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1. Agenda

Topic	Lead	Start	Duration	Materials
Welcome Review Agenda Approve Draft M9 Minutes Public Polling Results: Recommendations	Facilitator	1:30	15 mins	Working M10 Agenda Draft M9 Minutes Public Polling Results
Comment Period	Public & Workgroup	1:45	30 mins	Comments (Updated 3/XX/23) Link Expires: 4/27/23 Password: Benton1!
Review Tonight's Polling Plan 1-2-3 Polling Refresher Explore the F&Rs with "3s" and Any New Items	Facilitator	2:15	135 mins	Draft FRs Crosswalk Document
Dinner	All	4:30	30 mins	
Board of Commissioners, Thank You!	All	5:00	5:30	
Comment Period	Public & Workgroup	5:30	30 mins	
Explore the F&Rs with "2s" Executive Summary and History Last Call	Facilitator	6:00	80 mins	
Next Steps: 1) Final Editing Process (Public Survey, Informal Poll, Final Polling, EX SUM Updates based on Meeting, Update Webpage and add links, Last Once-over, Grammarly – No changes to F&Rs: OK? 2) 3/27 – 3/31 Process Evaluation 3) 3/31/23 Member Statements Due 4) 4/3/23 Final Report – Word Version 5) 4/4/23 Report Open House (5-7) 6) 4/11/23 "Coffee Table" Version 7) 4/11/23 Public Feedback through 5/26/23	Facilitator	7:20	10 mins	Framework for Member Statements Intro Executive Summary History SMMP Size/Capacity Legal Issues Past CUP conditions Community Education/Outreach Overall Comments Conclusion
Adjourn	All	7:30 +-		

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2. Attendance

Organization Interest Group	WORKGROUP Member	Alternate	Polling	Ex Officio	Charge	Present
SWAC/DSAC	Chuck Gilbert		X		All	X
SWAC/DSAC	Marge Popp		X		All	X
Planning Commission	Elizabeth Irish		X		All	X
Planning Commission	Andrew Struthers		X		All	
Republic: National	Russ Knocke	Ginger Rough	X		All but C	X (both)
Republic: Local	Shawn Edmonds	Julie Jackson	X		All but C	X
Public	John Deuel		X		All	X
Public	Kathryn Duvall		X		All	X
Public	Christopher McMorran		X		All	
Public	Ryan McAlister		X		All	X
Public	Mary Parmigiani		X		All	X
Public	Ed Pitera		X		All	X
Public	Louisa Shelby		X		All	X
Public	Catherine Biscoe		X		All	X
DEQ	Audrey O'Brien			X	All but D	X
Marion County	Brian May	Andrew Johnson		X	Only C	X (at 3:00 PM)
Linn County	Shane Sanderson			X	Only C	X
Benton County	Daniel Redick			X	All	
Benton County	Sean McGuire	Jen Brown		X	All	X

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Benton County Staff:

Benton County	Darren Nichols	X
Benton County	Greg Verret	X
Benton County	Inga Williams	X
Benton County	Linda Ray	
Benton County	Maren Schermer	X

Facilitation Staff:

ICM Resolutions	Sam Imperati	X
ICM Resolutions	Amelia Webb	X

3. Minutes

Topic	Notes
Welcome Review Agenda Approve Draft M9 Minutes Public Polling Results: Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sam reviewed the agenda and workplan. - Former members and people who were only on a subcommittee will get to make member comments. - M9 Minutes approved. - Sam reviewed the demographic and substantive percentage results from the public survey and the percentage results of the substantive questions. - Question from Catherine – Do we know what the “other” category breakdown is on the region question? – No - Comment from Ed – The postcard arrived too late for many people to participate. The timeline was too short. - Darren explained that the 3rd party that printed them had significant problems, so they did get out later than planned. However, that postcard showed the many upcoming opportunities for public involvement.
Comment Period	Transcriptions of individuals’ statements can be found in and in the meeting recording. If the individual provided a written copy of their statement, a scanned copy is provided in Appendix A in place of a transcription. If additional presentation materials were provided by the member of the public, they can be found in Appendix D . [PLEASE NOTE: All transcriptions provided were done by hand through the rev transcription service. They were not machine-generated.]
Review Tonight’s Polling Plan 1-2-3 Polling Refresher Explore the F&Rs with “3s” and Any New Items	2:30 – Sam went over the 1-2-3 polling method as it has been used and how it is explained in the Charter. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There were 220 total findings and recommendations. - Sam explains that they don’t have the voting members polls were not printed, so we don’t have the materials...

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Catherin B. – Commented that she feels a little uncomfortable with how little time she had to complete or review it. She feels like the process is wildly rushed... - Kathryn D. – Seconds Catherin B’s comments, and she would like time to consider the public comments made today - Marge P. – Agreed with the things said by Catherin and Kathryn, and added that the legal recommendations are still in “legal” jargon, so they are very inaccessible. In addition, the subcommittees have created a silo process, so she has not understood the material from the other subcommittees. - Liz Irish – She disagrees and says they knew all this was coming, and they are not being asked to do anything that is beyond their normal expectations. In addition, she was on the legal subcommittee, and they tried very hard to make the language accessible. She would like folks to rally and power through this. We are not going to make everyone happy, and she is confident that everyone did their best to meet the charter. - Chuck Gilbert – Asked how the comments for people who voted 2s will be visible. Sam explains and shows the SMMP example on the screen. - Louisa – Agrees with everything that has been said but asks folks to give Sam and the process a chance, but yes, it is rushed. <p>Sam then reviewed the number of findings and recommendations of each subcommittee that had 3 votes. There are 46 in total. He also went over again how the majority-minority proposals would work. Land Use had 10 findings and 10 recommendations with 3s. CUP, there are 12 findings and, 6 are recommendations. CEO had two 3 votes. For most of these, there is only one person polling a 3.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Marge - Comments that the informal survey was not really informal, and Sam then explained how that process works. - Louisa – Will we have time to look at the public comments? <p>Darren responds to the concerns voiced by members and explains his and the board’s perspective. He noted that there has been a bit of a push because people expressed, they wanted to be done. However, if people really don’t feel ready, they will respect that and see how they can make it work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Catherine – Re-caps her earlier concerns for Darren. She does not think folks understanding of other subcommittee’s material is up to the weight of the importance of this recommendations. - Chuck – The wisdom of this group does not end here. It will be carried in by staff and the further groups is helpful. Chuck is referencing the January 9th memo. - Darren – Reiterated that his impression is that the group is very familiar with the content and that the changes made have been honing in. - Sam – Noted that several subcommittees added new material since the last meeting. They are noted as new material, but they are there. - Kathryn – Her understanding of the process was to re-build trust b/w the County and the community. The mailer being very late so the community did not give enough time for the community to truly offer feedback and build trust.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Marge – In response to Darren, she does not feel that she had time. After all, this is not her job, and she has spent the last several months working to understand her subcommittees. She does not have the capacity or research to make a judgment on the other subcommittees material. However, she also does not think extending this for two days in going to solve this problem. She would like a way to characterize all of the wonderful work they have done, but also show that the process did not necessarily do all it was supposed to. It got them further down the road, but not there. - Darren – What would it take for you to feel ready Marge? - Marge - There are different levels of understanding among the group.. having everyone poll right now does not feel fair. - Louisa – Yes, there was not enough time for the community to respond to the survey, but what was the purpose of that survey? - Sam – The whole BCTT process, with its cross section of people from the community, IS a public involvement incitive. It is often used to explore these types of issues. It is not a traditional public involvement campaign. The many public comments we have received have been very much in response to the question of “should we close the landfill.” This is NOT the purpose of this workgroup at all. There concern is valid and important, but they are just not in the scope of this group’s charge. The sole purpose of the public survey was to give the workgroup a sense of what the public who had a change to take it, thought about the recommendations. It was NOT meant to tell the commissioners what the public thinks about the ful range of issues. In the 11th of April, a more traditional publica evolvment survey will ask more higher-level policy questions. However, it is likely not going to ask the questions many members of the public have brought up (ie, closer, expansion, etc.). Benton County, like all OR Counties, has a formal land-use process. So, it seems there has been a fly-by with the public on the purpose of BCTT. - John D – Agreed with what Sam just said. However, there were also some good comments today that are relevant to some of the points in the recommendations that the workgroup could address. It might be helpful to revisit the charge of each subcommittee, b/c it seems to him that some might be over-reaching. - Sam – Several things in the charter have evolved over time based on the interests of the workgroup. For example, the history section and the ability for members to make final written statements. - Liz – She does not think they have the responsibility to be experts, which people should not carry. They have done a very good job, but that’s ok. None of us will be landfill experts, and they need to be ok with that. - Marge – I don’t want to extend the process, but I don’t think she can do this.. - Liz – We are only being asked to do the best we can! - Chuck – How does abstaining work? - Ed – We should respect each other’s time and opinions...could we work through some examples and see how people feel about this? A sort of model or trial-run so people can see how comfortable they feel?
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- **Sam** – That’s what I was going to suggest! Let’s take a 10-minute stretch break.
- **Sam** – Meeting begins again at 3:33 PM

Trial Run – CUP R-7

[PLEASE NOTE: The original language, initial workgroup poll, edits made, and final workgroup poll, can all be found in [Section 4: Polling issues](#). Please see [Appendix B](#) for substantive polls’ raw data, and [Appendix C](#) for process polls’ raw data.]

- It is shown on the screen with the number of votes, and the comments from the two 3 votes.
- So, what would it take the two people who voted 3s to move it to a 2 or a 1.
Russ – He would like some statement that denotes disagreement b/w CUP and legal subcommittee. More of a preface then a note at the end, but that would be moving from a 3 to a 2. **Catherine** has several concerns about this. – Embedding legal information undermines the work the CUP did. It would be better to keep the 3 to show the disagreement then to undermine the work of the subcommittee. She feels like adding this would be undermining the process.
- **Sam** notes that there will be a cross-walk document done by staff that documents this type of overlap. So, they will be side-by side in the ultimate roll-up. **Liz** – LLU F23 is the contrasting one. **Sam** – I don’t think they are mutually exclusive. The clarification needs to be what the noun is. **Ed** – it seems like there was a fly-by with the legal committee with the wording around enforcement and conditions of approval. This confusion gets that heart of what some workgroup members concerns have been. Also confusion on the level of enforcement applicable to findings. So, he also thinks they should connect the two.
- **Louisa** – The CUP part should go first, then the legal part.
- **Russ** – First, the intent was NOT to undermine the CUP sub at all. He is feeling on-par with Ed.

CUP R-12

- **Russ** was the 3 – he explains why he wanted this change. **Catherine** - that should have already been there.

CUP R-19 (new)

- 3 people voted a 3. **Audrey** - The language is not accurate. The lang they provided to legal should have been given to CUP too. She then explained what it should be and what the confusion is. You cannot use a land use compatibility statement as a way to show compliance on this issue.
- (LLU F-15 is the corresponding one, although it does not specifically reference the LUCX.) Also, from a staff perspective, they would never use a LUCX for this. **Ed** offers clarification – this was the provided definition. The MOU should not be used to show that the landfill is in compliance.
- Move this from a recommendation to a finding and use Audrey’s language.
- **Louisa and Catherine** – can we add the context so it’s clear why this is on the conversation. The exact legal language is from 34018.

