

2022 Coffin Butte Landfill Community Member Concerns Annual Report

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The duties of Benton County’s Disposal Site Advisory Committee (DSAC) are outlined in Oregon state law—specifically in ORS 459.325, which includes the requirement that “the committee shall prepare an annual written report summarizing the local citizens’ concerns and the manner in which the owner or operator is addressing those concerns” which will be considered by the Department of Environmental Quality as part of issuing and renewing a solid waste permit.

Benton County staff and the DSAC have prepared this staff report summarizing community member concerns regarding Coffin Butte Landfill in 2022, which may be used by DSAC to meet the requirements of ORS 459.325. Concerns listed in this report have been compiled using information from the 2022 Coffin Butte Landfill & Pacific Region Compost Annual Report, complaints received by Benton County staff, complaints received by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality and concerns presented during Benton County Disposal Site Advisory Committee and Solid Waste Advisory Council meetings.

One hundred ninety-one complaints about the Coffin Butte Landfill were reported in 2022 as detailed in Table 1. Some complaints included numerous topics while others focused on a single concern. The complaints were organized into themes as illustrated in the following chart. The Oregon DEQ notified Republic Services of 20 complaints which have been integrated into Table 1 below.

Chart 1: 2022 Community Feedback Topics

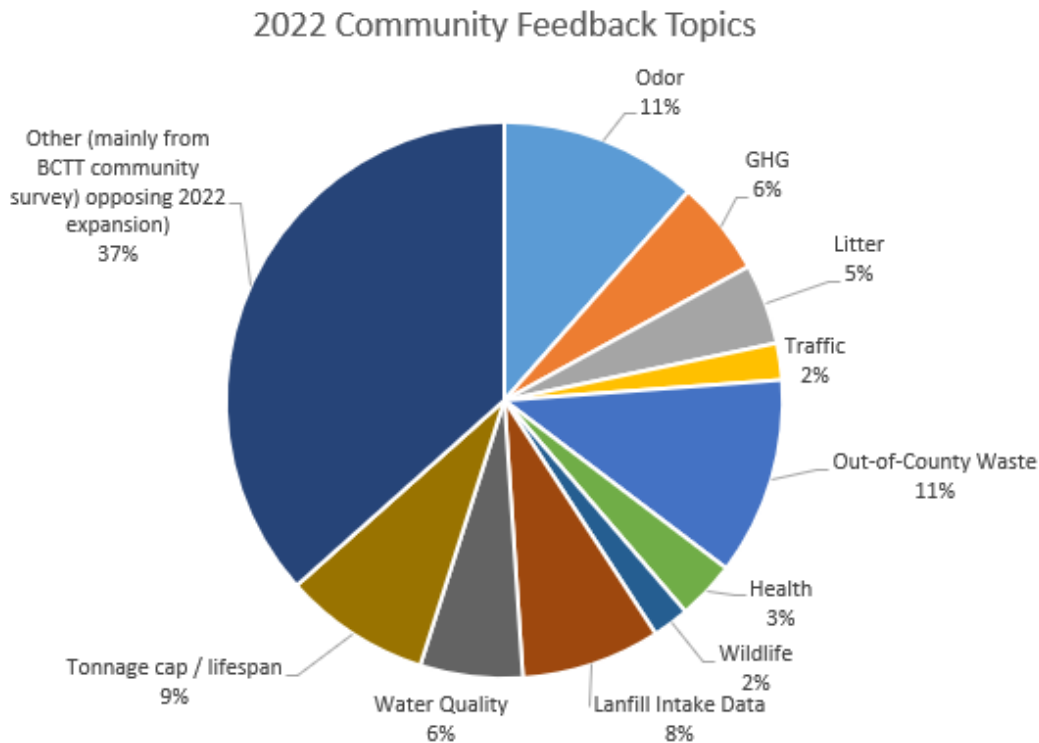


Table 1: Coffin Butte Landfill Community Concern Log 2022

#	Date	Concern Summary	Received By	Compliant / Concern Communication Method	Manner in which the landfill is addressing those concerns
1	1/24/2022	The toxic odor coming from the Coffin Butte Landfill managed by Republic Services is overwhelming on my property today. It causes stomach upset and lightheadedness if outside for more than a few minutes.	DEQ	Reported on DEQ's online complaint form	enhanced inspection planned
2	1/24/2022	Odors and gasses move into our region regularly..	DEQ	Reported on DEQ's online complaint form	1/25 (SG) - this is a permitted facility rerouting complaint.enhanced inspection planned
3	1/25/2022	Went outside to work in the garden around noon - odor was so disgusting that I came inside as soon as my work was done. This was especially annoying as I had much to do outside and it was a beautiful day.	DEQ	Reported on DEQ's online complaint form	1/27 (SGallino) - received this complaint from Wilson Wade. Reassigned to Karen White-Fallon.enhanced inspection planned
4	1/25/2022	Late morning worked outside under terrible odors and air quality that seemed unhealthy. After lunch could no longer put off walking the dogs and walked in the awful stench. I ran into a neighbor also out walking who wondered if we were doing more harm than good to our health breathing what seems like toxic air.	DEQ	Reported on DEQ's online complaint form	1/27 (SGallino) - received this complaint from Wilson Wade. Reassigned to Karen White-Fallon.enhanced inspection planned
5	1/25/2022	Several times each week our family drives hwy 99 Independence Hwy and hwy 20 from our Soap Creek Valley home in Benton Co. These roadways' ditches are filled with trash and fields along these routes have plastic and other garbage that has blown into them. These are routes to the Coffin Butte Landfill. The trash is never-ending and is an environmental hazard to wildlife and waterways. It is embarrassing that this continues to happen here; who is responsible for dealing with this?	DEQ	Reported on DEQ's online complaint form	enhanced inspection planned.
6	1/26/2022	Concerns about landfill tonnage cap, lifespan, and revenue	DSAC Meeting	Meeting, and written comment	Unknown

