and DSAC members,

The 9/28/22 SWAC and DSAC meetings have been cancelled due to lack of staffing. I will be out of the office from 9/26-10/7, Greg Verret will also be out of the office next week, and we do not have other staff members available to support the meetings. We will work on scheduling the next meetings with Chair Eklund. Any comments we've received will be included in the next meeting packets. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Best,



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From: NICHOLS Darren
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2022 11:41 AM
To: Sam Imperati
Subject: FW:
Attachments: Compliance with Past Land Use Approvals INFORMAL TRIAGING REQUEST.docx

From: N Whitcombe <nwhitcombe@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2022 10:08 AM
To: NICHOLS Darren <darren.nichols@Co.Benton.OR.US>
Subject:

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Please take a look at the attached document. This is a portion of the "homework" assigned by Mr. Imperati, a 26-page, densely written, incomplete document, with missing backing documentation, with more than 100 fields, covering more than 50 years of land development & zoning history, that workgroup participants are asked to fill out indicating agreement/neutrality/disagreement with whether extremely technical requirements have been complied with.

Meanwhile, workgroup participants have been given no background in either land use or in the history of the landfill.

I am available today for a phone call.

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N J Whitcombe

From: NICHOLS Darren
Sent: Saturday, September 24, 2022 9:30 AM
To: NICHOLS Darren; 'darren.nichols.connect@outlook.com'
Subject: FW: "Benton County Talks Trash" Solid Waste Process Workgroup scheduled to offer landfill/neighborhood tours (Photo)

From: GROGAN Cory <cory.grogan@Co.Benton.OR.US>
Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2022 12:26 PM
To: NICHOLS Darren <darren.nichols@Co.Benton.OR.US>; 'Sam Imperati' <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>; REDICK Daniel <daniel.redick@Co.Benton.OR.US>
Subject: FW: "Benton County Talks Trash" Solid Waste Process Workgroup scheduled to offer landfill/neighborhood tours (Photo)

FYI. Sent to local media.

From: Benton County Government <info@flashalert.net>
Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2022 9:11 AM
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Subject: "Benton County Talks Trash" Solid Waste Process Workgroup scheduled to offer landfill/neighborhood tours (Photo)

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"BENTON COUNTY TALKS TRASH" SOLID WASTE PROCESS WORKGROUP SCHEDULED TO OFFER LANDFILL/NEIGHBORHOOD TOURS (PHOTO)

News Release from **Benton County Government**
Posted on FlashAlert: September 22nd, 2022 9:10 AM

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The Benton County Talks Trash Solid Waste Process Workgroup is offering the following tours:

Coffin Butte Landfill Tour, hosted by Republic Services

- September 24, 2022 (Saturday)
- Meet at Republic Services office, 110 NE Walnut Blvd., Corvallis
- Bus will leave promptly at 10 a.m., and will return at approximately 12 p.m.
- Participants will receive PPE (hard hat, high visibility vest, protective eyeglasses)

- Closed-toe shoes are required
- Please send an **RSVP to Benton County via email at pioinfo@co.benton.or.us by Thursday, September 22, 2022 at 5 p.m.**

Neighborhood Tour, hosted by Benton County

- October 1, 2022 (Saturday)
- Meet in Adair Village along Arnold Rd. (specific meeting location TBD)
- Transportation will leave promptly at 10 a.m., and will return at approximately 12:15 p.m.
- Please send an **RSVP to Benton County via email at pioinfo@co.benton.or.us by Thursday, September 29, 2022 at 5 p.m.**

Further tour details will be updated on the [work group webpage](#).

The workgroup officially kicked off Sept. 8 and is tasked with five charges to be accomplished with twice-weekly meetings through Dec. 15.

[The five charges](#) include developing common understanding, clarifying the land use review process for landfill expansion, scoping tasks for a long-term-sustainable materials management plan, providing input for topics raised in the [Assessment Report for the workgroup](#), and creating a public-facing document and community education campaign.

The public is encouraged to attend the Solid Waste Process Workgroup meetings. Please see the following information for the next workgroup meeting:

- Oct. 6, 2022 (Thursday)
- 3:00pm-7:00pm
- Benton County Kalapuya Building, 4500 SW Research Way Corvallis, OR 97333
- [Zoom Meeting Link](#); Meeting ID: 815 4343 1547 Phone: (253) 215-8782
- [9/15/22 BCTT Meeting Draft Minutes](#)
- [9/15/22 BCTT Meeting Video](#)

All meetings are open to the public with opportunities for public input. Please send written comments to BentonCountyTalksTrash@co.benton.or.us at least 48 hours before the meeting to be included in the meeting packet. The public may also provide verbal comments during the meetings either in-person or virtually during designated public comment periods.