CUP R-23 (new)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One person polled 3, and one 2. Louisa did it b/c she did not understand it. Ed explains the intent. John may have been a 2 or 3, he also wants clarification. CUP R-24 (new) - Three 3 votes. All of the comments are around clarification. Sam offers background. Ed adds that they should not be asking County staff to do these things. There should be enough work capacity to not over-burden the County staff. For Russ to move from a 3 to a 2 it would be more than one person. This was all of the CUP Recommendations. –
Dinner	Ends at 5:00
Board of Commissioners' Thank You!	
Comment Period	<p>Transcriptions of individuals' statements can be found in Appendix A, and in the meeting recording. If the individual provided a written copy of their statement, a scanned copy is provided in Appendix A in place of a transcription. If additional presentation materials were provided by the member of the public, they can be found in Appendix D.</p> <p>[PLEASE NOTE: All transcriptions provided were done by hand through the <u>rev</u> transcription service. They were not machine-generated.]</p>
Explore the F&Rs with "2s" Executive Summary and History Last Call	<p>[PLEASE NOTE: The original language, initial workgroup poll, edits made, and final workgroup poll, can all be found in Section 4: Polling issues. Please see Appendix B for substantive polls' raw data, and Appendix C for process polls' raw data.]</p> <p>As we are dealing with "3" recommendations, next up is..</p> <p>CEO R-2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 vote is asking for clarification. No one wants more information in the room... <p>CEO R-15 (new)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One 3 vote and one 2 vote. Russ – Want clarification that the County to be the one executing and paying for this campaign. Good either way, but it should be clarified. Liz – ALL CUPs?! Louisa and Mary – Mary clarifies the purpose and Louisa adds that it was in response to a legal recommendation. Sam, Greg, and Darren – clarify that the pre-hearings are not required, but the County can require one and the applicant can ask for one. We are talking a/b here a pre-application process that normally has a modest fee. It is normally and inter-agency conversation. Mary – This was meant to address a process where the applicant met with community members. Greg – LLU R-5. Sam – Clarifies that the intent of SUB E was there 1) should be a pre-application meeting, and 2) the public should be notified. Russ – not questioning the need to do it, we just need to say somewhere who is responsible. John – we need to change the wording so it doesn't sound like the County can choose to do it or not. – this is done w/ the first sentence of the recommendation. Kathryn – We don't need to be this descriptive. <p>LLU R-1</p>

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- **Marge** polled 3 – she wanted to know why a different name designated it in this way. **John** – if it is all franchise agreements, why are we singling Republic out? **Sam** – the reason for that is b/c we are specifically addressing an element from the charter. **Audrey** – offers alternative text to help clean up the quotes. **Ryan** voted 2 – it felt like a much too large task for the County. **Russ** also voted 2 b/c he would love to not be mentioned.

LSCL R-6 :

- R-6 - Two people voted 3 b/c they wanted it removed b/c contracts a legal finding - and one person how polled 2 b/c they wanted it communicated to the County. **Chuck and Ginger** offer some clarification. LLU F-23 is where the legal sub weighed in on the approval of Cell-6. **Kathryn** – LLU F-23 reads like a rec, it should be a finding. **Greg** clarifies by it is worded that way. **Ginger** offers different word suggestions. **Louisa** – Why do they think it is incorrect? **Mark Y.** offers clarification. **Sam** notes the process that went into this issue. LLU-F23 puts forth the position as to why it was approved. There is another school of thought that notes that they could not find any official recognition. We are just going to explain this.

LSCL R-7:

- One person polled a 3. **John** was the 3 and wants it change SWAC to DSAC. **Greg** thinks that it makes sense, but he is not sure if Daniel got to look at it. **Russ and Shawn** polled 2s b/c it feels a little awkward. They don't have an issue with the wording itself though. **John** offers some clarification around intent for Russ and Shawn.

LLU R-2:

- Marge wanting more info as a 3. Two 2s. **Louisa** wants to know how this would be done. **Sam** – this would likely be available on the website. **Louisa** – should be clarify this? **Sam** – we could add a CEO recommendation a/b this. **Catherine** – this is too long right now. Maybe a landing page called “land use 101” or something? Maybe we then bullet the rest of the process to make it more accessible? **Sam** – Yes, it is long, some of these sentences are very important for clarification for the public. So, the content all needs to be there, but it could be word smithed differently. **Liz** clarifies the completeness process and criteria. **Ed** – Offers his understanding of the process. **Kathryn** – I think there are already processes in place for staff, I don't think it needs to be so prescriptive. **Liz** offers more clarification. **Catherine** now votes a 3 b/c it is highly unclear. It needs to be clarified or teased out into several recommendations.

LLU R-4:

- **Marge** moves to a 2 – **Catherine** a 3 – She wants more info and clarification around the criteria issues. **Greg** offers the nuanced distinction. **Darren** then offers additional clarification and **Catherine** suggests new wording. **Kathryn** would like some sort of accessible intro phrase. **Catherine** likes the new wording, but as two additional questions. **Ginny** offers clarification.

LLU R-6:

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Marge polled 3 b/c she feels it is an attempt to stifle public comment. She would need it removed to go forward. Kathryn – Clarification please? Greg complies. John wants to know why Marge feels it will limit public input. She replies that it is attempting to shape what SWAC can do. She sees it as a dictate, not a recommendation. Catherine – What about innovative ideas? I wouldn't say I like how this could limit things down the line. Ed offers a wording change. Sam – what was the intent of this? Liz – It was to clarify SWAC's position b/c it was not clarified. It was just an attempt to say this is where we are in the process. Greg – it was directly in response to an element of the charge. The intent was to make SWAC's review process more like the commissioner's process. Chuck, John, and Greg offer clarification. Mark Y. – Contributes more clarification, as requested by different members. - So, we need to still go back and make this clearer.
<p>Next Steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Final Editing Process (Public Survey, Informal Poll, Final Polling, EX SUM Updates based on Meeting, Update Webpage and add links, Last Once-over, Grammarly – No changes to F&Rs: OK? 2) 3/27 – 3/31 Process Evaluation 3) 3/31/23 Member Statements Due 4) 4/3/23 Final Report – Word Version 5) 4/4/23 Report Open House (5-7) 6) 4/11/23 “Coffee Table” Version 7) 4/11/23 Public Feedback through 5/26/23 	<p>Sam offers status update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5 more recommendations where someone voted a 3 - 28 Findings where someone voted and 3. - This is not even beginning to look at the 2s (some of which may have been covered already, but many not.) <p>Darren – The board and everyone here really wants to be done. How long would we be here if we power through....</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sam – well... we have only done one third of the 3s. - Liz – why can't we just leave it as is? Sam – well, that is an option, but not everyone took the poll, so we don't have data from all of the polling members. These processes are designed to create common understandings, and we have not had that opportunity yet. We will have much stronger recommendations if we show more of our more accurate positions. Darren agrees. Marge does not feel that all one and two votes is consensus, Sam then offers clarification. - Sam lays out a potential option for next steps. <p>Liz, Andrew, and Kathryn were the three that could not get it done, and at least Liz and Andrew have no threes. Catherine did not get to finish, so she will need to finish.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sean – Can we get the doc we are working on now for us to all see? - Sam – Yes, that will be part of the plan. - Russ – why don't we eat and work? <p>3 polls on what to do about the public comment period? Poll on to re-open the public poll.</p> <p>At the next meeting, we are going until we are done. We did 12 of 46 today... but next time we WILL go until we are done.</p>
Adjourn	

4. Polling Issues:

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Finding or Recommendation	Polling		
	1	2	3
Poll 1: CUP Recommendation 7	1	2	3
<u>Draft 6 Text</u>			
Determine if the Site Plan and Narrative included in the applicant submittals for PC-83-07/L-83-07 are regulatory conditions the landfill is required to follow.	8	0	2
<u>Language Proposed by 3s</u>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Legal subcommittee has determined that these are NOT regulatory conditions. This recommendation should be removed. X2 			
<u>Real-Time Draft Revision</u>			
Determine if the Site Plan and Narrative included in the applicant submittals for PC-83-07/L-83-07 are regulatory conditions the landfill is required to follow. Please see LLU F-22 for a contrary view.	6	5	0
Poll 2: CUP Recommendation 12	1	2	3
<u>Draft 6 Text</u>			
Establish a reporting program for compliance confirmation for facilities contributing to environmental burdens on the County, such as a landfill, industrial-scale composting, or direct dischargers to water bodies within the County, etc.	8	1	1
<u>Language Proposed by 3s</u>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We can poll a "1" on this if "burdens" is changed to "impacts" 			
<u>Language Proposed by 2s</u>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change "burdens" to "impacts" 			
<u>Real-Time Draft Revision</u>			
Establish a reporting program for compliance confirmation for facilities contributing to environmental impacts on the County, such as a landfill, industrial-scale composting, or direct dischargers to water bodies within the County, etc.	11	0	0
Poll 3: CUP Recommendation 19	1	2	3
<u>Draft 6 Text</u>			
(NEW) Do not use the existence of a LUCS as evidence or proof of compliance with DEQ requirements until additional information is available from DEQ on how to interpret their use of a LUCS.	7	0	3
<u>Language Proposed by 3s</u>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New finding. Need to discuss. We haven't had time to vet this finding. I feel like we need more information about this. I could support it with more information. 			
<u>Language Proposed by 2s</u>			

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DEQ has provided information already on what a LUCS is used for. A LUCS should not be used as evidence of compliance with DEQ requirements. Per Oregon Administrative Code, OAR 340-018, a LUCS is a signed document provided by a local government that verifies that the entity applying for a DEQ permit is located in an area zoned appropriately for the proposed use by the local government. 			
<u>Real-Time Draft Revision</u>			
New CUP F-X: With regard to the 2002 MOU, DEQ has provided information already on what a LUCS is used for. A LUCS should not be used as evidence of compliance with DEQ requirements. Per Oregon Administrative Code, OAR 340-018, a LUCS is a signed document provided by a local government that verifies that the entity applying for a DEQ permit is located in an area zoned appropriately for the proposed use by the local government.	9	2	0
Poll 4: CUP Recommendation 23	1	2	3
<u>Draft 6 Text</u>			
(NEW) Future users review all then-available source files for evaluating land use decisions and not rely solely on Appendix A.2. documentation.	7	2	1
<u>Language Proposed by 3s</u>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I need more information to support this 			
<u>Real-Time Draft Revision</u>			
Future users are encouraged review all then-available source files for evaluating land use decisions and not rely solely on Appendix A.2. documentation.	11	0	0
Poll 5: CUP Recommendation 24	1	2	3
<u>Draft 6 Text</u>			
(NEW) Retain a specialized professional team of outside resources to act on the County's behalf in all aspects of upcoming landfill expansions. This team should be structured to require only guidance from County staff. The team resources should not be dependent on County staff for administrative tasks or clerical support. A Public Member of BCTT knowledgeable in the issues should participate in the selection of outside resources.	7	0	3
<u>Language Proposed by 3s</u>			
There are multiple "new" recommendations in this section of the report, none of which were discussed or vetted before being submitted for inclusion.			
Would like to discuss further at the meeting as this is a new finding and we need more information about its intent.			
Interesting but need more information. Isn't this what the Planning Commission and SWAC are for? Could this be an Advisory Committee combined with the ACs in the SMMP? Sounds expensive and if was only volunteers it would be hard to find people possibly due to not having any support staff.			
<u>Real-Time Draft Revision</u>	9	3	0

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Retain a specialized professional team of outside resources to act in the County’s behalf in all aspects of upcoming expansions of the landfill. This team should be structured to require only guidance from County staff. The team resources should not be dependent on County staff for administrative tasks or clerical support. Public Members of BCTT knowledgeable in the issues should participate in the selection of outside resources.			
Poll 6: CEO Recommendation 2	1	2	3
<u>Draft 6 Text</u>			
The Board of Commissioners (Board) should consider changes to these notification recommendations based on the potential impact of other CUP applications.	8	0	1
<u>Language Proposed by 3s</u>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I don't understand this recommendation. 			
<u>Real-Time Draft Revision</u>			
The Board of Commissioners (Board) should consider changes to these notification recommendations based on the potential impact of other CUP applications. [no changes]	12	0	0
Poll 7: CEO Recommendation 15	1	2	3
<u>Draft 6 Text</u>			
(NEW) Applicants of CUPs should have a pre-application meeting with communities affected by the CUP. These pre-application meetings should inspire transparency between the applicant and community members. Communication of these pre-application meetings should include an email blast, website post, and postings on the county’s various social media outlets.	8	1	1
<u>Language Proposed by 3s</u>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would like to discuss further at the meeting. 			
<u>Language Proposed by 2s</u>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Again, new finding. 			
<u>Real-Time Draft Revision</u>			
Applicants of CUPs should have a pre-application meeting with notification to the communities affected by the CUP as directed by the County. [Cuts]	12	0	0
Poll 9: LSCL Recommendation 6	1	2	3
<u>Draft 6 Text</u>			
The County should clarify when formal approval of Cell 6 as a disposal area was granted.	9	1	2
<u>Language Proposed by 3s</u>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This recommendation should be removed. This issue has already been addressed by the legal subcommittee. This finding should be removed. This issue has already been addressed by the legal subcommittee. 			
<u>Language Proposed by 2s</u>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> And communicate this with the County. 			
<u>Real-Time Draft Revision</u>			
The County should clarify when formal approval of Cell 6 as a disposal area was granted. LLU F-23 provides information on this issue.	7	5	0

