

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

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Generally, this is an incredibly in-the-weeds and non-accessible survey. I consider myself a pretty connected/informed community member and there are many terms and concepts that are part of this survey that are confusing and difficult to understand. For any future outreach/engagement please consider a much much shorter survey with more accessible language including a glossary of terms and concepts as needed. In addition, please include an additional answer of 'unsure' or something along those lines in addition to 'generally support' and 'generally oppose'.	3/22/2023 2:09 PM
2	#34 County has no control over landfill #37 LSCL Recommendation 4 to consider who recommended closing COFFIN BUTTE RD county staff?	3/22/2023 10:30 AM
3	Recommendation 12 is critical.	3/21/2023 5:31 PM
4	Please communicate the basics of where our solid waste is going, and how Benton County itself is meeting its own greenhouse gas emission initiatives.	3/21/2023 4:58 PM
5	The generation of all of the above was a waste of time and money - recommendations need to be much more succinct and actionable.	3/21/2023 4:18 PM
6	STOP ALLOWING OTHERS COUNTIES TO DUMP THEIR TRASH IN BENTON COUNTY !!!!	3/21/2023 3:54 PM
7	To repeat myself, encourage City/County apartments to offer organic material recycling containers along with other 'garbage' pickups.	3/21/2023 1:22 PM
8	The methane emissions definitely need to be studied before the landfill can be expanded.	3/20/2023 9:43 PM
9	This section is far clearer than the SMMP subcommittee section. I can generally support all of them.	3/20/2023 4:17 PM
10	This regional landfill is key to a very large area surround it that the landfill services. It is key in terms of the feasibility of solid waste disposal. If this landfill is inactive or the regulations and requirements to dispose of solid waste become too expensive, the cost of solid waste disposal will and could go up a significant amount, making it difficult for citizens in its service area to dispose of their solid waste. This has a trickle-down effect from businesses whose disposal costs go up that then pass that increase on to their customer who is also getting charged an increase in their cost to dispose to the landfill as well. Unfortunately, illegal dumping becomes appealing. If the landfill is no longer operating or if the cost of doing business for the landfill gets too high, the next likely closest landfill is in Arlington, which is much farther away for the current customers, which will require more resources to haul solid waste from mid-western Oregon. I implore those making the decisions to be mindful of repercussions of passing regulations that increase expenses making it more difficult to dispose of solid waste. I realize the importance of long term planning, but increases to landfill costs don't happen in a vacuum.	3/20/2023 1:40 PM
11	This section is far clearer than the SMMP subcommittee section. I can generally support all of them.	3/20/2023 12:35 PM
12	I am not sure of the purpose of these survey questions. If the question is "Has the County been lax in monitoring and regulating the landfill and is the County poorly equipped to regulate a major, statewide landfill and to manage the adverse impacts"....the very loud answer is "YES, the county is poorly equipped and quite incompetent when it comes to regulating all waste matters and has done an exceedingly poor job". If the question is "Should the County get its act together and do a professional job"...the answer is YES. The County has taken in money from the landfill but has not funded adequate supervision, review, investigation, or implications of a growing environmental problem on the horizon. The County has not retained professional or legal assistance competent and informed on landfills but has used a generalists with no knowledge or experience with landfills. The County has ignored all warnings from their	3/20/2023 7:47 AM

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own advisory committees and knowledgeable citizens in the community. The County for years has bumbled along. The title of this section is LANDFILL SIZE/CAPACITY/LONGEVITY (LSCL). The County really has no clue and the numbers keep changing for reasons (manipulations) the County doesn't even understand. As a result, citizens have no trust at all in the County's ability to monitor or regulate the landfill or to insure it does not become an environmental liability for county residents. Obviously the landfill will be closed in the not too distant future. The County has no idea when or how to close the landfill and the implications of the closure...other than the chicken little strategy...the sky is falling. The County needs better leadership and management. Time for change.

13	More education about composting that keeps organic material out of the landfills is a positive step that I support. We need more organic material to maintain healthy soils and concentrating it in a landfill is bad for all around.	3/19/2023 6:26 PM
14	I agree with the effort .	3/17/2023 12:14 PM
15	Many of these questions demonstrate a lack of understanding of how landfills operate and changes in recycling, composting and food waste initiatives in Oregon. This group has been focused on taking the lead not understanding that much of this work is in process on a statewide level. The process seems determined to be directed by landfill neighbors with a lack of knowledge or input from experts.	3/17/2023 9:36 AM
16	LSCL #3, #7, #9 are vital actions needed to understand present and projected future states. It's very difficult to plan without metrics! Indeed, these three items, especially #9, will allow better understanding of the entire carbon footprint from start to finish. I doubt we even have a starting point for calculating that. LSCL #8 This seems to reflect upon Republic's desire to play their cards close to their chest. More power to them but I think their agendas are purposely vague, minimalistic, and secretive. Unfortunately, this builds mistrust and I wonder if that mindset played into why LSCL #4 is now necessary. LSCL #10 Absolutely. (Metrics!) LSCL #12 should be broadly coordinated...it may take other jurisdictions or private entities to actually make this concept work. I did not see an explicit statement about sharing the responsibility with community to run the landfill however, in a perfect world I would like to think that Coffin Butte could be run as though it was a public entity and not a profit center. In other words, I'm all for capitalism but the air shed, watershed, view shed, and protecting our sense of place and livability belong to the public and must be defended.	3/16/2023 9:42 PM
17	Work to reduce garbage immediately.	3/16/2023 3:03 PM
18	The landfill should finance the ability to move into the rock quarry as soon as possible	3/16/2023 2:35 PM
19	Items continue to propose that the county contract with someone. I generally oppose those. When I consider the quality of outputs of the individual who has conducted the meetings and devised the process, I'd say the county doesn't have a good method for evaluating the quality and competence of contractors. Again, items address more than one issue - these are poorly written survey items. Example: The County should take steps to acquire better information about the methane emissions of Coffin Butte Landfill < I agree with this > because the landfill's emissions are currently not well-characterized and use this information to guide diversion programs that could limit the amount of organic waste going to the Landfill.	3/16/2023 2:27 PM