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To: NICHOLS Darren; VERRET Greg J; REDICK Daniel; WILLIAMS Inga
Cc: Amelia Webb; Adam Meyer
Subject: FW: Benton County Solid Waste Assessment Group Homework -- triaging the compliance issues
Attachments: Geier Compliance with Past Land Use Approvals Triage.docx

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CUP-ers,

Please see Joel's below email. The homework is due Thursday at 9AM, and my staff will send the documents received ASAP. Here is a preview.

We should meet on Thursday afternoon to create a plan to process it and figure out the subcommittee logistics. What do your dance cards look like?

Thanks, Sam

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From: Sam Imperati
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2022 6:43 PM
To: Joel Geier <clearwater@peak.org>
Cc: BentonCountyTalksTrash <BentonCountyTalksTrash@Co.Benton.OR.US>
Subject: RE: Benton County Solid Waste Assessment Group Homework -- triaging the compliance issues

Joel,

Thanks for completing the homework. I will include your comments in the summary and we can standup the subcommittee to do the heavy lifting with the needed information.

Sam

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From: Joel Geier <clearwater@peak.org>

Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2022 4:38 PM

To: Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>

Cc: BentonCountyTalksTrash <BentonCountyTalksTrash@Co.Benton.OR.US>

Subject: Re: Benton County Solid Waste Assessment Group Homework -- triaging the compliance issues

Sam and all,

Here's my mark-up of the compliance-issues document. A few prefatory notes:

1) This approach was not actually what I suggested for triaging these issues in the meeting. I suggested a "vote-a-rama" which we quickly went through the list as a group, just voting 1/2/3 with minimal discussion of each item. I regret that my suggestion wasn't fully understood, as I think this wound up being a whole lot more work for everyone, outside of the time that people are already committing to meetings.

2) The document was not fully ready for us to do this kind of triage. There are numerous places where the "status" column says something to the effect, "More research needed." We can't really give a final opinion on those items until the research is completed. In some cases they might turn out to be non-controversial. But for now I'm voting 3 on all of those.

3) Some of the responses really seem to be beating around the bush to avoid saying, "not in compliance." For example if screening is "not completed" even 20 years after a permit was issued, why not just state clearly, "Not in compliance."

4) I understand that county staff might want to explain why, for many conditions (lighting, noise etc.) they have not been monitoring. But it makes the document less clear than it ought to be. "Complaint-based monitoring" really means "no monitoring" in practice. In such cases, I've suggested this more direct language.

5) "Operating hours" seem to be where there is most reluctance to make a clear statement that the landfill is out of compliance. Three or four special kinds of "operations" are mentioned that take place outside of the operating hours that were stated as conditions for the permits.

On this last issue, for comparison I took a look at Lane County's Short Mountain Landfill. That landfill **only** serves commercial account holders, yet they seem to be able to restrict those haulers to their stated operating hours (7 AM to 5 PM weekdays and Saturdays). Seems like there's a lesson for Benton County our working group in there.

Joel

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From: NICHOLS Darren
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2022 9:07 AM
To: MILO Erika
Subject: Fw: BCTT To Do List
Attachments: bctt_9-8-22_agenda Updated 9-7-22.pdf; BCTT 9-15-22 Working Agenda - Draft.pdf; BCTT M1 Evaluation.pdf; Landfill Tour; BentonCounty Invoice 1 - July-Aug 2022.docx

Erika can you show the chart below.

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To: NICHOLS Darren
Subject: BCTT To Do List

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Darren,

Please review and call me to discuss the following.

- 1) Whatever is on your To Do List.
- 2) I've attached a draft of our first invoice to see if it contains the right amount of detail, too much, or too little?
- 3) Here is a working draft of topics for the Tuesday BOC Debrief.
 - a. Progress Made After First Two Meetings:
 - i. Meeting One Agenda attached
 - ii. Meeting Two Agenda attached
 - iii. Meeting One Evaluation attached with Meeting Two Pending
 - b. Appoint replacement for Brandon Bates based upon Thursday's meeting minutes, below.