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Poll 10: LSCL Recommendation 7	1	2	3
<u>Draft 6 Text</u>			
The Benton County Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC) should review all future Coffin Butte Landfill Annual Reports relative to past reports and official approvals, in particular with regard to intake volume, landfill traffic volume (both Municipal Solid Waste and leachate transport), expected landfill life and end of life, and total and remaining Permitted Space. SWAC should report these findings to the Board for consideration.	11	0	1
<u>Language Proposed by 3s</u>			
A) The Benton County Disposal Site Advisory Council (DSAC) should review all future Coffin Butte Landfill Annual Reports relative to past reports and official approvals, in particular with regard to intake volume, landfill traffic volume (both Municipal Solid Waste and leachate transport), expected landfill life and end of life, and total and remaining Permitted Space. DSAC should report these findings to the Board for consideration.			
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Poll 8: LLU Recommendation 1	1	2	3
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<p><u>Language Proposed by 3s</u></p>			
<p>A) What is the significance of naming Republic Services as Allied Waste Services of Corvallis (“Republic Services”), when it is referred to simply as Republic Services in all other contexts.</p>			
<p><u>Language Proposed by 2s</u></p>			
<p>a) Having public input on all franchise agreements opens up a pandora's box for BC. The issue at hand is the landfill - so keep it specific to that line item</p>			
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<u>Draft 6 Text</u>			
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<u>Language Proposed by 3s</u>			
A) Lawyer talk. What is the statutory completeness review process. How can I vote on something I know nothing about?			
<u>Language Proposed by 2s</u>			
a) How and where this information will be described and communicated needs to be added.			
b) For Community Outreach and Education use CEO subcommittee's recommendations.			
<u>Real-Time Draft Revision</u>			
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Polls 12 & 13: LLU Recommendation 4	1	2	3
<u>Draft 6 Text</u>			
BCC 77.310 states that “The applicant for a conditional use permit shall provide a narrative which describes: * * * Other information as required by the Planning Official.” [BCC 77.310(1)(e)] The workgroup could make recommendations regarding what “other information” would be helpful in a narrative. However, any committee recommendations would have to be limited to information related to the applicable criteria and could not expand that criteria. “Additional information” required by the Planning Official does not become part of the applicable criteria. BCC 77.310 states only what the applicant’s narrative shall include; it does not identify criteria for SWAC’s review of a CUP application. This absence contributed to the subcommittee’s recommendation in LLU R-6.	8	0	1
<u>Language Proposed by 3s</u>			
A) Again, lawyer talk. Why is not attempt made to advise me, a Benton County resident and taxpayer what the implications of this might be?			
<u>Real-Time Draft Revision</u>			
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5. ZOOM MEETING RECORDS:

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6. Meeting Chat:

00:15:52 **Chris Furney:** Yes, this seems more like an open forum, and I don't want to waste everyone's time.

00:15:56 **Kate Harris:** Yes we can hear now

00:16:04 **Debbie Palmer:** I can hear and see you now

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- 00:16:20 **Pam Vaughan:** Chris you are not wasting our time.
- 00:16:30 **Debbie Palmer:** Please everyone speak up, speak louder
- 00:17:00 **Joel Geier:** Agree with Pam, I would like to hear from Chris.
- 00:22:54 **Chris Furney:** Thanks, but I think I'll try a regular 9 o'clock meeting. As long as everyone knows that Alsea's sewer system is very much overburdened, while the rentals keep adding dwelling units in a Village Residential Zone, I would think without a permit. Thanks.
- 00:23:59 **Catherine Stearns:** I agree that the post card was confusing and too short notice.
- 00:24:59 **Joel Geier:** We just received our post card 2 days ago on 3/21. I think the survey already closed by then.
- 00:25:30 **Catherine Stearns:** The timeline should have changed to make it more accessible.
- 00:25:52 **Pam Vaughan:** Same here, Joel.
- 02:10:01 **Debbie Palmer:** I can hear you
- 03:57:10 **Pat Hare:** Does anyone know when public comment is?
- 03:59:35 **Debbie Palmer:** It is on the agenda as starting at 5:30PM
- 04:01:21 **Pat Hare:** Alright thanks
- 04:19:29 **Ken Eklund:** Those questions I had:1. Doesn't the Franchise Agreement bind Republic Services to take Benton County's trash for the next 20 years? 2. Isn't "very near future" misleading to the public, when Republic's own actual projected landfill life is 15 years or more? 3. Doesn't Republic Services plan to begin accepting trash in the quarry area when the current cell is full, if a landfill expansion is not available? 4. What service disruptions is Republic anticipating if the landfill expansion is not approved?
- 04:26:56 **Joel Geier:** Good question for the work group: How often has PFAS been tested for, in the AV water system?
- 05:10:24 **Ken Eklund:** No, actually it is not. I referred to LLU R-6 and R-7.
- 05:11:36 **Ken Eklund:** No, I testified about LLU recommendations, not these, which are LSCL.
- 05:45:13 **Ken Eklund:** These are the Recommendations that I testified about: LLU R-6 and R-7.

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- 06:16:33 **Joel Geier:** Wasn't this supposed to be the "final meeting"?
- 06:29:41 **Kate Harris:** Will the results of the public poll be considered? If so, how/when?
- 06:31:00 **Joel Geier:** How big is the expense to the county for the poll, as opposed to \$250,000 spent on this already (not counting county staff time)?
- 06:31:51 **Kate Harris:** Will this be a waste of the public's time, or will the results make it to anyone in a timely manner to make a difference in the workgroup polling?
- 06:33:05 **Joel Geier:** Good question, Kate.

7. Appendix A: Public Comments

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COMMENT PERIOD 1:

1) **Doug Pollack:**

Thank you. Thank you very much. My name is Doug Pollack. I'm a neighbor of the Enso Creek Valley in Corvallis. This is an interesting process for me because I don't pay a lot of attention to what's going on. I gave a lot of input in the first couple year and a half of this controversy; in depth emails, and didn't get much response over and over and over again.

And so I hear there was a survey. I guess maybe I saw an email a few days ago about it. I'm not sure. I hear you're voting on a final report, which I guess has been through six revisions. All of this is just complete stuff that's not on my radar. Like most people in the community, I have a whole lot of other things.

And so I would urge people, especially commissioners, to not confuse this process with the normal process of public input and governance. So SWAC, DSAC should have been meeting this entire time. To take away their responsibilities and have it go to this committee, these kinds of committees take on a life of their own.

And that's not to say to diminish your efforts, your volunteer hours, your efforts, but it's very different from the public interest and it's very different from the standard public process. And it can be very intimidating for people. It's an exception to their normal routine. They don't normally even know about these things. They don't come to meetings like this. And so the fact that you got a hundred and some people on your survey is to me, it's like there's thousands of people who would care about this if they really understood what's going on and how to get input.

But I think many of the neighbors feel like we've already given enormous amounts of input that really wasn't appreciated or accepted. And I just want to get one example. First, I was going to say I was biking by the landfill last night at 8:30 at night, as I've done hundreds of times before. I smelled the smell coming off the dump on Highway 99, a strong smell. And I thought about getting home and sending another

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report to DEQ to complain about it. But my last report about six weeks ago, I specifically asked for follow up from DEQ, as I've done in previous occasions, I've gotten nothing. As far as I'm concerned, there's no accountability on the part of DEQ. I would like to know if there was air monitoring ever done to know what chemicals are going in my body when I routinely breathe stuff coming off the landfill.

I'd also like to point to my letter to the editor on Tuesday, this past exact time. I'm not sure how to submit that. Just bringing it to attention to the public the PFAS chemicals, which are almost certainly in the land fluent from the landfill. And are being essentially dumped in the Lime River to the downstream drinking water communities.

But the issue I wanted to share most with you today is when I first got involved in this in July of 2019, a neighbor alerted me about this expansion of landfill. There was a little public notice I eventually found, and it said that Coffin Butte would be vacated, not the road, it said Coffin Butte. It also said that the road would be rerouted. And you read this notice and you go, oh, it's no big deal. They're closing part of the landfill. They're going to reroute the road.

And I think that's part of the problem here. As many neighbors, if they were even aware of that notice, had no idea what was going on. And so my subsequent communication from county staff, I just received a whole lot of pushback. They would not publish an amended notice to let people know that that was factually incorrect. And that's kind of been the process I've experienced all along. Is my emails don't get answered. I brought this to the attention of commissioner's way back, never get any answers. And it's just been incredibly frustrating because these processes just seem designed to exclude the average citizen.

So I know I've exceeded my time, but thank you for your service and thanks for considering my input.

2) Kevin Kanaga:

My name is Kevin Kanaga. I wholeheartedly want to thank all of the BCTT Board Crew volunteers. My comments today are not directed at any of you. But I will be asking for your consideration.

During the prior CUP, within my comments to the planning commission, I stated the expansion cannot only be about the money. Unfortunately, it's become more and more obvious, it is only about the money. As I raised before why wasn't any due diligence completed prior to our commissioner signing the 2020 Landfill Franchise Agreement? The 2020 landfill franchise agreement, it's big business. Big business that warranted one, a professional cost benefit analysis of hosting a regional landfill, a professional independent environmental impact study covering environmental impacts to date and the future environmental impacts of hosting a regional landfill. BCTT suggests this in the future.

Third, the Sustainable Materials Management Plan, which BCTT also suggests in the future. In the future does not provide answers now. Please, work group where appropriate, please consider this during polling. After the prior CUP was withdrawn, I individually invited each of our commissioners to participate in public outreach with a small group. I felt we needed their help in opposing any landfill expansion. I can tell you, all we received is pushback. Our Benton County Commissioners, Benton County staff and Republic Services all want an expansion. Benton County doesn't need an expansion.

Don't the residents of Benton County deserve due diligence in the decision making process? I would argue we do. How can this process of considering expansion not include due diligence? It appears Benton County Commissioners are only concerned about the money. And due diligence may get in the way of their discretionary cash flow. Work group where appropriate, please consider all of this in your polling. Please, commissioners Benton County residents deserve better. Do the due diligence before moving forward.

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3) Becky Merja:

BECKY MERJA - BENTON CO RESIDENT

I want to start by thanking all the volunteers for your time and efforts in seeing this process through to this extent and I want to share some of my concerns.

In an Email dated February 24, 2023, I contacted Nichols, and CC'ed Imperati and all 3 commissioners.

Mr. Nichols,

I have serious concerns about the integrity and transparency of the BCTT process. These concerns have been increasing with each citizen volunteer that is removed or resigns from the work group leaving intact Republic Services representation.

My concerns were elevated another notch during your staff report at the Board of Commissioners meeting Tuesday, February 21st, when you stated that some really good conversations have been happening, "...many of those behind the scenes". I would like to know what you meant by that, because it appears to deviate from the promise of an open, public process, and "one table rule". At the BCTT workgroup meeting February 23, near the end of the meeting, Mr. Imperati also mentioned the possibility of "quick phone calls" to resolve any remaining conflict.

The "polling" process is suspect. How many of these "behind the scenes conversations" are to influence a "consensus" on an issue that has, and will forever, impact this county and any community downstream.

The future of Benton County is in the crosshairs, and Republic Services has their finger on the trigger. Sign me a "Very Concerned Tax Paying Citizen".

I did not receive a response to that email.

4) Nancy Whitcomb:

My name is Nancy Whitcomb. I used to be on the work group. I wasn't going to say anything. But on the occasion of the consideration of [inaudible 00:11:36] 21047, the previous landfill expansion proposal that was proposed in July of 2021. One of the vocal opponents of that who spoke at the planning commission meeting, name was Cat Newsheller. We got news two days ago that Cat had died after a long battle with cancer.