7	1/26/2022	Greenhouse gasses Debris escaping trucks and littering the roadway	DSAC Meeting	Meeting	Unknown
8	1/26/2022	Landfill accepting out-of-county waste	SWAC Meeting	Meeting	Benton County has no authority to limit out-of-county waste per a Supreme Court decision.
9	1/26/2022	Air quality impacts from landfill cover	SWAC Meeting	Meeting	Unknown
10	1/26/2022	Unknown volume/types of hazardous materials accepted at the landfill;	SWAC Meeting	Meeting	Unknown
11	1/28/2022	Landfill fumes once again effecting air quality. It is happening way more frequently to 2-3 a week. It's disgusting and impacts daily quality of life at home and inside the home	DEQ	Reported on DEQ's online complaint form	enhanced inspection planned
12	1/31/2022	Garbage trucks releasing roadside Litter and debris - Hwy 99; Acceptance of out-of-county waste; Traffic near landfill; Odors from landfill and PRC;	Benton County	Phone	Benton County provided odor complaint resources
13	1/31/2022	Commerial trucks losing material on the way to the landfill creating truck traffic Odors from landfill and PRC	North Albany	Email	Benton County provided odor complaint resources. Resident was encouraged to provide public testimony.
14	2/8/2022	It appears that some vehicle approaching or departing the Coffin Butte landfill spilled a portion of an unsecured load leaving me to dodge broken chunks of plastic and a coil of metal scrap	DEQ	Reported on DEQ's online complaint form	This was a drive by complaint from someone who does not live near the landfill. Additionally based upon the information provided it would not be possible to determine if the trash observed was from a private vehicle or from the landfill trucks.
15	2/8/2022	Same old problem as fog or low clouds lift in mid-day it draws a hideous cloud of noxious odor to our house	DEQ	Reported on DEQ's online complaint form	enhanced inspection planned

16	2/15/2022	Drove into Corvallis today and looked at trash along the roadside of Hwy99 from the landfill at Coffin Butte Road all the way to (Hospital) Elks Drive. Looked at more trash on the way home. Appears to be more trash on the East side of Hwy99. Probably due to number of vehicles heading to the landfill. Welcome to Benton County!	DEQ	Reported on DEQ's online complaint form	Not reported
17	2/23/2022	Request for third-party audit of materials accepted at the landfill	SWAC Meeting	Meeting	Unknown
18	2/23/2022	Covanta plant ash used as ADC, health/safety, landfill gas monitoring	SWAC Meeting	Written comment	Republic Services provided a presentation about Covanta Ash at the 4/27/22 DSAC meeting.
19	3/23/2022	Concerns the landfill causes nearby residents cancer. (Written comment)	SWAC Meeting	Written comment	Unknown
20	4/27/2022	Concern about landfill methane emissions	DSAC Meeting	Written comment	Unknown
21	4/27/2022	Concern about landfill-related traffic	DSAC Meeting	Written comment	Unknown
22	5/25/2022	Concern landfill is approaching maximum annual tonnage allowed	SWAC Meeting	Written comment	Unknown
23	6/1/2022	Odor shows up typically on beautiful fair weather days like today. Often it starts in mid-morning when any light clouds or other moisture in the air begins to lift as the day warms. Then sticks around most of the day until nightfall.	DEQ	Reported on DEQ's online complaint form	Not reported

24	6/16/2022	<p>on 6/14/2022 the property owner Zachary Zeek for 775 Gerth Ave NW was notified the results of a re-inspection of a recent cleanup by Bill Goff Construction. In May of 2022 The site had a preexisting LUST number 27-04-2434. Bill Goff Construction removed a previous decommissioned 240-gallon underground heating oil tank. Goff Construction then collected worst case assessment soil samples from beneath the tank measurements indicated 3450 ppm diesel was present. Goff Construction removed 4.63 tons of impacted soil which was transported to Coffin Butte Landfill for disposal. Goff Construction subsequently collected cleanup confirmation soil samples from the tank cleanup excavation. Four soil samples were collected at a depth of 90 to 92 inches on each of the sides of the excavation. The reported results of Bill Goff Construction soil samples were three not detected for diesel and one soil sample had 231 ppm diesel. The tank which was located on the south side of the house lay in a flowerbed between the concrete walkway and the house. The excavation surface exposure was only three feet wide between the sidewalk and the house. They reportedly dug out the tank and the contaminated soil with five gallon buckets by hand without shoring. The tank was approximately 3 ft in diameter and 4 feet long. Bill Goff Construction sent the owner a certification letter for the property transaction stating the property meet DEQ Soil Matrix Standards. And a bill for \$8790 saying the project is complete. My Inspection The subsurface soil boring was completed with AMS Power Probe and GeoProbe Dual tube 2.5 inch sampler. Soil core samples were collected in 5 feet increments. The total depth of the boring was 25 feet. Groundwater bearing zone at the property was at 23 feet. After a subsurface inspection on 6/14/22 soil samples revealed that the tank had leaked and contamination remained in the excavation on the south side after reported to all removed by Bill Goff Construction. Heavy contamination was visible at 5 feet and 7.5 ft (91 inches). Soil contamination appeared to have cleaned up 14 feet depth on the south side of the excavation. The groundwater sample appeared to be clean. This site appears to have larger footprint of heating oil contamination than reported by Bill Goff Construction. The question of this complaint comes my suspicions of Bill Goff's work it appears that every heating oil cleanup he submits in the last 6 years is a Soil Matrix Cleanup every one! In 2020 i re investigated a heating oil tank cleanup at 950 SW Levens in Dallas Oregon DEQ file 27-17-0915 which Erik Anderson of Anderson Geological. Our conclusion was that Bill Goff's Soil Matrix cleanup closure certification was grossly mistaken and inaccurate. Soil samples I obtained will be going to the laboratory today</p>	DEQ	Reported on DEQ's online complaint form	Had multiple conversations with Bill Goff and Karl Van Zandt. Completing extra review of a number of projects. Bill Goff came back to site and corrected errors at this site.
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25	7/1/2022	The usual stench from the landfill. Once again occurring at my location as the marine clouds lift and the day warms.	DEQ	Reported on DEQ's online complaint form	I contacted the facility and told them to add the complaint to their complaint log and to perform an odor investigation.
26	7/11/2022	Coffin Butte Landfill not accepting cash	Benton County	Phone	Benton County notified Republic Services, requested further investigation
27	7/11/2022	Coffin Butte Landfill not accepting cash, after passing of SB 1565	Benton County	Phone	Referred to Republic Services
28	7/26/2022	Odors from Coffin Butte Landfill. Quite noticeable in the morning while we had a high pressure system and no wind.	DEQ	Reported on DEQ's online complaint form	I contacted the facility and told them to add the complaint to their complaint log and to perform an odor investigation.
29	7/27/2022	Concern about details of collected and shared data associated with the landfill and PRC in annual reports: Accuracy of waste county-of-origin data, C&D data is not separately reported/recorded for all vehicle types at the landfill, too little detail for vehicle data, leachate hauling data, and gravel truck hauling data (written comment, also presented at 8/24/23 DSAC meeting).	DSAC Meeting	Meeting, and written comment	Unknown
30	7/27/2022	Concern about landfill impacts on nearby heron rookery.	DSAC Meeting	Meeting	Unknown
31	7/27/2022	Concern about landfill annual report data - tonnage accuracy.	DSAC Meeting	Meeting	Unknown
32	7/27/2022	Concern about high arsenic levels reported in monitoring wells in the landfill annual report.	DSAC Meeting	Meeting	Unknown
33	7/27/2022	Concern about landfill annual report data - PRC runoff not included.	DSAC Meeting	Meeting	Unknown
34	7/30/2022	Coffin Butte Landfill by Republic	DEQ	Reported on DEQ's online complaint form	I contacted the facility and told them to add the complaint to their complaint log and to do an odor investigation. I emailed the complainant and let