- Workgroup comments about balance of the workgroup membership.
- Homework Polling Q4. Responses to "All things considered, the BCTT Workgroup membership is balanced fair

Fifteen Responses:

	Strongly Disagree (zero)	(one)	(two)	Neutral (three)	(four)	(five)	Strongly Agree (six)	Avg.
Polling Votes	2	0	2	1	4	1	2	3.3
Ex-Officio Votes	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	4
Total Votes	2	0	2	1	7	1	2	3.5

- Specific names to consider:
 - BIPOC, students could be added.
 - Confused on the site location and what surrounds it. Is the Oregon Game Commission next to this landfill? Should they be involved? Ex Officio member?
 - Filling in missing info on landowners butting against the landfill. ODFW & private landowners.
- c. Is it OK to add select members of the public to participate in the subcommittees to tee-up topics for full Workgroup consideration?

This gives more public access and is an efficient way to speed up the Workgroup process by having more refined drafts for the members' consideration during the formal meetings. Related, will be the need to ask Vance if these subcommittee meeting need to be noticed and Zoomed.

- 4) Public Official 101 Training for next meeting
- 5) Land Use Law 101 Training for next meeting
- 6) Email with RSVP request for Saturday's landfill tour (Julie Jackson email with details attached)

Thanks, Sam

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From: Marge <marge@jyo.com>
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Cc: GROGAN Cory <cory.grogan@Co.Benton.OR.US>
Subject: Article on Coffin Butte

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Hi Alex,

There are a number of factual errors in your story published in today's (9/25/22) Gazette Times. The most important to me is that you identified me as 'a resident of the Soap Creek Valley'. I, in fact, am a resident of SW Corvallis. See my address below. I was not the one who described 'the burden placed on landfill neighbors by a region's worth of trash.'

While I am very sympathetic to the plight of landfill neighbors, (and that is a great quote that I would be proud of), my own agenda veers more towards concern for the environment and sustainability, values close to the hearts of many of our county residents. I was the one who raised the issue of cattle carcasses from Tillamook county being a potent methane generator. Ian McNab countered something about organic household waste and I replied that since Benton County was responsible for only a small percentage of the waste being processed at Coffin Butte, we lacked agency over the composition of trash.

It was Julie Jackson, the Republic Services public relations representative who interrupted me to say that that's not why we're here today and that can be discussed in the workgroup. I do want to point out though, that since Ian was the one who introduced the topic of local waste, Julie's admonishment seemed disingenuous to me. I do think that you appropriately indicated that there seemed to be a lot of pushback from Republic Services to discuss the issues that are of most concern to county residents.

Your statement that vacating Coffin Butte Rd would extend the landfill for an estimated 30 years is subject to interpretation. Please read my As I See It article (which I have attached) for more detail on that. The claim that the active landfill cell will reach capacity in about three years contradicts other statements that Republic Services has made. Keep in mind that this is assuming that the 1.1 million ton cap assigned in the franchise agreement remains in place. If the expansion is approved, that cap is eliminated and Republic can dump as much trash as they can write contracts for and those lifespan numbers shrink markedly. Also, heavy truck traffic increases considerably resulting in even more stress for motorists and maintenance costs for the county on already busy highways, much more leachate is produced stressing the capabilities of regional water treatment systems, and liveability decreases for our entire county.

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From: Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 8:59 AM
To: Benton County Talks Trash
Subject: FW: Benton County Talks Trash Homework

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From: Sam Imperati
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 8:51 AM
To: FULLER Brian * DEQ <Brian.FULLER@deq.oregon.gov>
Subject: RE: Benton County Talks Trash Homework

Brian,

Yes, but no obligation to do so. What would be helpful are your insights on the DEQ or related topics.

Thanks, Sam

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To: Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>
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Do ex-officio vote on this?
Thanks

From: Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2022 6:29 PM
To: Liz Irish <lizirish@ymail.com>; Duvall, Kathryn <kathryn.duvall@corvallisoregon.gov>;
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Liz,

I appreciate your inquiry. Yes, we are asking if you agree with the staff "result," which appears in the "Status" column for each of the conditions of approval. The "ask" is to poll 1-2-3 by putting a check in the row that best indicates your level of agreement/disagreement with the staff's statement about that condition's status.