There is a lot of cancer in the neighborhood around the landfill. And that was one of the issues that the Planning Commission identified as being a question that they would like to have answered before there was a decision on whether to increase the size of the landfill.

Landfills are not safe. That's becoming more and more clear every... they don't ever discover new chemicals that are good chemicals. There are only worse chemicals. And some of those chemicals are now being spread on our agricultural lands. But there was even a recent CNN article about how people who

On Feb 12, 2023, I submitted a request for public records regarding communications surrounding the 2020 Franchise. AND here is some information that you didn't get, even though it was known to some of the people in this room.

We now know that Benton County staff, county counsel, and at least a couple of the current county commissioners have been in discussions with Republic Services since early 2019, about a plan to expand the landfill over and across Coffin Butte Road. This plan has been in the works for at least 5 years.

The public records also revealed that a number of the things that the BCTT work group was tasked with finding out about were already extensively documented by County staff. Things like Landfill capacity etc.

February 2019: Memo between County Counsel and an outside counsel (for the county) identifies "Good faith agreement to work on future landfill expansion/purchase additional property" as one of the county's goals in contract negotiations with Republic.

That brings us today, our community was promised an open and transparent PROCESS, when all the while county staff and Republic Services have been driving a calculated PROCESS designed to steer the outcome toward expansion. The workgroup members who were removed were the only members who had opposed the expansion previously, and one was the only actual landfill neighbor.

*I am disgusted by the duplicity. I hereby call **BS** on this so "called PROCESS".*

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live near landfills should have their blood tested for PFAS. Landfills are specifically called out as a danger for people who move nearby.

And no amount of money is going to bring Cat back. And this is a question that really needs to be answered. If I remained on the work group, I would've tried to bring it to the attention of the members. In retrospect it's really great to not be on the work group anymore because you guys work really hard. So thank you for that. But keep in mind that real people's lives may be at risk and this is an unanswered question. Thank you very much.

5) Nancy Wyse [County Commissioner]:

Hello, Nancy Wyse, Benton County Commissioner. I just felt compelled to state that the commissioners were invited by the neighbors, a group of neighbors to come speak with them. All three of us commissioners did take them up on that offer. I did meet with the group for over three hours on one evening and I felt like it was a good conversation. I learned a lot. And they had done a good job of preparing extensive information and PowerPoints. And I know that Commissioners Malone and Commissioners Augerot also met with them and viewed that material. Thank you.

6) Ken Eklund:

Hello Work Group. My name is Ken Eklund and I'm a Benton County resident and chair of its Solid Waste Advisory Council. I'm here to call you to question why you are being asked to approve recommendations R6 and R7 from the legal and land use subcommittee? Which in essence are asking you to recommend to the Board of Commissioners that they should self-limit public input about the landfill from the Solid Waste Advisory Council.

Very quickly, let me just summarize SWAC's role. Trash is a dirty business. The public would like to be protected from it. And they want their level of protection to rise at the speed of science. If there's a new better way to handle trash, then why aren't we doing it? But the county and the landfill don't move at the speed of science. They move at the speed of legislation. And SWAC was created basically to navigate the tension between those two speeds. That's why SWAC currently has no limits placed upon it, because it's supposed to bring developments that concern the public to the county's attention. Because this kind of ground up feedback is where legislation begins in the first place.

So now here are R6 and R7. I've highlighted the actions they recommend, which are "the Board of Commissioners should more clearly define SWAC's role" and SWAC's involvement in reviewing a conditional use permit needs clarification.

So work group members, I'm asking you to question the assumptions here. Which are A, that SWAC's role is not clearly defined and that B, it's role therefore needs definition. The subcommittee's own findings show otherwise, which is that SWAC assists the Board of Commissioners in implementing Solid waste management. And that the scope of its recommendations is not limited. There's no ambiguity here. There's no reason brought forward that this openness would be a problem. There's no example. SWAC's recommendation about the last conditional use permit was about a page and a half long. Does SWAC really have a filter problem?

Let's look at an earlier draft of these recommendations. This is from draft three. And look, back then it was you, the work group who were recommending specific areas of consideration to SWAC. Note that back then you were not imposing limitations, but you've since been cut out of the process. Now you're

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being asked to approve a recommendation that the Board of Commissioners impose limitations on what SWAC can say to the board. You are being asked to endorse the creation of an echo chamber.

I don't expect to have convinced you about the echo chamber bit in less than three minutes, but I hope you'll question what has happened to R6 and R7, and what lies underneath this very unassuming legalese. I hope that you'll question why it is that you, the work group, are being asked to recommend an action to the Board of Commissioners that they can freely take for themselves. Are you being asked to give the Board of Commissioners some political cover for restricting what they hear from the public? If you have questions about that, I would urge you not to approve. Don't sign your name to them if you are not sure. So thanks for your time and attention. I should make it clear that I'm talking to you as an individual, not for the Solid Waste Advisory Council. The council's ambassadors in the work group are Marge Pop and Chuck Gilbert. Thank you.

7) Camille Hall:

Okay, here we go. As a concerned resident of Benton County who travels up Highway 99 regularly, I'm concerned about the rapid increase of landfills since Riverbend Landfill closed in McMinnville and I've been following the BCTT since its beginning. And by the way, thank you all I know the hundreds of hours you've spent.

What I have learned during this process is that the county gave up its legal leverage to negotiate with Republic Services when it's signed that 10 year landfill franchise lease in 2020. We are all in this together, the public, Republic Services, and the county to figure out how to keep the landfill from encroaching on farmland, from driving away neighbors who bought their property when Coffin Butte was smaller, significantly smaller and slated for closure in about the year 2000.

So, I was a little alarmed when I read the story in the Gazette Times this morning that there was a legal liability over the petition, which I as a Benton County resident have helped circulate. And let me read you the wording in the petition. It says, "We need a plan, not a bigger landfill. By signing this position, we're telling the commissioners to oppose any expansion of Coffin Butte landfill before Benton County completes a thorough detailed waste management plan that focuses on future resilience and includes alternatives for decreasing and redistributing materials from the waste stream."

So, there is no legal ramification for the county to have a position that opposes landfill expansion. They have legal restrictions regarding approval of a conditional use permit, but we as concerned residents want to hear the County be responsible for what goes into the dump, and work hard with Republic Services through whatever leverage they can afford at this point, to pull things out of the waste stream, to increase the recycling markets, to do the things that we've taken time and effort to spell out in the solid waste materials Plan RFP that's due to be released. But anyway, thank you all. Work hard. We've got to stop this juggernaut, there's more to trash management than expanding the landfill. Thank you

8) Faye Yoshihara:

Okay. Fay Yoshihara, North Benton County resident. I want to acknowledge and thank the volunteers for their commitment and the tremendous hours put into the BCTT over the past nine months. I would like to comment on two topics, the community survey and PFAS.

I'm glad 107 people much smarter and more persistent than me made it through the survey. I attempted to wade my way through the 80 plus questions in your survey, which was field on a very short timeline. It went against everything I know about survey design and execution having worked in this field.

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In the end, I decided not to even respond because I did not consider this an honest attempt at community engagement. I know you framed it as "please answer the sections of greatest interest," but I could not even decide which to try to answer without a substantial time commitment.

Secondly, I'm concerned that issues around PFAS are not addressed in the report. Leachate is included in CUPR13, but only its impact on water, not soil. In addition to PFAS laced leachate making its way into the Willamette River, potentially PFAS laced biosolids are being applied as a soil amendment at the Soap Creek branch, including where cattle currently graze and on the Carson homestead.

This is where the Letitia Carson Legacy Project hopes someday have an organic farm celebrating Leticia's legacy as an Oregon Black Pioneer. These are two amongst many concerns I have about the BTCC work group process and report.

Whose responsibility is it to ensure impacted people's voices are heard? The process has become so inside baseball that I can't understand it despite having tried to follow the proceedings.

Community engagement is when you meet people where they are, not where you are. I ask you to please consider the impacts on the many people who are unable to engage in your process as you pull on this report and its recommendations. Thank you.

9) Mark Henkels:

Great. Thank you very much for your attention. Mark Henkels, a longtime resident of Benton County. I work in [inaudible 00:06:42] I drive up 99 across Adair Village, up 99 regularly. I've always [inaudible 00:06:49] of the news but I never really was that educated about the landfill until I got involved with writing the history of the landfill as part of the Benton County Talks Trash process.

So I want to provide, while I am able to submit things as a member statement, I feel like those are just going to become another part of the huge pile of paper [inaudible 00:07:12] so I wanted to give a little bit of oral testimony to my perspective and concerns regarding this process.

One thing I want to start by saying is, as we wrote the history which was largely drafted by Marge Pop, myself with a lot of input from Ginger who is really a great help in many ways.

One of the things that is really clear is while Republic's representative was as reasonable as you could ever expect, [inaudible 00:07:42] consensus meant that we did not include things that we feel the public ought to know about. We did take very seriously the drive for consensus, but at the end, when I look back on it, I realize consensus really means veto power.

There's specific areas I want to highlight that we would perhaps have done better if we had submitted a separate report rather than the consensus report of history we did.

Five points. One, history of fires and fire risk we feel were significantly downplayed. It's hard to do justice to some of that stuff, but conversations with people that were fire officials locally, it's pretty clear that there's a greater danger there than was first apparent or that we included in the history.

Secondly, the significant Republic Services corporate decision making and increasing the annual deposits that the landfill should have been developed more and since it's the increased use of the land, increased deposits in the landfill that are forcing the county to accept the south expansion, which created the great incentive for Republican to negotiate for second the southward expansion and to incentivize it for the county board.

Expanded on the transformation of the area as land. Its trucks and lights have really transformed a Coffin Butte area from an almost bucolic area that I once knew 30 years ago to really a full-fledged industrial

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zone. You go, I go there different times a day, always the big trucks moving, litter sometimes from the trucks. But just the most important thing is as I drove down from Salem just yesterday, you can see that landfill from very far away over on Independence Road, which is not the one, not Highway 89, but two miles to the east. Two other broader concerns I want to raise. One is while the immediate previous decision was not perhaps conducted properly and the public and perhaps some officials were not well-informed of the process or the basic information concerning the expansion negotiations and the proposal that was withdrawn last year for expansion, many of those who were involved did understand the nature of the issues. And I think you can view this process as essentially a redo of a decision that perhaps is valid to begin with.

And finally, my last point. In the bigger picture, this process seems to ignore the core values of Benton County 2040 Thriving Communities initiative. There should be direct consideration of whether the expansion of landfill helps create the Benton County that we envision for 2040 and that has not come up anywhere. We don't have a committee regarding environment or quality of life. We have ones on economics and things like that. Thank you.

10) Debbie Palmer:

Okay. My name is Debbie Palmer. I am a Benton County resident and I have been following this work group and it's proceeding from the very beginning.

First off, how many people are glad this process is almost over? Raise your hand. Okay, so my comments today are regarding the final document being prepared from all the work group and subcommittee members hard work. The first comment has to do with history portion in the diagram on page 13 or rather on page 13 of draft five. I see it's now on page 20 of draft six, the blurb about the 2021 C U P neglects to mention its most controversial aspect. Right now, it just says that Republic sought approval to place waste south of Coffin Butte Road. Completely omitted is the fact that in order to do so, they also sought to close Coffin Butte Road and cover it with garbage too. This was a huge issue and leaving that point out is a distortion of the historical record and a disservice the people reading this document in the future.

My second comment is actually a question. That question is, why is so much space in this document taking up with documenting the process of coming up with this document? Wouldn't it be far more useful for it to focus on the results of all that work, the history, the findings, the recommendations, and the appendices supporting the findings and recommendations? The process is not useful information except as a reference. The process is not what the document is supposed to be about other than a simple introduction, why not put all those details about the process at the very end in another appendix? It just seems to me that in its present state, this document is working pretty hard to try to justify itself that, that is its priority rather than the actual results. This document is costing the county over \$236,000. I sure hope in the end it is worth it. Thank you.