					them know that I had contacted the facility regarding the complaint.
35	8/15/2022	The Coffin Butte dump smell is noticeable on occasion. Today it is really bad. To the point of making me sick to my stomach when I walk around outside.	DEQ	Reported on DEQ's online complaint form	I sent a message to the landfill and told them to add the complaint to the complaint log and asked them to do an investigation and to report back their findings. I also called and talked to the complainant on 8/17/2022 and said I had contacted the landfill. I asked if it could be the composting facility and was told no it smelled like the landfill not compost. The complainant will let us know if it is an issue again.
36	8/24/2022	Concern landfill is approaching maximum annual tonnage allowed, concern DEQ solid waste disposal reports filed by Coffin Butte Landfill are shorter than previous years (written comment).	DSAC Meeting	Written comment	Unknown
37	8/24/2022	Concern landfill impacts on nearby heron rookery.	DSAC Meeting	Meeting	Unknown
38	8/24/2022	Concern about landfill methane emissions.	DSAC Meeting	Meeting	Unknown
39	8/24/2022	Concern that reported landfill capacity is not accurate.	DSAC Meeting	Meeting	Unknown
41	8/24/2022	Concern about materials accepted at the landfill, recommending a characterization of accepted materials.	DSAC Meeting	Meeting	Unknown
42	10/6/2022	Concern about hazardous materials accepted at landfill via commercial waste collection, concern about hurdles and inaction in complaint process (written comment, duplicate of email complaint received by Benton County)	Benton County	Email	Complainant filed complaints with DEQ, DEQ responded during BCTT process

43	10/6/2022	Hazardous materials accepted in garbage collection from commercial facilities	Benton County	Phone	Unknown
44	10/7/2022	We typically smell the odor from the landfill on days when there is no wind and it is very still	DEQ	Reported on DEQ's online complaint form	Not reported
45	10/26/2022	Concerns about landfill closure date, fill rate, capacity, environmental cost of the landfill (including methane, PFAS, leachate, landfill gas emissions, air quality, wildlife impacts, traffic impacts, visual impacts, dust and litter, land use impacts, liner/cover maintenance, public security), regulatory and general compliance (federal, state, and local), material acceptance monitoring, material sources, accepted tonnage/intake rate, liability for remediation, quarry excavation, closure and reclamation plans, risks (fire, earthquakes, hazardous materials, PFAS, flood, power outages, multiple disasters, groundwater contamination, economic impacts	SWAC & DSAC Joint Work Session	Written comment	Unknown
46	10/26/2022	Concern landfill impacts on nearby heron rookery (written comment)	SWAC & DSAC Joint Work Session	Written comment	Unknown
47	10/26/2022	Concern about amount of recyclable materials in the landfill (written comment)	SWAC & DSAC Joint Work Session	Written comment	Unknown
48	10/26/2022	Concern about landfill material characterization, and methane containment	SWAC & DSAC Joint Work Session	Written comment	Unknown
49	10/26/2022	Concern about level of detail in landfill traffic reporting	SWAC & DSAC Joint Work Session	Written comment	Unknown
50	11/16/2022	This was a typical Coffin Butte landfill odor event at my home: a beautiful sunny cool morning which starts with a low-hanging fog sucking landfill odors south through the Soap Creek Valley. By midday the odors dissipate.	DEQ	Reported on DEQ's online complaint form	Not reported
51	12/7/2022	Concerns about rate of quarry excavation and impacts to available landfill airspace	SWAC & DSAC Joint Work Session	Meeting	Unknown
52	12/7/2022	Concern about various landfill business contracts/agreements increasing accepted tonnage and impacting landfill lifespan (in meeting and via written comment)	SWAC & DSAC Joint Work Session	Meeting, and written comment	Unknown
53	12/7/2022	Concern about landfill compliance with land use conditions of approval	SWAC & DSAC Joint Work Session	Meeting	Unknown

54	12/9/2022	Republic Services truck releasing roadside Litter and debris - Camp Adair Road	Benton County	Email	Benton County notified Republic Services, requested further investigation
55	12/9/2022	Republic truck releasing trash along Camp Adair Road	Benton County	Email	Sent the complaint details to Republic Services, asking for investigation and follow up for resolution, in order to prevent this from reoccurring.
56	12/12/2022	Frequent odors surrounding neighborhood and beyond from Coffin Butte landfill- emissions gas unsafe air quality and it is happening more and more frequent- weekly if not daily at times . Absolutely unacceptable. We are becoming the new armpit of Oregon. So sad.	DEQ	Reported on DEQ's online complaint form	Since the complaint report does not provide additional information regarding the date time or location that is difficult to track detail for the incident. According to representative of the landfill the landfill conducts regular drives through the areas surrounding Coffin Butte and haven't detected offsite odors. Their LFG collection system have been running as designed as well. The landfill hasn't started taking any new waste streams recently that would cause odors.
57	12/17/2022	driving home experience very strong smell upon entering the Soap Creek Valley.Odor too offensive for outdoor activities	DEQ	Reported on DEQ's online complaint form	Not reported