If you would like more information before you answer, I suggest you poll with a "two" or "three," noting what you would like to see, which will be provided after this "informal triaging" exercise. For example, one member did this:

Conditions of Approval	Status	1	2	3
<p><i>Note: It is uncertain whether any of these conditions of approval remain in effect or have been superseded by subsequent land use decisions, including the adoption of the LS zone and approval of Coffin Butte Landfill under that new zoning designation in 1983. County staff is researching this question.</i></p> <p>1. The service area to be served by the Coffin Butte Site should be defined and the approval should be confined to serving only areas MI, WS, DA, KV, MI, CO, AL, LV, and MH, as defined on the enclosed map³. Expanding Coffin Butte to service additional areas should require a re-review by the Planning Commission.</p>	<p>Additional Research Needed <i>COMMENT: Unable to accept this assessment until additional research is complete.</i></p>			3
<p>2. The site management activities conducted at Coffin Butte should be reviewed periodically by the County Sanitarian (ex-officio member of the Planning Commission). A report of compliance to all state and local standards should be made at least once annually to the Planning Commission by the Sanitarian.[]</p>	<p>1st report submitted on 8-12-75 to the Planning Commission <i>COMMENT: Thereport was supposed to be annual but this assessment only mentions one year. More information needed to confirm compliance.</i></p>			3

Any condition that does not enjoy a "Consensus" (everyone voting one or two,) will be sent to our new subcommittee to do the heavy lifting. The subcommittee's observations will be presented to the entire workgroup for discussion and official polling at a formal meeting.

Please reach out again if you have any remaining questions or comments. BTW, welcome back, and we look forward to seeing you in person on October 6, 2022.

Thanks, Sam

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Sam, For clarification on item 3 of our homework.

Are you asking if I agree with the staff "result"? I do not have any information other than what has been provided. Or are you asking if we are satisfied with the staffs "result"?

Thank you in advance,

Liz Irish
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On Saturday, September 17, 2022 at 03:13:12 PM PDT, Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com> wrote:

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From: NICHOLS Darren
Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2022 7:59 PM
To: GROGAN Cory
Subject: FW: Benton County Talks Trash Homework

Importance: High

Hi Cory – please add my name to the list for this Saturday’s tour. And for the following Saturday if you are taking RSVPs. Thanks! Darren

From: Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2022 3:30 PM
To: Duvall, Kathryn <Kathryn.Duvall@corvallisoregon.gov>; maryparmigiani534@gmail.com; ewpitera25@gmail.com; john.deuel@oregonstate.edu; christopher.mcmorran@gmail.com; ryanm@gerdingbuilders.com; louisa@peak.org; Brian.FULLER@deq.oregon.gov; marge@jyo.com; nwhitcombe@gmail.com; lizirish@ymail.com; RKnocke@republicservices.com; GRough@republicservices.com; SEdmonds@republicservices.com; REDICK Daniel <daniel.redick@Co.Benton.OR.US>; Joel Geier <clearwater@peak.org>; MCGUIRE Sean <Sean.McGuire@Co.Benton.OR.US>; BMay@co.marion.or.us; bmay@co.linn.or.us; Catherine Biscoe <catherinerae17@yahoo.com>
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	Closed-toe shoes are required

Please RSVP to Cory (Cc line) by Noon tomorrow if you would like to add your name to the following current list.

Janet Ohmann
Sean McGuire
Cody Mann

Louisa Shelby
Mary Parmigiani
Jennifer Brown
Ken Ecklund
Faye Yoshihara
Robert Heald
Edward Pitera
Cat Newsheller
Debbie Palmer
Marge Popp
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Thanks, Sam

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Sent: Saturday, September 17, 2022 3:13 PM

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From: Brian May <BMay@co.marion.or.us>
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To: Benton County Talks Trash
Subject: FW: Benton County Talks Trash Homework
Attachments: MAY CUP Conditions.docx; MAY TOC Recommendations.docx; MAY SWMP TOC.docx

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From: Brian May
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To: Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>; bentoncountytalkstrash@co.benton
Cc: Andrew Johnson <ajohnson@co.marion.or.us>
Subject: RE: Benton County Talks Trash Homework

Homework. In addition, please include Andrew Johnson as my alternate.

Thanks,

Brian




Brian May | Division Manager

Pronouns: he, him, his

Environmental Services Division, Marion County Public Works

 bmay@co.marion.or.us

 (503) 365-3147 (office)

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From: WYSE Nancy
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 11:32 AM
To: MALONE Patrick; AUGEROT Xanthippe
Cc: NICHOLS Darren; KERBY Joseph; GROGAN Cory
Subject: FW: Coffin Butte Landfill Neighborhood Tour

FYI, I responded to Kevin Kenaga.