11) Kate Harris:

I'm Kate Harris, a North Benton County resident as a former Air Force pilot and Evaluator with a Civil Engineering degree and a Master's of Public Administration, a community board member and Adair Village Rental Property owner and a mother of three young children. I've spent years taking input from those under my responsibility to ensure health, safety and quality of life. Many times each year and particularly in the winter months, we are affected at our house and while the children are attending

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school in Adair Village by an oppressive stench. Not what is coming from the PRC, but one that affects our daily living and activities coming from the landfill. It causes headaches, eye irritation, and throat burning, which limits our outdoor activities and often makes me concerned for the safety of the children at the school, translating between classroom buildings during outdoor recess and during sports practice.

In addition, the landfill leachate deposited daily at the Corvallis Wastewater treatment plant, which passes through the Municipal Treatment System without additional treatment for the abnormal panel of toxins, is released into the Willamette River mere miles prior to Adair Village's drinking water intake source.

The Adair Village Water treatment plant operates well within its required duties to treat river water prior to consumption. My grave concern is that many of the toxins deposited into the source water are not accounted for, treated, or even tested for at this point. Both the air quality and water quality bring me concern for the safety of the tenants under our responsibility, my own children and their classmates and teachers, and the growing population of Adair Village. It is the charge of county government to ensure the health and safety of the Benton County residents to whom they are responsible and to ensure current and future livability of Benton County.

I implore you as the Trash Talks work group to do everything in your power to ensure we account for all potential current and future impacts of our resident landfill prior to contemplating any future expansion. Have you seen and studied results of local air quality tests, residual environmental toxin tests and have proof that the drinking water of a DARE village does not contain PCB, PFAS and other chemical toxins not normally tested for in municipal water sources? If not, we need to ensure that the entirety of the Sustainable Materials Management Plan is completed prior to any expansion approval to ensure the safety of all Benton County residents.

Thank you again for all of your time and efforts. We appreciate the great, the immense efforts that have gone into this process.

12) Joe Crockett:

So interestingly, if you were to take one day's accumulation of trash at the landfill, which is what, 10 hours of dropping trash and you compress it into a 60-second time period. You would have six seconds of time where trash was coming from Benton County, the remainder 54 seconds... And if you want, we can sit through this. The remainder 54 seconds is coming from outside of Benton County and that's amazing. And what's interesting too about that is that six seconds is costing Benton County so much headache and so much time, but we're getting so little benefit from it. And so the fear factors of, oh, we're going to close the dump and it is going to cost you a fortune.

The reality is they are making so much money on everybody else and very little on Benton County. And why are we spending so much time is because Benton County is making a whole bunch of money from that six seconds of trash. Anyway, it's just a perspective that I think is interesting to kind of think about is that so much of all of this headache that is going to live in Benton County forever and ever and ever, is really only a small fraction of what Benton County is actually creating. Thank you.

13) Catherine Stearns:

Okay, thank you. I'm not going to put video on because it tends to interrupt the technology. Anyways. My name is Catherine Stearns. I'm a North Benton County resident, and I want to second just about everything anybody at everybody else has said prior to my speaking. I am opposed to the county moving

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forward on any expansion of the landfill at any level until there is an authentic citizen approved plan to manage solid waste. An authentic citizenry approved plan would include all the stakeholders, especially the neighbors who remain at risk for water, air, and ground pollution. For me, the county's motto at your service has come to mean as at Republic's service and not the citizens of the county. With all the perils risk and damages already identified and submitted over the past 18 months, how can you in good conscience proceed to consider anything less than a comprehensive and substantive future-oriented plan?

This plan needs to include specifics on how the county will finally hold Republic Services accountable for the damages that are ongoing. Instead of spending \$80,000 on a process facilitator, why aren't we getting the state of the art and world-class 21st century strategies for all the municipalities using the landfill. Other communities with landfills are facing or have faced these same dilemmas. It seems to me the county staff are more diligent in preserving the funding stream than responsibly responding to the very real concerns of the citizens who pay their taxes. If the latest identification of PFAS being dumped into the Willamette River isn't enough to change your direction, then I invite you to go down to the water treatment outflow and take a long drink day after day just as those downstream have to. I'm not a scientist or a specialist. I'm a human being who wants the smarts of scientists and specialists to be integrated into any plan. This is all part of the changes needed to impact our climate concerns and seven generations, hence force. Thank you

COMMENT PERIOD 2:

1) Kevin Kanaga:

Thank you. Again, I want to thank wholeheartedly the whole county Trash Talks, work group, volunteers. There's been a lot of hours. I'm sure you're going to be relieved at the end. I spoke earlier today voicing my concern that for Benton County Commissioners, an expansion is all about money. The dump income is discretionary funding. It's not like tax dollars that must be spent in designated ways. It's more like an allowance fund. I need to point out that after I spoke earlier today, commissioner Nancy Weis seemingly to clarify my comment about how I individually invited each of the commissioners to participate in public outreach with a small group. I want to make it perfectly clear that each commissioner responded and each individual spent two and a half to three hours listening to our concerns. I, we, the group, thought that they actually heard our concerns. Turns out it appears they only listened.

What do I mean? Well that brings us to here today, many, many months later. What our commissioners didn't hear was our plea for help. It seems that all the information was too much or we all wouldn't be here today. As I said earlier, none of us has seen any help, only pushback. There was a small dump cuff in Butte when you purchased Tough Live with an expansion. We, this group shared much of the information you've been pouring over for the past several months. Now you're making recommendations. Couldn't our commissioners have started due diligence months ago? They had the information. I'm sorry to say, I'm seeing this process as a huge time suck for all involved. A big paycheck, maybe 250,000 for Sam's facilitating and little to no progress towards due diligence. Again, a landfill expansion is big business that requires due diligence. I've said it before and I'll continue to repeat.

Before any consideration of a landfill expansion, all of Benton County's residents deserve, one, a professional, independent cost benefit analysis of hosting a regional landfill. Two, a professional independent environmental impact study covering environmental impacts to date and the future environmental impacts of hosting a regional landfill. Yes, BCTT suggests one in the future. Three, A

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sustainable materials management plan, which BCT suggests in the future, again, in the future does not provide answers for now. Benton County Commissioners appear to be kicking these three cans down the road. Due diligence would be in the very best interest of all Benton County residents, not just that small group asking for help. Commissioners has long pass due. Stop kicking the cans, do the necessary due diligence for all of Benton County residents. Thank you.

2) Ken Eklund:

Okay, great. Thank you. Okay. Hello again, work group. It's Ken Eklund and I am a Benton County resident. In your last meeting, there was a concerned race about fear mongering. With that in mind, I have an example that seems to be fear mongering about the landfill that I feel the work group should address in the short time that remains. I'll just note that it's urgent that you act because the window of opportunity to clear this up closes when the work group passes last call.

So what you're looking at here is texts from the Coffin Butte Landfill website in a section about the proposed expansion. It says straight up that without approval of the CUP, there will be no outlet for the county's waste in the very near future. Is this true? This text brings up some questions. First, doesn't the franchise agreement bind Republic Services to take Benton County's trash for the next 20 years? Isn't Republic Services obligated to be an outlet? Second, I'm on the landfill size subcommittee. It projected that there is 14 to 16 years of landfill life left. Now when you read very near future, do you think that means 15 years or three to four years?

So third, the way it's presented here, the quarry is not available, cannot be available to begin accepting trash when the current cell is full. As a member of the landfill size subcommittee, I can assure you that Republic Services never put forward anything like this in subcommittee. The only question was how much of their quarry could be pre-ex excavated before the trash started to go in. Why is the landfill website telling the public the opposite? And why is it communicating that Republic is somehow helpless about what they can do with their own land? Fourth, what's service disruptions are these? What service disruptions is Republic anticipating, if the landfill expansion is not approved? Why will they occur?

So I'd like to ask someone on the work group to bring these questions up to Republic while they're at the table and amenable maybe to presenting their side. So those questions again, doesn't the franchise agreement bind Republic Services to take Benton County's trash for the next 20 years?

Number two isn't very near future misleading to the public when republic's own actual projected landfill life is 15 years or more.

Number three, doesn't Republic Services plan to begin accepting trash in the quarry area when the current cell is full, if a landfill expansion is not available?

Then four. What service disruptions is Republic anticipating if the landfill expansion is not approved?

I'll put these questions in the chat and I know my time is up, but just a reminder that you've all seen the results of this information right here in the work group. Members of the public have come before you, fearful that the landfill was going to close in the very near future. I hope that one of you will address this matter. One or more of you will bring it forward on the public's behalf. Add a clarifying finding and straighten out the record before the work group is done. Thank you.

3) Joel Geier:

Yeah, hi. Hello, work group members. My name's Joel Geier, resident of North Benton County and landfill neighbor. First of all, I'd like to thank all of you who volunteered to be part of this process for

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your sincere efforts. And I especially want to thank those of you who took the time to join the neighborhood tour and picnics. You could find out what's going on and understand our neighborhood and hopefully you enjoyed the pie.

I do hope to have a chance to work with you in the near future when our community will, I hope finally get to work on an update of the county's sustainable materials management plan. I remember there was a whole lot of enthusiasm in this group for really exploring our options on how to reduce waste and reliance on landfills. But this process has been not much more narrowly focused on landfills [inaudible 00:09:35] more worrisome.

It appears to be setting the stage for not just one but multiple expansions. Did you notice in one of the last recommendations that you voted on just before dinner, you referred to expansions in the plural. How did that get in there and in whose interest is that? Thanks to a recent public records request by a community member who spoke earlier, we now know that some important information that is missing from the history section of the report that you really should have heard about at the start of this process, but you were informed of. She referred to a February 2019 memo between county council and an outside attorney, which mentions purchase of additional property as one of the county's goals in upcoming negotiations with Republic. Following up on that in October 2020, Republic mentioned to county council they have many more acres that will hold waste, not just local south of Coffin Butte Road.

So they have still more expansions in mind beyond the one we've all been expecting and the county knows that. This is about setting the stage for landfill expansions on top of landfill expansions. During the neighborhood tour, a couple of us tried to point out how the current landfill is already creating blight. We've talked about how this has led to being properties being bought out and added to allow further sprawl of this massive operation. We like to talk about sustainability here in Benton County, but this is about as far from sustainable as you can get. I can't blame Republic, this is their business model, but our county shouldn't be complicit and neither should you. So as you continue to vote on these topics, please bear in mind that you're not just being asked to set the table for a single expansion. This is about multiple continued expansions. Thank you.

4) Patricia Haggerty:

Okay. I guess my Bluetooth connection was gone. I won't turn on my video because my internet might fade away. I have tried to follow the trash talk process as a resident of North County and I have made some email comments and I have one brief comment after listening to the proceedings today, which was I'm really dismayed and that's putting up mildly that it was suggested that maybe over 100 public comments were available to the trash talk committee members that were sent last night.

And with the meeting that was held less than maybe less than 24 hours later, that doesn't give me any reassurance that any of our comments are really being taken seriously in this process. And it seems like the whole process is designed to just speed along to an end. And I'm feeling that a lot is left out. If there's not, a honest assessment of all the feedback that's already been given as well as an reopening of the survey that many of us did not find out about until the last minute. And I realize there are some additional public comment opportunities coming up, but it's hard to believe that at this end of the process that any of our comments are really going to be taken with the sincerity and opportunity for revision that maybe they deserve. Thank you.

5) Kristen Mitchell:

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Thank you very much and thank you for your opportunity or the opportunity to speak to today. My name is Kristen Mitchell. I am the executive director and CEO of Oregon Rapid and Recycling Association, which is a trade association with Garbage recycling company, the state of Oregon. And I follow the Benton County Talks trash project. At some levels, I applaud the effort that you have made. It is a lot of effort to participate in these conversations and we're important with Community. [inaudible 00:14:37] and Republic Services as a member in Coffin Butte as well do. [inaudible 00:14:42] because that's the role that we play in our communities, to be good neighbors, to be community partners, to participate at the statewide level in a number of the landfill regulatory issues that arise there. And in my 31 years at Aura Republic View, who've always been the kind of member that I can count on to get good advice back to questions that arise related to environmental concerns in these communities.