Nancy V. Wyse *(She/hers)*

Commissioner

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Email: nancy.wyse@co.benton.or.us

Address: 4500 SW Research Way, Corvallis

www.co.benton.or.us

From: WYSE Nancy
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 11:23 AM
To: 'Kevin Kenaga' <kjkenaga@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Coffin Butte Landfill Neighborhood Tour

Hi Kevin,

Thank you for the heads up, I agree that sharing accurate information is important. My take away from your email is that you feel #1 this tour is very important, #2 Benton County did not correctly share information about it, and #3 that you are somewhat upset by it. Does that sound about right? Please feel free to clarify if I'm misinterpreting. I will also agree that the tour is very important and that we should "get it right" with our messaging. The other feedback I will share with you is that using words/phrases like "I'm expecting you..." and "immediately" can come across like you are attempting to direct Benton County staff. I'm not sure if that was actually your intention or not, but just wanted to give you the heads up. Of course, community members do not direct Benton County staff. As I said, I understand if you are upset, but it's important that we are all cautious and courteous with our communication with one another. After all, we have a lot of important work to get done together! 😊

Lastly, did you see if another/updated email went out? I will admit my email inbox is flooded at the moment...

Thank you,



Nancy V. Wyse *(She/hers)*

Commissioner

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From: Kevin Kenaga <kjkenaga@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 8:49 AM

To: Benton County Talks Trash <bentoncountytalkstrash@Co.Benton.OR.US>; WYSE Nancy <nancy.wyse@Co.Benton.OR.US>; AUGEROT Xanthippe <Xanthippe.Augerot@Co.Benton.OR.US>; MALONE Patrick <Pat.Malone@Co.Benton.OR.US>

Subject: Fwd: Coffin Butte Landfill Neighborhood Tour

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Kevin Kenaga <kjkenaga@gmail.com>

Date: September 29, 2022 at 8:19:35 AM PDT

To: cory.grogan@co.benton.or.us

Cc: darren.nichols@co.benton.or.us, BentonCountyTalksTrash@co.benton

Subject: Coffin Butte Landfill Neighborhood Tour

Hi Corey,

As Benton County's Public Information person I'm expecting you can get a more accurate reminder sent out immediately.

I am emailing you regarding yesterday's - REMINDER - Benton County's Solid Waste Process. Which - Invites the public to tour "Adair Village along Arnold Rd".

That is not an accurate description.

Lots of time and energy is being put into a tour of the Neighborhoods that surround the Coffin Butte Landfill and the reminder needs to be accurate. The individuals involved in putting together the tour deserve Benton County's support in the effort. So an updated reminder accurately describing the tour is deserved.

A more accurate reminder would be:

Reminder - Benton County's Solid Waste Process Workgroup invites the public to tour the Neighborhoods that surround the Coffin Butte Landfill.

Can you please get an accurate reminder sent out immediately?

Thanks

Kevin Kenaga

WILLIAMS Inga

From: GROGAN Cory
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2022 8:40 AM
To: 'Sam Imperati'
Cc: NICHOLS Darren; *Benton Web PIO
Subject: FW: Benton County Talks Trash Homework

Hi Sam,

Just wanted to give you a heads up that I missed some of the RSVP correspondence on Friday. I left early Thursday and was working offline Friday since I also had to work this weekend. I had JonnaVe covering for me (up to the RSVP deadline) on Thursday using PiInfo@co.or.us to track RSVPs.

I hope everything worked out okay and you can always call or text me on my cell phone at 541-745-4468.

Thanks!



Cory Grogan

Public Information Officer

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From: Liz Irish <lizirish@ymail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2022 8:26 AM
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Sam,

To be clear; Where would you like our questions for the Landfill tour be sent?

Liz Irish

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Landfill Tour	Open to the public.
September 24, 2022 (Saturday)	Meet at Republic Services office, 110 NE Walnut Blvd in Corvallis.
Bus will leave promptly at 10 AM, and will return at approximately 12 PM.	Participants will receive PPE (hard hat, high visibility vest, protective eye glasses)
	Closed-toe shoes are required

Please RSVP to Cory (Cc line) by Noon tomorrow if you would like to add your name to the following current list.

Janet Ohmann

Sean McGuire

Cody Mann

Louisa Shelby

Mary Parmigiani

Jennifer Brown

Ken Ecklund

Faye Yoshihara

Robert Heald

Edward Pitera
Cat Newsheller
Debbie Palmer
Marge Popp
Kevin Kenaga
Craig Shelby

Thanks, Sam



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From: Sam Imperati

Sent: Saturday, September 17, 2022 3:13 PM

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Subject: Benton County Talks Trash Homework

Happy Saturday

Thank you for all the hard work on Thursday... we made very good progress!

I have attached the Draft Meeting Minutes for your review.

As promised, your homework assignments are attached and include the following requests:

1. SWMP Combined Table of Contents
2. Common Understandings Table of Contents, and
3. Compliance with Past Land Use Approvals.

Instructions are included for each assignment on the first page.

DUE DATE: Thursday, September 22nd at 9:00 AM, so we can rool them up and present them to you in advance of our 10/6/22 meeting... sorry and thanks!

Finally, please complete the meeting two evaluation found here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9KG9VXF>

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions, and we are looking forward to seeing you at the landfill tour next Saturday... details and RSVP to follow early next week... including the closed-toe shoe requirement!

Thanks, Sam



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From: GROGAN Cory
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2022 7:27 AM
To: NICHOLS Darren; REDICK Daniel; 'Sam Imperati'
Cc: STOKES JonnaVe
Subject: FW: Benton County Talks Trash Workgroup Agenda and Materials
Attachments: BCTT 9-15-22 Working Agenda.pdf

Do we want to send something to the interested parties list prior to this meeting?



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From: Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>

Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2022 5:15 PM

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Good Evening:

I have attached the Agenda for tomorrow's meeting. It provides links to the relevant materials.

In other news:

- 1) Link to LU-21-047 materials can be found here: [Document Library](#) . Still working on getting a link to the videos of the hearings.
- 2) Here are the documents submitted this past week.

Documents Created by Individual Work Group Members

- o [Parmigiani - 9/3/22](#)
- o [Geier - 9/3/22 - History](#)
- o [Geier - 9/4/22 - Site Description](#)
- o [Pitera - 9/6/22](#)
- o [Whitcombe - 9/12/22](#)

Documents Created by the General Public

- o [Eklund - 9/8/22 - Common Understandings](#)
- o [Eklund - 9/8/22 - Futures Workshop](#)
- o [Nietfeld - 9/14/22](#)
- o [Republic Services - 091422 - Coffin Butte Landfill Fact Sheets](#)

Happy to discuss.

Thanks, Sam

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From: Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 8:10 PM
To: Benton County Talks Trash
Subject: FW: Feedback/ Neighborhood Tour

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From: NICHOLS Darren <darren.nichols@Co.Benton.OR.US>
Sent: Monday, October 3, 2022 8:50 AM
To: Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>
Subject: FW: Feedback/ Neighborhood Tour

Sam,

Here is my communication from and to Ms Merja last evening and this morning.

Darren

From: NICHOLS Darren
Sent: Monday, October 3, 2022 8:49 AM
To: 'BECKY MERJA' <bdanger55@msn.com>
Subject: RE: Feedback/ Neighborhood Tour

Good morning Becky,

It was good to meet you as well.

Thank you for sharing your concerns. I take statements like these seriously; I called Sam early this morning to share the concerns and asked him to explain. Sam recalls meeting you, thanking you for the good food and offering to help clear the dishes/load your pickup.

He believes that was the extent of the interactions; if you can share specific details or comments I would welcome those and will share them with the Board of Commissioners.

Respectfully,
Darren

Community Development has moved to the Kalapuya Building at [4500 SW Research Way, 2nd Floor](#).
Come see the new space; we are officially open for business!



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From: BECKY MERJA <bdanger55@msn.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 9:50 PM
To: NICHOLS Darren <darren.nichols@Co.Benton.OR.US>
Subject: Feedback/ Neighborhood Tour

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Good morning Darren,

It was good to meet you in person on Saturday, and to hear a little more about who you are and how you ended up in Benton County, welcome to the community!

I also had the opportunity to meet Sam Imperati in person for the first time. My initial impression was not favorable. The more I thought about this, the more I felt I needed to communicate my concerns.