So I applaud you and I applaud them and I know it's been a difficult process. I did read the article on the paper recently where the commissioners were asking that everything go through these more established work groups. And I think that that's important from a governance standpoint. We need to know and be able to have robust and transparent conversations in this public process so everyone gets the same information to dictate what the best path forward is going to be. So I think that that was a good approach from governance with your county commission. I think your process is a difficult one and I appreciate the opportunity to just step forward.

6) Joe Robertson:

Hey, how you doing? Thanks for giving me the opportunity to speak today. Somebody who calls this place home, I'm happy to see this community process coming to a close. Additionally, what I'm looking forward to next is the county really stepping in and providing some direction. I think that's the voice that's really been missing in this equation. Instead, we've just heard lots from individuals who have made this a referendum on the landfill instead of actually moving us closer to a sustainable future. So I'm looking forward to the next opportunities to just get involved and provide feedback. Thanks again for the opportunity.

7) Pat Hare:

Yes, this is Pat Hare with the city of a Dairy Village and I was just calling in to talk and remind everyone that this is about a landfill expansion and it's a zone for a landfill and we definitely need to be thinking about our future in the fact of recycling and what we can do better. But at the same time, that's not the question right now. And Republic Servers, they have been one of the leaders in the country and what they do. And so I also wanted to address some things I've been hearing about property values.

I can tell you that the comments about Dairy Village's property values, we have not seen any drop in property values that has not been. And then also in the regards to the leachate, we have our water intake, the low Corvallis' and we have to test our water every day.

And our water, it has not changed in any of the testing since the leachate has gone to Corvallis. So I just wanted to say that those two rumors and what the real point of this conversation is about. And I also caution you, you talk about 14, 15 years as a long time. It's not a long time to all those employed by Republic Service that live in our county. So there's employment.

Not to mention, if any costs go up at that landfill, we're going to start seeing that garbage in our backyards. It already happens. I deal with it as a city manager where people just throw their garbage bags in their backyard because they can't afford it. When you can't afford water, you stop paying for trash first. So I just want hope that the commissioners and the work group look at the bigger picture here in both

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sides to this because Republic Service has been a partner to us for a long time and they have been nothing but great in any instance to work with us and they've done a lot in all of our communities. So I appreciate the time and you guys have a tough road ahead. But again, I hope you can focus on the landfill expansion and then we can get to work on looking at new and creative ways. So thank you for your time.

8) Mardi Bilslund:

Hi, my name is Mardi Bilslund and I have lived in Corvallis all my life for 70 years and I have seen Coffin Butte go from a place you could swim in to being such a large landfill. We can see it from Independence Highway now. I live in Sub Creek Valley. We really enjoy it out here. However, about 20 years ago we're about four miles, we saw a glow in the sky and decided to go investigate what was going on. That glow was a fire in the landfill. When we got down to Coffin Butte Road, we stopped and looked at the landfill and the whole south side was basically on fire. It looked like a giant brain on fire. There was no firetrucks, there was no emergency vehicles. It was just letting it burn. If Coffin Butte Road had been closed or had been filled with trash, that fire would've gone across the road, up the hill into the trees and probably continued on through where houses are currently built and livable.

I would caution ever the close of Coffin Butte Road for that one reason. I wish I had pictures I could share, but 20 years ago it wasn't an issue.

The other thing I'd like to address is a questionnaire. I remember when it came out, we looked at it and it was very complicated from the legal standpoint. I would have to agree with a couple of the responses today that in answering it, you didn't really understand the layman's view of what those questions were about. And I question who the 100 people are that answered the questionnaire. Are they truly all residents of Benton County? Are they employed by Republic Surface? Are they people that were going one direction or the other? They wanted to stop it. They wanted it to continue. So I really would take the questionnaire with a grain of salt. I don't at all feel comfortable where that's going.

With the person that lives with asthma, it hasn't gotten any better in the last 10 years living in Sub Creek Valley. Quite often I have to go inside. The smell is so bad here. We smell the landfill all the way to Independence Highway, sometimes when we head towards Albany and we don't know what we are smelling. And if we can smell it, it can't be good. And it's hard for anyone who enjoys the outdoors to have to continually be concerned about that.

I thank you for your time and I thank everyone for participating in this problem. And I hope that it's resolved to everyone's benefit and it won't impact Benton County for hundreds of years. And our children will have to bear the consequences. Thank you.

9) Joe Crockett:

Yep. Hello again. Hey, first off, I have to give everyone there a huge congratulations for making it through this far. This is quite the marathon meeting and you all deserve a pat on the back and thank you. And it's not over yet, so keep it up.

Anyway, the main thing I wanted to point out is that at some point there is not going to be the landfill, right. I mean that is a given fact. The landfill is going to close at some point in the future. And does that mean no one has trash to get rid of anymore? Recently, we were in another state and we went by a landfill and we mentioned to our friends it's like, oh yeah, we're dealing with a landfill in our place. So how much does it cost for you to put your trash in the landfill here, the transfer station?

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And they said, "oh, nothing. It's part of our tax base." And so this idea that somehow when the landfill closes, [inaudible 00:23:32] having a trash out on the street is a joke because all across the country, everybody has trash service and they don't all have a landfill in their backyard. So the whole concept that, okay, if we get rid of the landfill, it's going to be so expensive, we're going to be throwing our trash in the street. Is that what happens in the rest of the United States? No. They take their trash out and it gets picked up, it goes to a transfer station and it goes into a landfill. There's going to be landfills and there's going to be transfer stations.

And one more comment. This morning, I drove to Salem this morning and I was shocked at how many huge trucks, I would say 75. I'm guessing, but 75% of those trucks were all delivering trash to the landfill. So everybody else is doing what we're going to have to do in the future no matter what. We are going to be taking our trash to a transfer station and it's going to be sent somewhere else. That's the reality of trash in America. And I don't think that, how much does Newport pay to have their trash? Is it hundreds of dollars a month? Like I said, our friends don't pay anything. It's part of their tax base. Anyway, hang in there. I hope you make it a few more hours. Thank you very much for your [inaudible 00:24:59].

Appendix B: Substantive Polls Raw Data

Poll #1: CUP R-7

WORKGROUP Member	1	2	3	Abstain	Not Here	Polling	Charge
1) Chuck Gilbert	X					X	All
2) Marge Popp		X				X	All
3) Elizabeth Irish		X				X	All
4) Andrew Struthers					X	X	All
5) Russ Knocke / Ginger Rough		X				X	All but C
6) Shawn Edmonds/Julie Jackson		X				X	All but C
7) John Deuel	X					X	All
8) Kathryn Duvall	X					X	All
9) Christopher McMorran	X				X	X	All
10) Ryan McAlister					X	X	All
11) Mary Parmigiani	X					X	All
12) Ed Pitera	X					X	All
13) Louisa Shelby	X					X	All
14) Catherine Biscoe		X				X	All
Polling Totals:	6	6	0	0	3		
RESULT: Consensus							

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Poll #2: CUP R-12

WORKGROUP Member	1	2	3	Abstain	Not Here	Polling	Charge
1) Chuck Gilbert	X					X	All
2) Marge Popp	X					X	All
3) Elizabeth Irish	X					X	All
4) Andrew Struthers					X	X	All
5) Russ Knocke / Ginger Rough	X					X	All but C
6) Shawn Edmonds/Julie Jackson	X					X	All but C
7) John Deuel	X					X	All
8) Kathryn Duvall	X					X	All
9) Christopher McMorran					X	X	All
10) Ryan McAlister					X	X	All
11) Mary Parmigiani	X					X	All
12) Ed Pitera	X					X	All
13) Louisa Shelby	X					X	All
14) Catherine Biscoe	X					X	All
Polling Totals:	11	0	0	0	3		
RESULT: Consensus							

Poll #3: CUP R-19

WORKGROUP Member	1	2	3	Abstain	Not Here	Polling	Charge
1) Chuck Gilbert	X					X	All
2) Marge Popp	X					X	All
3) Elizabeth Irish	X					X	All
4) Andrew Struthers					X	X	All
5) Russ Knocke / Ginger Rough		X				X	All but C
6) Shawn Edmonds/Julie Jackson		X				X	All but C
7) John Deuel	X					X	All
8) Kathryn Duvall	X					X	All
9) Christopher McMorran					X	X	All
10) Ryan McAlister	X					X	All
11) Mary Parmigiani	X					X	All
12) Ed Pitera	X					X	All
13) Louisa Shelby	X					X	All
14) Catherine Biscoe	X					X	All

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Polling Totals:	10	2	0	0	2		
RESULT: Consensus							

Poll #4: CUP R-23

WORKGROUP Member	1	2	3	Abstain	Not Here	Polling	Charge
1) Chuck Gilbert	X					X	All
2) Marge Popp	X					X	All
3) Elizabeth Irish	X					X	All
4) Andrew Struthers					X	X	All
5) Russ Knocke / Ginger Rough	X					X	All but C
6) Shawn Edmonds/Julie Jackson	X					X	All but C
7) John Deuel	X					X	All
8) Kathryn Duvall	X					X	All
9) Christopher McMorran					X	X	All
10) Ryan McAlister	X					X	All
11) Mary Parmigiani	X					X	All
12) Ed Pitera	X					X	All
13) Louisa Shelby	X					X	All
14) Catherine Biscoe	X					X	All
Polling Totals:	12	0	0	0	2		
RESULT: Consensus							

Poll #5: CUP R-24

WORKGROUP Member	1	2	3	Abstain	Not Here	Polling	Charge
1) Chuck Gilbert	X					X	All
2) Marge Popp	X					X	All
3) Elizabeth Irish	X					X	All
4) Andrew Struthers					X	X	All
5) Russ Knocke / Ginger Rough		X				X	All but C
6) Shawn Edmonds/Julie Jackson		X				X	All but C
7) John Deuel	X					X	All
8) Kathryn Duvall	X					X	All
9) Christopher McMorran					X	X	All
10) Ryan McAlister	X					X	All

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11) Mary Parmigiani	X					X	All
12) Ed Pitera	X					X	All
13) Louisa Shelby		X				X	All
14) Catherine Biscoe	X					X	All
Polling Totals:	9	3	0	0	2		
RESULT: Consensus							

Poll #6: CEO R-2

WORKGROUP Member	1	2	3	Abstain	Not Here	Polling	Charge
1) Chuck Gilbert	X					X	All
2) Marge Popp	X					X	All
3) Elizabeth Irish	X					X	All
4) Andrew Struthers					X	X	All
5) Russ Knocke / Ginger Rough	X					X	All but C
6) Shawn Edmonds/Julie Jackson	X					X	All but C
7) John Deuel	X					X	All
8) Kathryn Duvall	X					X	All
9) Christopher McMorran					X	X	All
10) Ryan McAlister	X					X	All
11) Mary Parmigiani	X					X	All
12) Ed Pitera	X					X	All
13) Louisa Shelby	X					X	All
14) Catherine Biscoe	X					X	All
Polling Totals:	12	0	0	0	2		
RESULT: Consensus							

Poll #7: CEO R-15

WORKGROUP Member	1	2	3	Abstain	Not Here	Polling	Charge
1) Chuck Gilbert	X					X	All
2) Marge Popp	X					X	All
3) Elizabeth Irish	X					X	All
4) Andrew Struthers					X	X	All
5) Russ Knocke / Ginger Rough	X					X	All but C
6) Shawn Edmonds/Julie Jackson	X					X	All but C

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7) John Deuel	X					X	All
8) Kathryn Duvall	X					X	All
9) Christopher McMorran					X	X	All
10) Ryan McAlister	X					X	All
11) Mary Parmigiani	X					X	All
12) Ed Pitera	X					X	All
13) Louisa Shelby	X					X	All
14) Catherine Biscoe	X					X	All
Polling Totals:	12	0	0	0	2		
RESULT: Consensus							