While I know that a neighborhood gathering is an informal setting, I found him to be less than professional. Some of his comments were flippant, disregarding the effort community members were putting into the process. He also appears to be behind the times when it comes to knowing his audience. The backroom bar "humor" is distasteful and inappropriate. For decades, I was the only woman in my work group, I can assure you that I don't have a thin skin.

Corvallis / Benton County is a highly educated population, that actively participates in public process. This contractor is currently representing your department, and the Board of Commissioners. My experience with this community is, impressions matter.

Respectfully,
Becky Merja

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From: REDICK Daniel
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 11:30 AM
To: NICHOLS Darren
Cc: VERRET Greg J
Subject: FW: Committee members

Hi Darren,

Would you be interested in connecting with Kristin on this work group candidate recommendation?

Best,

Daniel

-----Original Message-----

From: BRADFORD Kristin <Kristin.BRADFORD@CO.Benton.OR.US>
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 11:24 AM
To: Benton County Talks Trash <bentoncountytalkstrash@Co.Benton.OR.US>
Subject: Committee members

Hello.

Is the 20 member community workgroup already selected? I know someone who might be a good candidate.

Thank you

Kristin

Sent from my iPad

From: Ryan McAlister <ryanm@gerdingbuilders.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 6:38 AM
To: Benton County Talks Trash; Sam Imperati
Subject: FW: Compliance Homework
Attachments: Compliance with Past Land Use Approvals INFORMAL TRIAGING REQUEST.docx

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From: Ryan McAlister
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 6:37 AM
To: Sam Imperati <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>
Subject: Compliance Homework



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From: STOKES JonnaVe
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 2:11 PM
To: NICHOLS Darren
Cc: GROGAN Cory
Subject: FW: Neighborhood tour: One more logistics request

Hi Darren,

I just wanted to send you a reminder about bringing the laptop and projector for the tour tomorrow. Have a great weekend.

Thank you,

Jonna Ve

From: GROGAN Cory <cory.grogan@Co.Benton.OR.US>
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 4:57 PM
To: STOKES JonnaVe <JonnaVe.Stokes@Co.Benton.OR.US>
Subject: FW: Neighborhood tour: One more logistics request

Darren said they can accommodate but it would be very helpful if you can give him a reminder tomorrow. Thanks!



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From: Joel Geier <clearwater@peak.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 4:55 PM
To: GROGAN Cory <cory.grogan@Co.Benton.OR.US>
Cc: NICHOLS Darren <darren.nichols@Co.Benton.OR.US>; *Benton Web PIO <Piinfo@Co.Benton.OR.US>; Benton County Talks Trash <bentoncountytalkstrash@Co.Benton.OR.US>
Subject: Re: Neighborhood tour: One more logistics request

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Thanks Cory!

That's great to hear. Extra slice of apple pie for whoever brings them!

Joel

From: "GROGAN Cory" <cory.grogan@Co.Benton.OR.US>
To: "clearwater" <clearwater@peak.org>, "Darren Nichols" <darren.nichols@Co.Benton.OR.US>, "pioinfo" <Pioinfo@Co.Benton.OR.US>
Cc: "BentonCountyTalksTrash" <bentoncountytalkstrash@Co.Benton.OR.US>
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 4:50:54 PM
Subject: RE: Neighborhood tour: One more logistics request

Hi Joel,

We can accommodate this, Darren or someone from the team will bring them.

Thanks,



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Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 4:29 PM
To: NICHOLS Darren <darren.nichols@Co.Benton.OR.US>; *Benton Web PIO <Pioinfo@Co.Benton.OR.US>; GROGAN Cory <cory.grogan@Co.Benton.OR.US>
Cc: Benton County Talks Trash <bentoncountytalkstrash@Co.Benton.OR.US>
Subject: Neighborhood tour: One more logistics request

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Hi again Darren and Cory,

Thank you both for your efforts to facilitate the neighborhood tour.

Not sure which of you to ask on this, but would it be possible for the county to loan a video projector (and a compatible laptop), for our stop at the Soap Creek schoolhouse?

The main reason is so we could play a video clip from one neighbor who has bowed out of participating in the tour, mainly due to the county's position on liability. She did want to share some words on the landfill's impacts on her, her farm, and her neighbors. One of us could read her statement, but I think it would be better for the work group to hear what she has to say, in her own voice.

We would not need a screen as the schoolhouse has a good wall for projection.

Thanks again, I think it will be really useful for the work group to hear from more people who live and earn their livelihoods in this end of the county.

Joel