Poll # 8: LLU R-1

WORKGROUP Member	1	2	3	Abstain	Not Here	Polling	Charge
1) Chuck Gilbert	X					X	All
2) Marge Popp		X				X	All
3) Elizabeth Irish		X				X	All
4) Andrew Struthers					X	X	All
5) Russ Knocke / Ginger Rough		X				X	All but C
6) Shawn Edmonds/Julie Jackson		X				X	All but C
7) John Deuel	X					X	All
8) Kathryn Duvall	X					X	All
9) Christopher McMorran					X	X	All
10) Ryan McAlister		X				X	All
11) Mary Parmigiani		X				X	All
12) Ed Pitera	X					X	All
13) Louisa Shelby	X					X	All
14) Catherine Biscoe	X					X	All
Polling Totals:	6	6	0	0	2		
RESULT: Consensus							

Poll #9: LSCI R-6

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WORKGROUP Member	1	2	3	Abstain	Not Here	Polling	Charge
1) Chuck Gilbert	X					X	All
2) Marge Popp		X				X	All
3) Elizabeth Irish	X					X	All
4) Andrew Struthers					X	X	All
5) Russ Knocke / Ginger Rough		X				X	All but C
6) Shawn Edmonds/Julie Jackson		X				X	All but C
7) John Deuel	X					X	All
8) Kathryn Duvall	X					X	All
9) Christopher McMorran					X	X	All
10) Ryan McAlister	X					X	All
11) Mary Parmigiani	X					X	All
12) Ed Pitera	X					X	All
13) Louisa Shelby		X				X	All
14) Catherine Biscoe		X				X	All
Polling Totals:	7	5	0	0	2		
RESULT: Consensus							

Poll #10: LSCL R-7

WORKGROUP Member	1	2	3	Abstain	Not Here	Polling	Charge
1) Chuck Gilbert	X					X	All
2) Marge Popp	X					X	All
3) Elizabeth Irish	X					X	All
4) Andrew Struthers					X	X	All
5) Russ Knocke / Ginger Rough		X				X	All but C
6) Shawn Edmonds/Julie Jackson		X				X	All but C
7) John Deuel	X					X	All
8) Kathryn Duvall	X					X	All
9) Christopher McMorran					X	X	All
10) Ryan McAlister	X					X	All
11) Mary Parmigiani	X					X	All
12) Ed Pitera	X					X	All
13) Louisa Shelby		X				X	All
14) Catherine Biscoe	X					X	All

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Polling Totals:	9	3	0	0	2		
RESULT: Consensus							

Poll #11: LLU R-2

WORKGROUP Member	1	2	3	Abstain	Not Here	Polling	Charge
1) Chuck Gilbert	X					X	All
2) Marge Popp		X				X	All
3) Elizabeth Irish	X					X	All
4) Andrew Struthers					X	X	All
5) Russ Knocke / Ginger Rough	X					X	All but C
6) Shawn Edmonds/Julie Jackson	X					X	All but C
7) John Deuel	X					X	All
8) Kathryn Duvall	X					X	All
9) Christopher McMorran					X	X	All
10) Ryan McAlister	X					X	All
11) Mary Parmigiani		X				X	All
12) Ed Pitera	X					X	All
13) Louisa Shelby		X				X	All
14) Catherine Biscoe			X			X	All
Polling Totals:	8	3	1	0	2		
RESULT: No Consensus							
Majority-Minority Result: 1s = 8 and 2s = 3 3s = 1							

Poll #12: LLU R-4

WORKGROUP Member	1	2	3	Abstain	Not Here	Polling	Charge
1) Chuck Gilbert	X					X	All
2) Marge Popp		X				X	All
3) Elizabeth Irish	X					X	All
4) Andrew Struthers					X	X	All
5) Russ Knocke / Ginger Rough	X					X	All but C
6) Shawn Edmonds/Julie Jackson	X					X	All but C
7) John Deuel	X					X	All
8) Kathryn Duvall	X					X	All
9) Christopher McMorran					X	X	All

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10) Ryan McAlister	X					X	All
11) Mary Parmigiani		X				X	All
12) Ed Pitera	X					X	All
13) Louisa Shelby	X					X	All
14) Catherine Biscoe			X			X	All
Polling Totals:	9	2	1	0	2		
RESULT: No Consensus							
Majority-Minority Result: 1s = 9 and 2s = 2 3s = 1							

Poll #13: LLU R-4 [second time]

WORKGROUP Member	1	2	3	Abstain	Not Here	Polling	Charge
1) Chuck Gilbert	X					X	All
2) Marge Popp		X				X	All
3) Elizabeth Irish	X					X	All
4) Andrew Struthers					X	X	All
5) Russ Knocke / Ginger Rough	X					X	All but C
6) Shawn Edmonds/Julie Jackson	X					X	All but C
7) John Deuel	X					X	All
8) Kathryn Duvall	X					X	All
9) Christopher McMorran					X	X	All
10) Ryan McAlister	X					X	All
11) Mary Parmigiani	X					X	All
12) Ed Pitera	X					X	All
13) Louisa Shelby	X					X	All
14) Catherine Biscoe		X				X	All
Polling Totals:	10	2	0	0	2		
RESULT: Consensus							

Appendix C: Process Polls Raw Data

Poll #14: The next meeting should have two 30-minute public comment periods.

WORKGROUP Member	1	2	3	Abstain	Not Here	Polling	Charge
1) Chuck Gilbert			X			X	All
2) Marge Popp			X			X	All

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3) Elizabeth Irish			X			X	All
4) Andrew Struthers					X	X	All
5) Russ Knocke / Ginger Rough			X			X	All but C
6) Shawn Edmonds/Julie Jackson			X			X	All but C
7) John Deuel			X			X	All
8) Kathryn Duvall			X			X	All
9) Christopher McMorran					X	X	All
10) Ryan McAlister			X			X	All
11) Mary Parmigiani			X			X	All
12) Ed Pitera	X					X	All
13) Louisa Shelby			X			X	All
14) Catherine Biscoe			X			X	All
Polling Totals:	1	0	11	0	2		
RESULT: No Consensus							
Majority-Minority Result: 1s = 1 and 2s = 0 3s = 11							

Poll #15: The next meeting should have one 30-minute public comment period.

WORKGROUP Member	1	2	3	Abstain	Not Here	Polling	Charge
1) Chuck Gilbert		X				X	All
2) Marge Popp			X			X	All
3) Elizabeth Irish		X				X	All
4) Andrew Struthers					X	X	All
5) Russ Knocke / Ginger Rough		X				X	All but C
6) Shawn Edmonds/Julie Jackson		X				X	All but C
7) John Deuel		X				X	All
8) Kathryn Duvall				X		X	All
9) Christopher McMorran					X	X	All
10) Ryan McAlister	X					X	All
11) Mary Parmigiani	X					X	All
12) Ed Pitera	X					X	All
13) Louisa Shelby		X				X	All
14) Catherine Biscoe		X				X	All
Polling Totals:	3	7	1	1	2		
RESULT: No Consensus							
Majority-Minority Result: 1s = 3 and 2s = 7 3s = 1							

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Poll #16: The next meeting should have one 30-minute public comment period.

WORKGROUP Member	1	2	3	Abstain	Not Here	Polling	Charge
1) Chuck Gilbert	X					X	All
2) Marge Popp	X					X	All
3) Elizabeth Irish	X					X	All
4) Andrew Struthers					X	X	All
5) Russ Knocke / Ginger Rough	X					X	All but C
6) Shawn Edmonds/Julie Jackson	X					X	All but C
7) John Deuel	X					X	All
8) Kathryn Duvall				X		X	All
9) Christopher McMorran					X	X	All
10) Ryan McAlister	X					X	All
11) Mary Parmigiani			X			X	All
12) Ed Pitera	X					X	All
13) Louisa Shelby	X					X	All
14) Catherine Biscoe		X				X	All
Polling Totals:	9	1	1	0	2		

RESULT: No Consensus – But b/c it has the most support, this will be the selected option.

Majority-Minority Result: 1s = 1 and 2s = 0 | 3s = 11

Poll #17: We should re-open the public poll for roughly a week.

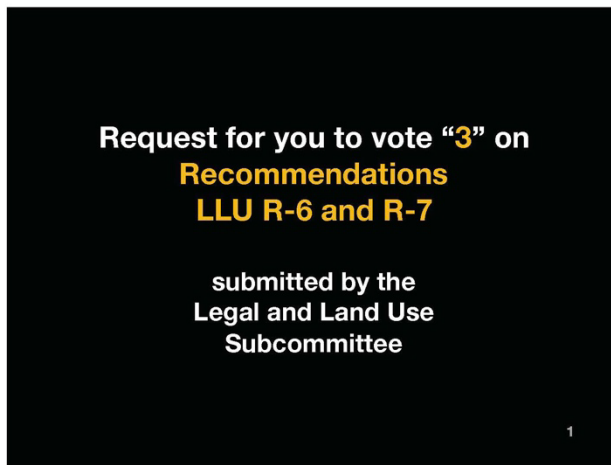
WORKGROUP Member	1	2	3	Abstain	Not Here	Polling	Charge
1) Chuck Gilbert	X					X	All
2) Marge Popp		X				X	All
3) Elizabeth Irish	X					X	All
4) Andrew Struthers					X	X	All
5) Russ Knocke / Ginger Rough		X				X	All but C
6) Shawn Edmonds/Julie Jackson		X				X	All but C
7) John Deuel	X					X	All
8) Kathryn Duvall	X					X	All
9) Christopher McMorran					X	X	All
10) Ryan McAlister	X					X	All
11) Mary Parmigiani	X					X	All
12) Ed Pitera	X					X	All

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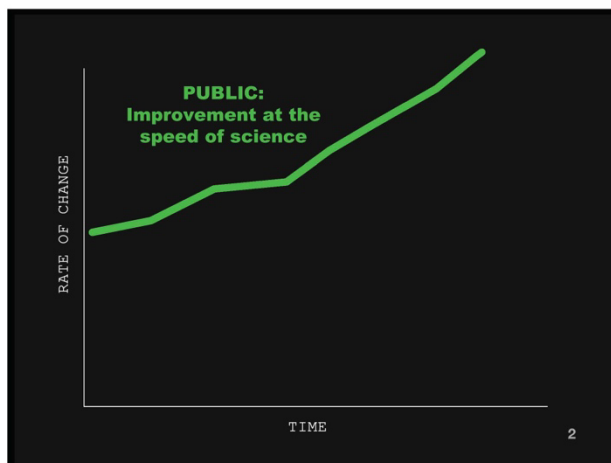
13) Louisa Shelby	X					X	All
14) Catherine Biscoe		X				X	All
Polling Totals:	8	4	0	0	2		
RESULT: Consensus							

Appendix D: Additional Public Comment Materials

Ken Eklund Slideshow #1:

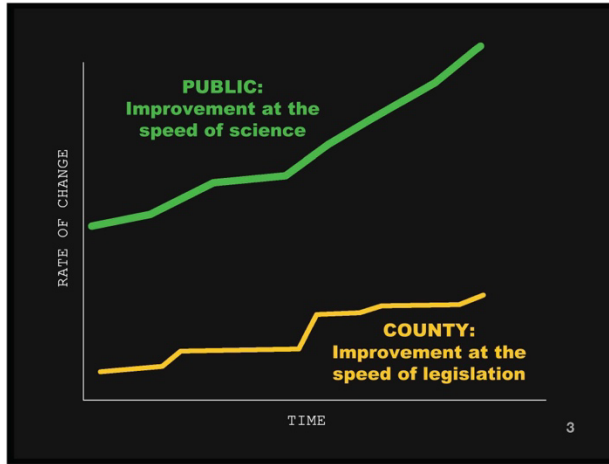


Hello Workgroup, my name is Ken Eklund, and I'm a Benton County resident and Chair of its Solid Waste Advisory Council. I'm here to call you to question why you are being asked to approve Recommendations R-6 and R-7 from the Legal and Land Use Subcommittee, which in essence are asking you to recommend to the Board of Commissioners that they self-limit public input about the landfill from the Solid Waste Advisory Council.

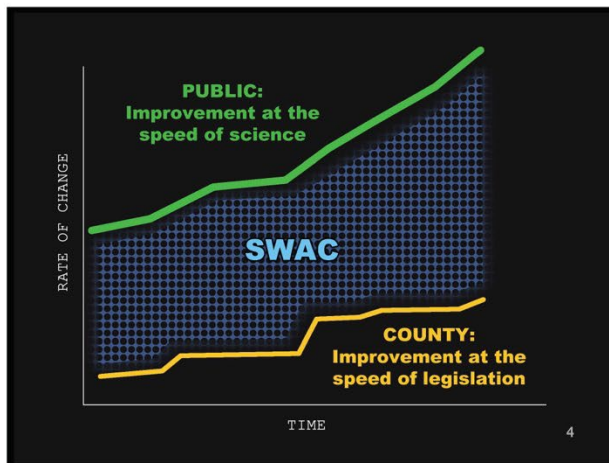


Very quickly, let me just summarize SWAC's role. Trash is a dirty business; the public would like to be protected from it; and they want their level of protection to rise at the speed of **science**. If there's a new better way to handle trash, then why aren't we doing it.

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But the county and the landfill don't move at the speed of science, they move at the speed of legislation. And SWAC was created to navigate the tension between these two speeds.



That's why SWAC currently has no limits placed on it, because it's supposed to bring developments of concern to the public to the County's attention. Because this kind of ground-up feedback is where legislation begins in the first place.

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from Draft 6 of the Subcommittee Report, p. 73

LLU R-6. [Link] BCC 77.305 directs the Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC) to review and make recommendations regarding the Site Development Plan and Narrative submitted on a landfill-expansion CUP; however, the code does not specify what criteria or considerations that recommendation should be based on. Consistent with SWAC's bylaws and Chapter 23 of the County Code, which require SWAC to "assist the Board of Commissioners (Board) in Planning and implementing solid waste management, pursuant to BCC Chapter 23, the Benton County Solid Waste Management Ordinance", the Board of Commissioners should more clearly define SWAC's role by articulating the scope, manner and timing of SWAC's review. Interpreting the existing County Code is within the Board's purview, but amending that code effects a more permanent solution. As an initial step, the Board could issue an official interpretation of SWAC's role pursuant to Chapter 23. Then, as a subsequent step, the Board could initiate amendments to Chapter 23 and/or Chapter 77, which would then proceed through a public hearings process. (If/when SWAC's overall role shifts to sustainable materials management, instances of the term "solid waste management" above should be replaced with "sustainable materials management.")

LLU R-7. [Link] Amendments to the Development Code may be needed to create a clear and legally consistent process for SWAC's involvement in reviewing a CUP. Pursuant to the Development Code as written, the only criteria that a CUP decision can be based upon are those of BCC 53.215, and the Planning Commission is the decision-making body. Yet, the code states an ambiguous role for SWAC in that process and seems to imply that other considerations beyond those of BCC 53.215 should go into the decision-making process. This needs clarification.

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Here are R6 and R7... I've highlighted the actions they recommend, which are: "the Board of Commissioners should more clearly define SWAC's role" and "SWAC's involvement in reviewing a Conditional Use Permit needs clarification."

from Draft 6 of the Subcommittee Report, p. 66

LLU F-10.

SWAC's bylaws require it to "assist the Board of Commissioners (Board) in Planning and implementing solid waste management, pursuant to BCC Chapter 23, the Benton County Solid Waste Management Ordinance." BCC 77.305 directs the Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC) to review and make recommendations regarding the Site Development Plan and Narrative submitted on a landfill-expansion CUP; however, the code does not specify what criteria or considerations that recommendation should be based on. Based on SWAC's bylaws and role in planning and implementing solid waste management, it appears that the intent of the language in BCC 77.305 is that the Planning Commission rely on SWAC for guidance on the impacts of the Site Development Plan and Narrative on solid waste management. However, the language of BCC 77.305 does not expressly limit the scope of SWAC's recommendations.

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I'm asking you to question the assumptions here, which are (a) that SWAC's role is not clearly defined and that (b) its role therefore needs definition. The Subcommittee's own findings show otherwise, which is that SWAC assists the Board of Commissioners in implementing solid waste management, and that the scope of its recommendations is not limited. There's no ambiguity here. There's no reason brought forward that this openness is a problem. SWAC's recommendation about the last Conditional Use Permit was about a page-and-a-half long. Does SWAC really have a filter problem? No evidence ever brought forward that it does.

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from Draft 3 of the Subcommittee Report

LLU R-1. SWAC's role in reviewing a landfill-expansion CUP should be from the perspective of solid waste management (see LLU F-13). The **workgroup may wish to recommend specific areas of consideration by SWAC.** For example: Is the proposed expansion consistent with long-term plans for the landfill site? Is the proposal consistent with principles of responsible solid waste management? What (solid waste management) benefits do you see to the proposed expansion? What potential (solid waste management) negative effects do you see? Are there ways to minimize or mitigate those effects?

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Let's look at an earlier draft of this recommendation. This is from Draft 3, and look; back then, it was **you the Workgroup** who were "recommending specific areas of consideration" to SWAC – note that back then, you were **not imposing limitations**. You were giving **guidance**. But you've since been cut out of the process. Now you are being asked to approve a recommendation that **the Board of Commissioners** impose **limitations** on what SWAC can say to the Board. You are being asked to endorse the creation of an **echo chamber**.

from Draft 6 of the Subcommittee Report, p. 73

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I don't expect to have convinced you about the "echo chamber", in less than 3 minutes, but I hope you will **question what has happened** to R-6 and R-7, and look for yourself as to what lies underneath this very unassuming legalese...



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from Draft 6 of the Subcommittee Report, p. 73

LLU R-6. [Link] BCC 77.305 directs the Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC) to review and make recommendations regarding the Site Development Plan and Narrative submitted on a landfill-expansion CLUP; however, the code does not specify what criteria or considerations that recommendation should be based on. Consistent with SWAC's bylaws and Chapter 23 of the County Code, which require SWAC to "assist the Board of Commissioners (Board) in Planning and implementing solid waste management," and BCC Chapter 23, the Benton County Solid Waste Management Ordinance, the Board of Commissioners should more clearly define SWAC's role by articulating the scope, manner, and timing of SWAC's review. Interpreting the existing County Code is within the Board's view, recognizing that code effects a more permanent solution. As an initial step, the Board should issue an official interpretation of SWAC's role pursuant to Chapter 23. Then, as a subsequent step, the Board could initiate amendments to Chapter 23 and/or Chapter 77, which would then proceed through a public hearings process. (If/when SWAC's overall role shifts to sustainable materials management, instances of the term "solid waste management" above should be replaced with "sustainable materials management.")

LLU R-7. [Link] Amendments to the Development Code may be needed to create a clear and legally consistent process for SWAC's involvement in developing a CLUP. Pursuant to the Development Code as written, the only criteria that a CLUP decision can be based upon are those of BCC 53.215, and the Planning Commission is the decision-making body. Yet, the code states an ambiguous role for SWAC in that process and may imply that other considerations beyond those of BCC 53.215 should go into a decision-making process. This needs clarification.

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I hope that you will question why it is that you the Workgroup are being asked to recommend an action to the Board of Commissioners that they can freely take for themselves. Are you being asked to give the Board of Commissioners some **political cover** for restricting what they hear from the public? If you have questions about that. I urge you not to approve. – Thanks for your time and attention.

**Request for you to vote "3" on
Recommendations
LLU R-6 and R-7**

submitted by the
Legal and Land Use
Subcommittee

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I should make it clear that I am talking to you as an individual, not for the Solid Waste Advisory Council – the Council's ambassadors in the Workgroup are Marge Popp and Chuck Gilbert.

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Ken Eklund Slideshow #2:

**Proposed Expansion:
Facts, Scope & Status**

The Coffin Butte Landfill submitted an application to Benton County for a conditional use permit (CUP) in May 2021. It was a regulatory step that would have allowed the Landfill to utilize a previously zoned portion of its existing property for routine landfill operations and waste disposal. This step is necessary to ensure that Coffin Butte can continue serving the community for an additional 12 years without service disruptions.

Some members of the Corvallis community raised concerns about the initial CUP application and questioned why Coffin Butte Landfill could not begin immediately utilizing an on-site quarry, which is estimated to have 15 years of permitted disposal space. While the quarry is a vital part of Coffin Butte Landfill's waste disposal infrastructure, it is still being mined, and will not be ready for use for years. Meanwhile, Coffin Butte Landfill has approximately four years of life left in its current disposal area. That means that **without approval of the CUP, there will be no outlet for the County's waste in the very near future, which will create numerous challenges and added costs for residents and businesses.**

<https://coffinbuttelandfill.com/expansion-2/>

Hello again Workgroup, it's Ken Eklund, Benton County resident. – In your last meeting, there was a concern raised about fear-mongering. With that in mind, I have an example that seems to be fear-mongering about the landfill that I feel the Workgroup should address in the hour or so that remains. I'll just note that it's urgent that you act, because the window of opportunity to clear this up closes when the Workgroup passes Last Call.

What you're looking at here is text from the Coffin Butte Landfill website, in a section about the proposed expansion. It says straight up that "without approval of the CUP, there will be no outlet for the County's waste in the very near future." Is this true?

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That brings up some questions:

First, doesn't the Franchise Agreement bind Republic Services to take Benton County's trash for the next 20 years? Isn't Republic Services obligated to be "an outlet"?

Second, I'm on the Landfill Size Subcommittee. It projected that there is 14-16 years of landfill life left. Now, when you read "very near future," do you think that means 15 years? Or 3-4 years?

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Some members of the Corvallis community raised concerns about the initial CUP application and questioned why Coffin Butte Landfill could not begin immediately utilizing an on-site quarry, which is estimated to have 15 years of permitted disposal space. While the quarry is a vital part of Coffin Butte Landfill's waste disposal infrastructure, it is still being mined, and will not be ready for use for years. Meanwhile, Coffin Butte Landfill has approximately four years of life left in its current disposal area. That means that **without approval of the CUP, there will be no outlet for the County's waste in the very near future**, which will create numerous challenges and added costs for residents and businesses.

<https://coffinbuttelandfill.com/expansion-2/>

Third, the way it's presented here, the quarry is not available, can not be available, to begin accepting trash when the current cell is full. As a member of the Landfill Site Subcommittee, I can assure you that Republic Services never said anything like this in subcommittee. The only question was, how much of the quarry could be pre-excavated before the trash started to go in. Why does the Landfill website assert otherwise?

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Fourth, what "service disruptions" are these? What service disruptions is Republic anticipating if the landfill expansion is not approved? Why will they occur?

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Some members of the Corvallis community raised concerns about the initial CUP application and questioned why Coffin Butte Landfill could not begin immediately utilizing an on-site quarry, which is estimated to have 15 years of permitted disposal space. While the quarry is a **3** of Coffin Butte Landfill's waste disposal infrastructure, it is still being **3** and **will not be ready for use** for years.

1 While, Coffin Butte Landfill has approximately four years of life left in its **1** disposal area. That means that **without approval of the CUP, there will be no outlet for the County's waste in the very near future**, **2** which will create numerous challenges and added costs for residents and **2** businesses.

<https://coffinbuttelandfill.com/expansion-2/>

So, I'd like to ask someone on the Workgroup to bring these questions up to Republic, while they are at the table and amenable, maybe, to presenting their side.

Those questions again:

1. Doesn't the Franchise Agreement bind Republic Services to take Benton County's trash for the next 20 years?
2. Isn't "very near future" misleading to the public, when Republic's own actual projected landfill life is 15 years or more?
3. Doesn't Republic Services plan to begin accepting trash in the quarry area when the current cell is full, if a landfill expansion is not available?
4. What service disruptions is Republic anticipating if the landfill expansion is not approved?

I will put these questions in the chat.

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2. Isn't "very near future" misleading to the public, when Republic's own actual projected landfill life is 15 years or more?

3. Doesn't Republic Services plan to begin accepting trash in the quarry area when the current cell is full, if a landfill expansion is not available?

4. What service disruptions is Republic anticipating if the landfill expansion is not approved? Why will these service disruptions occur?

Just a reminder that you've all seen the results of this "information of dubious accuracy" right here in the Workgroup. Members of the public have come before you, fearful that the landfill was going to close in the very near future. I hope that one of you will address this, you will bring it forward on the public's behalf, and straighten out the record before the Workgroup is done. Thank you!