58	12/18/2022	<i>The (sadly) typical disgusting odor of Coffin Butte Landfill. See comments above about atmospheric conditions. The smelly air tends to concentrate in different strata of the atmosphere depending on the weather. Yesterday was a strong inversion and the odor was most concentrated at around 500-900 ft elevation.</i>	DEQ	Reported on DEQ's online complaint form	Not reported
59	9/15/2022	<i>Paul Nietfeld (engineer and resident living between Corvallis city limits and the landfill): Issues: Historic intake for coffin butte. Shows a graph with landfill input and a table with projections for landfill life, including Cell 6. Quarry challenge. Shared a desire to document intake, life, and quarry in a final report.</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT meeting public comments	Logged comments
60	10/6/2022	<i>Audrey Sterling (Community Member): Reflects that the talk in the community focuses on the idea that the landfill is full and what to do with the trash. They need to find a place for it, so the landfill does not overflow.</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT meeting public comments	Logged comments
61	11/17/2022	<i>Schmidt Pathman: His company promotes research on Solid Waste Management and partners with universities, national, and international organizations. Some of their concerns about landfills are: 1) the underestimation of methane produced by landfills and lessening organic materials thrown away, and 2) lessening cross contamination of recyclable materials, which can be better achieved with the sorting system they have designed. (Pending receipt (full statement) by speaker to be placed in Appendix A of Meeting Minutes.)</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT meeting public comments	Logged comments
62	12/15/2022	<i>Kate Harris: (Lives in Soap Creek and kids go to school in Adair Village) Thanks the group for being here. Explains that the Adair Village water source is in an area that gets contaminated by the landfill. The contaminants go to the Corvallis treatment plant, but how do we know the water from the park is getting cleaned for all the things? What is the filtration process? We know fires at the landfill, earthquakes, even air quality is starting to be tracked, but water is a big issue too. She hopes the focus can be on minimizing the landfill need. How can we move</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT meeting public comments	Logged comments

		landfill storage to drier climates, so they are not so hazardous?			
63	12/15/2022	<i>The County sells its residents short with this plan. If the Company backs out altogether, would the County run the landfill? Is BC hostage to a waste monopoly? Who is paying County staff time and effort for this greedy expansion request? The Company I hope, not our county taxpayers. The waste of community volunteer time also should be assessed to the Company. A few million a year is simply not worth it to the County – the Company needs to offer much much much more to have taxpayers even think this is a good idea. If the Company tries to hold BC residents hostage to higher rates, let's call their bluff, let's sue them for the 1999 fire costs and everything else. BC has leverage and needs to use it. Finally, how to insure against the expected many externalities that our county residents will pay in the future. Instead of a sleepy beautiful county and small town (Corvallis), we will be known as the garbage dump of the Willamette Valley. How much is that worth?</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
64	12/15/2022	<i>Opening our dump to materials from other counties, while expedient and profitable for the operators, is a mistake. Benton County is rapidly running out of room and public use if “our” dump is becoming prohibitively expensive. In addition, the effects on neighboring properties is causing justifiable resentment.</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
65	12/15/2022	<i>The County staff and commissioners have systematically failed the residents of Benton community by allowing Republic Services to profit at the expense of the health and well being of Benton County Residents. The county has decided to allow Republic Services to dramatically increase the amount of material it accepts in Coffin Butte, thereby leading to a unnecessary "need" for expansion. To right these wrongs the County and Republic Services has committed, the County must reject any large-scale increase in the footprint of Coffin Butte outside the plan to move into the Kniferiver Area north of the current landfill. The County must also stop Republic Services from spreading medical waste ashes as a "cover" on top of trash. The County must also halt Republic Services from accepting trash from other portions of the state in the volumes that it currently is accepting.</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments

66	12/15/2022	<i>My main concerns are that we stop expanding Coffin Butte to accommodate other peoples' trash and that we do all that is possible to reduce our waste, including requiring waste reduction processes of all communities that contribute to Coffin Butte.</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
67	12/15/2022	<i>Who is opening each trash bag and tallying the banana peels? This sounds like a waste of the millions it will cost to conduct what is simply put as a "waste audit."</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
68	12/15/2022	<i>I think the most important thing is that the SMMP be completed before any further decisions are made about expansion or changes to the county's solid waste contracts. That way decisions are made with a long term comprehensive view of the true costs and benefits of choices and their alternatives.</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
69	12/15/2022	<i>Benton county can't support the amount of trash coming in. Someone should have said "no" long ago. Protect the environment, protect the quality of life of those living in Benton County (many of whom are here for the outdoor opportunities), and protect the home values of those living in proximity to coffin butte. The complexity of this topic is unnecessary. Let community members vote on how to proceed. Do we want to expand the size of coffin butte? Do we want to continue to allow other counties to dump their waste? How do we increase sustainability is something this committee can provide. Offer resources and ideas, complete community trials, then again, we can vote. Creating committee after committee and collaborating with county after county will slow down the process and prevent meaningful change.</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
70	12/15/2022	<i>I am opposed to increasing the size of the current landfill. It will further impact residential homes near the landfill, and I believe that health concerns of residents who live near the landfill should be prioritized and addressed.</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
71	12/15/2022	<i>Consider not expanding the landfill and phasing to other Republic sites . And absolutely NOT raising tonnage cap. Local agencies will not get increased revenue when the landfill moves but it is inevitable. Current staff should make the sustainable materials management plan and not keep draining taxpayer funds for constant consultants</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
72	12/15/2022	<i>1. Do not raise the annual cap on waste coming to the landfill. 2. Do not expand the landfill. 3. Stop wasting taxpayer dollars on outside consultants. Use county staff. Our county commissioners are highly paid. They should have been able to reach a decision by now that will benefit county residents.</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments

73	12/15/2022	<i>What about mining the landfill? It must have tons of usable materials. I think in the future landfills are going to be desirable assets for recovering otherwise depleted materials.</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
74	12/15/2022	<i>There should be no implication that SMMP in Benton County or anywhere that sends waste here will have any impact at Coffin Butte, per se, because Republic Services and not Benton County has power over how they fill their tonnage cap prior to expansion, or lack of tonnage cap if expansion is approved. Any reduction in the contribution to that tonnage by Benton County or any other entity will have no impact on the life span of Coffin Butte or any other impacts of Coffin Butte landfill to the neighboring community because Republic Services choose to sell its services to other entities to replace tonnage reduction that may result from SMMP.</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
75	12/15/2022	<i>On the topic of waste disposal in Corvallis: Why can't the city REALLY encourage everyone to put their garbage cans OUT OF PUBLIC VIEW? Get the GT involved with photos, etc. Even million dollar houses often just leave all their cans sit by the garage!!! Our city is supposed to be #1 in many areas but it sure fails in this area of general beauty; The garbage company has never done much to help. I know as I have asked them to do so through the years more than once without much effect!! Please consider my plea Thanks</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
76	12/15/2022	<i>I would much prefer that a group of experts and professionals develop and work towards achievable goals vs NIMBY neighbors that want to drag out the process and add layers of bureaucracy under the guise of stakeholder equity as a delaying tactic. Not everyone has an equally valid or meaningful opinion on the intricacies of waste management.</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
77	12/15/2022	<i>It seems foolish that the cost to dump sustainable materials (compost, building waste, etc.) for the average homeowners is nearly the price (sometime exceeds!) the price to dump garbage. Yard waste used to be affordable to dump and was measured by the yard - now it is weighed, and now I burn instead! Also, there are now no viable options for those that generate little trash (such as economical on-call pickup, 1x per month, etc), which actually incentivizes loading up the bin! Please don't cow-tow to Republic's gloom and doom scenarios. Benton and surrounding counties are the market - drive a deal that benefits the residents, not Republic execs. If they wish to pull out - let them! I can take my own trash and yard debris to the locations while another entity moves in to take advantage of the opportunity. And PLEASE, stop the influx of refused from out of the area and out of state - if it needs to come to Benton County, maybe have it piled in Reset Stadium.</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments

78	12/15/2022	THE COFFIN BUTTE LANDFILL SHOULD "ONLY" TAKE REFUSE FROM BENTON COUNTY !!!!	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
79	12/15/2022	The workgroup should work to ensure the following: 1. That Corvallis, Albany, Salem, and other communities continue to have access to a landfill within 60 miles of where they live. 2. Minimize impacts to neighbors and environment while also recognizing there is no perfect solution. We should address and mitigate problems, not kick the can to another community. 3. Engage with community members and reach out. Understand there are hundreds of thousands of people served well by the current waste management arrangement who may not be the most vocal in their opinions and objections.	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
80	12/15/2022	"should the County do a better job of managing waste in the County and waste delivered to Coffin Butte?" ..the clear answer is a very loud "YES". But if the dump were not in Benton County, there likely wouldn't be the urgency or interest. The point is this is a state or regional issue. I would suggest that funding for the SMMP be from a surcharge on all waste dumped at the landfill. That way, the users of the dump are funding the study. Benton County rate payers would only be on the hook for a small percentage of the cost since Benton County residents only contribute a small percent of the volume to the dump. The money from the surcharge should be in a separate fund, not in the General Fund. This is particularly important since the Commissioners have been using solid waste fees for general fund purposes while ignoring their obligations to fund a competent waste management program. I would also suggest that the County hire outside legal council to assist in this endeavor.	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
81	12/15/2022	It's disheartening to see all the waste litter on the side of road shoulders on both sides of the road and thins like metal or two by four with nails he ving me a flat tire And living in Adair we get the methan smell at times , not a fan .	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
82	12/15/2022	An audit could provide good information but likely no surprises. DEQ does waste composition studies and is in the process of doing that currently. It will be interesting to see if these yield similar results.	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
83	12/15/2022	Stop accepting all trash coming from north of Salem. This would extend the lifetime of the current footprint. Charge the landfill a hefty fee for each load of toxic leachate leaving the facility and needing treatment.	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments

84	12/15/2022	Cap the tonnage allowed at Coffin Butte	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
85	12/15/2022	<i>I drive by coffin butte frequently and activity along Hwy 99 is often unsettling and raises questions on how well waste is handled locally. A detailed report measurements from both ORDEQ and third party confirmations (from companies with not even vague financial ties to waste management) would go a long way in easing those concerns.</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
86	12/15/2022	<i>The execution of the 2020 Landfill Franchise Agreement in private, without the knowledge of affected residents of Benton County, was an egregious breach of trust of the population, and strongly influences and taints all other steps that Benton County takes regarding solid waste and related topics. It's clear that short-term monetary considerations outweighed other factors in the signing of this agreement. Residents most directly affected by negative impacts of the Landfill are effectively being thrown under the bus to support a stream of discretionary income for the County. This lack of trust and credibility will spill over to other County efforts, most notably the proposed justice center.</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
87	12/15/2022	<i>Please factor in the greenhouse gas emissions from the tailpipes of trucks, especially those coming from and going to afar.</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
88	12/15/2022	<i>Compost and recycling are two things I think this community value and support. There are systems available to mitigate these natural processes that ultimately can enhance the livability of the community. Having a junkyard of non biodegradable items on the edge of town is very different from composting, which ultimately creates fertile soil to help replace that lost from commercial farming, pesticides, and climate change.</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
89	12/15/2022	No tonnage increase allowed in any future CUP	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
90	12/15/2022	<i>The LSCL committee should clearly recommend that the annual tonnage capacity should not be raised. Frankly if the cap isn't increased then I doubt that Republic will push to expand the landfill because of the increased costs they will incur without the increased revenue from the cap increase.</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments

91	12/15/2022	<i>1. the landfill because of the increased costs they will incur without the increased revenue from the cap increase. It is important that we understand why the 1983 and later prohibitions against expanding south of Coffin Butte Road were not completely accepted by the county and have formed the basis for the continuing creep of expansion efforts across the road. This aspect of the history is murky and reeks of insider collusion between the county staff and corporate owners of the landfill. We have been sold down the river over and over again by the county staff and legal advisories who do not have the best interests of Benton County residents in mind.</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
92	12/15/2022	<i>Just drive around new and older subdivisions in this area. The newest one in Ponderosa Ridge already has some who never put their cans out of public view!! Then drive into Oak Knoll off Western to see or NOT SEE ANY Garbage CANS ever in PUBLIC VIEW! Past Pick up time days. QUITE a DIFFERENCE!! The city/county has got to have some impact on this problem!! Create codes for all new residential areas, etc. Provide rebates for putting up a 6 foot fence panel to hide cans for existing homes, etc.</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
93	12/15/2022	<i>It still doesn't seem right that Benton County should be the waste repository for all of Western Oregon without some compensation, unless other counties are willing to assume that role in the future.</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
94	12/15/2022	STOP ALLOWING OTHERS COUNTIES TO DUMP THEIR TRASH IN BENTON COUNTY !!!!	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
95	12/15/2022	<i>The methane emissions definitely need to be studied before the landfill can be expanded.</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments

96	12/15/2022	<p><i>This regional landfill is key to a very large area surround it that the landfill services. It is key in terms of the feasibility of solid waste disposal. If this landfill is inactive or the regulations and requirements to dispose of solid waste become too expensive, the cost of solid waste disposal will and could go up a significant amount, making it difficult for citizens in its service area to dispose of their solid waste. This has a trickle-down effect from businesses whose disposal costs go up that then pass that increase on to their customer who is also getting charged an increase in their cost to dispose to the landfill as well.</i></p> <p><i>Unfortunately, illegal dumping becomes appealing. If the landfill is no longer operating or if the cost of doing business for the landfill gets too high, the next likely closest landfill is in Arlington, which is much farther away for the current customers, which will require more resources to haul solid waste from mid-western Oregon. I implore those making the decisions to be mindful of repercussions of passing regulations that increase expenses making it more difficult to dispose of solid waste. I realize the importance of long term planning, but increases to landfill costs don't happen in a vacuum.</i></p>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
97	12/15/2022	<p><i>"Has the County been lax in monitoring and regulating the landfill and is the County poorly equipped to regulate a major, statewide landfill and to manage the adverse impacts" the very loud answer is "YES, the county is poorly equipped and quite incompetent when it comes to regulating all waste matters and has done an exceedingly poor job". If the question is "Should the County get its act together and do a professional job" the answer is YES. The County has taken in money from the landfill but has not funded adequate supervision, review, investigation, or implications of a growing environmental problem on the horizon. The County has not retained professional or legal assistance competent and informed on landfills but has used a generalists with no knowledge or experience with landfills. The County has ignored all warnings from their own advisory committees and knowledgeable citizens in the community. The County for years has bumbled along. The title of this section is LANDFILL SIZE/CAPACITY/LONGEVITY (LSCL). The County really has no clue and the numbers keep changing for reasons (manipulations) the County doesn't even understand. As a result, citizens have no trust at all in the County's ability to monitor or regulate the landfill or to insure it does not become an environmental liability for county residents. Obviously the landfill will be closed in the not too distant future.</i></p> <p><i>The County has no idea when or how to close the landfill and the implications of the closure other than the chicken little&strategy...the sky is</i></p>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments

		<i>falling. The County needs better leadership and management. Time for change.</i>			
98	12/15/2022	<i>Many of these questions demonstrate a lack of understanding of how landfills operate and changes in recycling, composting and food waste initiatives in Oregon. This group has been focused on taking the lead not understanding that much of this work is in process on a statewide level. The process seems determined to be directed by landfill neighbors with a lack of knowledge or input from experts.</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
99	12/15/2022	<i>The landfill should finance the ability to move into the rock quarry as soon as possible</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
100	12/15/2022	<i>I did not see an explicit statement about sharing the responsibility with community to run the landfill however, in a perfect world I would like to think that Coffin Butte could be run as though it was a public entity and not a profit center. In other words, I'm all for capitalism but the air shed, watershed, view shed, and protecting our sense of place and livability belong to the public and must be defended.</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
101	12/15/2022	<i>The County should take steps to acquire better information about the methane emissions of Coffin Butte Landfill < I agree with this > because the landfill's emissions are currently not well-characterized and use this information to guide diversion programs that could limit the amount of organic waste going to the Landfill.</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
102	12/15/2022	<i>Why does LLU Recommendation 1 refer to Republic Services as the manager of the landfill and associated services? Why can't Benton County put out an RFP for new landfill service providers? Do we have to continue to let Republic Services run a monopoly based on profit rather than community well-being? I oppose it. LLU 4 Recommendation appears to hide important public comment from the county board. I oppose it.</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
103	12/15/2022	<i>Let's not have the fox guard the hen house, please. Subject matter experts need to be involved as third party evaluators of compliance.</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
104	12/15/2022	<i>County needs the legal right to terminate the CUP if the holder of the permit fails to stay within the CUP stated limitations.</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments

105	12/15/2022	1) These items assume that Republic Services will negotiate an acceptable contract with Benton County, which may not be the case. Other waste management corporations exist. 2) Code amendments are badly needed prior to any further CUP reviews for Coffin Butte Landfill. Both chapters 53 and 77 require reality-based updating. They are based on another era of regulation, technology, public concern, and an era of trust-based negotiating, which appears to no longer be the case. These regs were based on a much smaller corporation, not one like Republic with annual revenues exceeding \$10B. 3) Any CUP conditions of approval must have clear, measurable standards, including metrics and a timetable noting monitoring periods. Failure to meet conditions would result in suspension of operations, which should be included in any contract approved.	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
106	12/15/2022	I also believe SWAC is not necessarily a group of people who are experts in this field, and just go with what Republic presents to them. There is no unbiased watchdog on the landfill and what is going on. I feel these question lead us to believe only republic can run the landfill, I do not believe this is true.	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
107	12/15/2022	I don't think Benton County should allow Republic Garbage Services to market our garbage site to Portland and SW Washington especially dead bodies!	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
108	12/15/2022	The legal processes ensuring compliance as listed in #57 should be rated as highly important. It seems BC has never held any of the owners of Coffin Butte to account and it appears easy for the process to point to 'some other agency... DEQ, EPA etc etc... as the ones who are responsible. Also, efforts to block public knowledge and input to the process because of 'attorney-client privilege' or other corporate privilege.	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
109	12/15/2022	LLU Recommendation 7 etc. Planning Officials and the Planning Commission need some latitude to use judgement. Circumstances cannot always be foreseen that impact the land use decision. Decision makers should be trusted to exercise judgement when "additional criteria" or unforeseen issues arise.	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
110	12/15/2022	As someone who has been involved in issues relating to the landfill for 30 years, I'm exceedingly disappointed that the commissioners have given this forum to what appear to be individuals who live near the landfill and are involved only to advance what they see as their own best interests and don't consider the general welfare of the community in their proposals.	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments

111	12/15/2022	<p>The following sentiment captures the majority of the <u>BCTT public input survey responses</u>. There were a lot like this:</p> <p>I care deeply about this process and thinks that engaging with the public around the community's waste stream is important and I cannot understand what most of these questions are asking. This is maybe the most confusing community survey I have taken in 16 years of living in Corvallis and I hope that the Benton County Talks Trash workgroup takes whatever information they receive from this survey with a huge asterisk. I would recommend scrapping any information that you glean from this survey and starting again from scratch.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Seems like far too many recommendations for a team to effectively track. How can a team focus on this volume of verbiage? No wonder it takes so much time and effort to agree on a direction for Benton Co. The public can't be expected to read and understand the ramifications of the volume of recommendations in his survey.</p>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
112	12/15/2022	Let the public vote on all of the above - that would result in much more thought put into the recommendations!	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
113	12/15/2022	Too much government in an area where qualified professionals already oversee related activities.	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
114	12/15/2022	DEQ has experts in this area that the Benton County Planning Department does not. DEQ's evaluations and permitting process should be approved.	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
115	12/15/2022	I am not sure of the overarching theme here. I checked "generally agree" because I think the work group is trying to find a fix for the County's lack of transparency and openness. However, it is clear that when it has come to land use or permitting issues related to the landfill, the process has been controversial and unclear. There has also been a feeling that the voice of the public was intentionally muted, discouraged, ignored or rejected. At times, the County has proceeded without public notice and without public input. The County has devoted too few resources to waste management which in turn has led to confusion and distrust. It has not helped that the County has relied on County Council that, in instances, seems to have provided more of an advocacy role than legal consultation role.	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments

116	12/15/2022	<i>Landfills are among the most regulated industries in the nation. Benton County should rely on regulatory agencies rather than adding more regulations.</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
117	12/15/2022	<i>This section is quite revealing on how much ambiguity is actually in the current code. Although ambiguity can be a very good thing it still needs bounds...still, moving goal posts during the game is not at all fair. It was not that long ago that we didn't worry much about the landfill or the debris on the side of the road from uncovered loads or even what materials were dumped. But things seem to be changing far more rapidly now. I believe we need to amend the code, and I believe we need to shorten the franchise agreement term to allow the community and vendors to be more responsive to needed change. I don't think "business as usual" should apply to our current situation. It comes down to a trade...what would we do if Coffin Butte became too expensive? We can't have our cake and eat it too.</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
118	12/15/2022	<i>CUP recommendation 8. Why does it refer specifically to Republic Services rather than the Landfill operator? Hopefully sometime in the future Republic Services will no longer be the service provider. I oppose it. The landfill buffer for groundwater contamination seems to be an insufficient solution to such a catastrophic problem. I oppose it. The CUP subcommittee has done a good job of identifying many of necessary components of a completely broken system. Well done!</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
119	12/15/2022	<i>"Actively monitor and enforce prior land-use decision Conditions of Approval for the landfill or any other land use decision." Would like more detail on this question, is it referencing only prior to 2020 decisions? How to insure against the expected many and serious externalities (costs, enviro degradation, etc) that our county residents will pay in the future? Who pays for the costs of fire, disaster, groundwater contamination, lack of road access, or even noxious smells on a wedding day ruined in your backyard? Certainly the couple million a year from the Company won't cover this. It is the Benton county taxpayers and residents who pay. Thus, a fire plan, a GW contamination plan, an anything plan must include a way to assess Republic now. When these disasters happen, companies have a way of going bankrupt and avoiding costs. Certainly avoiding paying them in real time when the funds are needed.</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
120	12/15/2022	<i>Make it easier for the public to file complaints of noise, odor, etc. by providing a user friendly link that includes a copy sent to DEQ.</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments

121	12/15/2022	Regarding question # 75, it is not only odor. It should also concern the health effects of vaporous gasses on the of residents of Benton, Linn and Polk Counties.	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
122	12/15/2022	It's shocking and unacceptable that conditions for approval of a CUP are not monitored nor enforced. Also, odor is one of the biggest quality of life issue for the landfill and needs to be better addressed.	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
123	12/15/2022	The most surprising thing I've learned through this process was the number of important things that the county didn't monitor and enforce from their agreements with the landfill operators. Steps like the ones listed here would help ensure this doesn't happen any longer.	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
124	12/15/2022	#62, is particularly important - a system for tracking complaints. I know for a fact that this has never been done in an organized, transparent, and well advertised manner. #72, "purchase buffers" should be closely analyzed and scrutinized to be sure they are not de facto expansions. Purchase of land does not override land use regulations and contamination, as of groundwater, should not be allowed. Groundwater and air quality are "the commons" and do not belong to an individual or corporation. Generally, this entire survey assumes Republic Services as the slam dunk operator of the landfill, which may not be the case going forward. When coordinating with DEQ, it's good to keep in mind that large agencies (state and federal) are subject to the whims of politics, and as our political environment becomes more extreme we may want to keep that in mind. Recall the reversal of decades of environmental regulation under the last president.	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
125	12/15/2022	Avoid costly redundancies. Provide a way for concerns and complaints to be easily recorded and saved but no need to actively seek out.	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
126	12/15/2022	I want clear and transparent process! It seem to me that Republic Garbage Services has had an inside track with the county and the board of commissioners. I don't want any 1group of people make such a big decision like the expansion that Republic wants to get away with.	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
127	12/15/2022	Most of the recommendations seem very appropriate. I am concerned that so many of the previous accounts of interactions point only to 'Soap Creek Valley' residents. I live in the Lewisburg/Crescent Valley area and also frequently am affected by odors, am offended by the trash and traffic, and remain concerned about the region wide effects of groundwater contamination in the north county area. Also, I am very concerned about the ash deposits from the Covanta furnace and dispersal of the ash within all of our region by winds.	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments

128	12/15/2022	<i>Who will be paid to do all of this? Will I pay a lot more in Taxes? Will garbage rates rise out of sight? The solution is to find somewhere else to start a new mountain of waste. Our pile is way beyond too high now.</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
129	12/15/2022	<i>(61) states what has long been a nagging concern of mine--at least. CUP non-compliance reported by others has long been ignored, and worst in cases where county code enforcement officials make retributory threats against the reporter. Being "nice" in Benton County seems to be all the more important than being fair, and the whole county suffers for it. (72) serves only as a cover-up of unacceptable conditions and is blatantly unfair to the county. (65,67) Recommendations should be to "determine that..." and not "determine if..." This is all too much for an individual to carefully advise!!!</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
130	12/15/2022	<i>Limit infill from outlying counties</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
131	12/15/2022	<i>CEO Recommendations 3 , 4, 5, 7 &13. Why is the notification radius 10 miles? Why not the entire county? CEO Recommendation 6. Why does it refer specifically to Republic Services rather than the Landfill operator? Hopefully sometime in the future Republic Services will no longer be the service provider.</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
132	12/15/2022	<i>"Notifications for the Benton County Talks Trash (BCTT) Survey for public input on the Workgroup Report should include an email blast..." PLEASE ADD mailers to each address as many residents are older and the GT has priced itself out of circulation. Also, assess the cost of the mailers and outreach (effort and S/H) to the Company, not to the County taxpayers. This way all will start getting a realistic picture of how much the Company is costing our County over their greedy requests.</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
133	12/15/2022	<i>Is there a way to modify the county's emergency alert system to include info on up-coming meetings. Regarding question #80. Should include all residents of the affected counties. Benton County residents will be financially responsible for the landfill's lasting effect for an extremely long period, perhaps hundreds of years.</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
134	12/15/2022	<i>There was a huge deficit of communication during the last CUP process, the steps here seem like a good start to improving that communication for any future CUP.</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments

135	12/15/2022	<i>Why is there so much talk about a 10 or 15 mile radius of Coffin Butte? This is supposed to represent the public of Benton County, not those in Salem who have no ties to this action, other than their own political agenda.</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
136	12/15/2022	<i>Please consider postcards to notify the public of surveys, public meetings, and major decision making events are open to the public as not everyone is on the email blast list. Public buildings like the library are not frequented by everyone, nor is the city webpage.</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
137	12/15/2022	<i>Suggestion - First, find out how people regularly get their news about county government processes. Don't waste time on the modes nobody uses. Consider email, mail, newspaper, social media, texts, radio, local television, etc. Most importantly - Revive the Citizen Advisory Committees! (BCC 51.305) The absence of these committees is a missed opportunity to meet, educate, and engage with citizens. I believe Community Development should revitalize the CACs, staff them, and engage over important issues. In a large and contentious land use like the landfill, pre-application community meetings with the applicant should be required, listening to the citizens' concerns BEFORE an application is submitted and deemed complete. Planning in a vacuum, as we've seen, doesn't work. Planning on the ground, IN the affected community, is messy at times, but it's far better than being slammed in a Planning Commission hearing by people who resent the fact that they don't feel heard, and the planners have never even been where they live. This is how trust is built.</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
138	12/15/2022	<i>Too many postcards. 2 weeks ahead seems like too long and 24 hours post meetings/decisions seems too tight, maybe not for emails or social media</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
139	12/15/2022	<i>24- 72 hours is not enough time for notifications. All of Benton County should be notified not just not up to 10 miles of the landfill. All of Benton county will deal with theses decisions to expand the landfill for future generations. The landfill is visible past 10 miles now, you can smell it past 10 miles, this was not suppose to occur. Semi- trucks bringing out of county trash move all over Benton county. I oppose many of these questions more notice should be given. People have jobs, travel, events, childcare to be dealing with and many of these notices are on too short time frame. I also oppose many of above questions, the questions should include all of Benton county to be notified by at least notice in the paper and website.</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments

140	12/15/2022	<p>More notifications would be good however we also need to have well written narratives available to the public in outlets such as the local newspapers such as the Gazette Times and the Corvallis Advocate, also perhaps the Eugene Register Guard. I have been dismayed at the Iowa based corporately owned Gazette Times (really the Albany Democrat Herald in disguise) promoting the viewpoints of Republic Services and name calling Benton County residents as NIMBYs. Hard to be a NIMBY when this dump has been in our backyard since World War 2. I am waiting for other counties to step up to the plate! There are lots of other buttes in western Oregon that are likely more suitable for landfill development than Coffin Butte, right on the edge of major streams draining into the Willamette River.</p>	<p><u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u></p>	<p>BCTT community survey</p>	<p>Logged comments</p>
141	12/15/2022	<p>I am not sure of the purpose of these survey questions. If the question is "Has the County been lax in monitoring and regulating the landfill and is the County poorly equipped to regulate a major, statewide landfill and to manage the adverse impacts" the very loud answer is "YES, the county is poorly equipped and quite incompetent when it comes to regulating all waste matters and has done an exceedingly poor job". If the question is "Should the County get its act together and do a professional job" the answer is YES. The County has taken in money from the landfill but has not funded adequate supervision, review, investigation, or implications of a growing environmental problem on the horizon. The County has not retained professional or legal assistance competent and informed on landfills but has used a generalists with no knowledge or experience with landfills. The County has ignored all warnings from their own advisory committees and knowledgeable citizens in the community. The County for years has bumbled along. The title of this section is LANDFILL SIZE/CAPACITY/LONGEVITY (LSCL). The County really has no clue and the numbers keep changing for reasons (manipulations) the County doesn't even understand. As a result, citizens have no trust at all in the County's ability to monitor or regulate the landfill or to insure it does not become an environmental liability for county residents. Obviously the landfill will be closed in the not too distant future. The County has no idea when or how to close the landfill and the implications of the closure other than the chicken little strategy...the sky is falling. The County needs better leadership and management. Time for change.</p>	<p><u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u></p>	<p>BCTT community survey</p>	<p>Logged comments</p>
142	12/15/2022	<p>More education about composting that keeps organic material out of the landfills is a positive step that I support. We need more organic material to maintain healthy soils and concentrating it in a landfill is bad for all around.</p>	<p><u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u></p>	<p>BCTT community survey</p>	<p>Logged comments</p>

143	12/15/2022	<p>LSCL #3, #7, #9 are vital actions needed to understand present and projected future states. It's very difficult to plan without metrics! Indeed, these three items, especially #9, will allow better understanding of the entire carbon footprint from start to finish. I doubt we even have a starting point for calculating that. LSCL #8 This seems to reflect upon Republic's desire to play their cards close to their chest. More power to them but I think their agendas are purposely vague, minimalistic, and secretive. Unfortunately, this builds mistrust and I wonder if that mindset played into why LSCL #4 is now necessary. LSCL #10 Absolutely. (Metrics!) LSCL #12 should be broadly coordinated it may take other jurisdictions or private entities to actually make this concept work. I did not see an explicit statement about sharing the responsibility with community to run the landfill however, in a perfect world I would like to think that Coffin Butte could be run as though it was a public entity and not a profit center. In other words, I'm all for capitalism but the air shed, watershed, view shed, and protecting our sense of place and livability belong to the public and must be defended</p>	<p><u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u></p>	<p>BCTT community survey</p>	<p>Logged comments</p>
144	12/15/2022	<p>Work to reduce garbage immediately.</p>	<p><u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u></p>	<p>BCTT community survey</p>	<p>Logged comments</p>
145	12/15/2022	<p>Items continue to propose that the county contract with someone. I generally oppose those. When I consider the quality of outputs of the individual who has conducted the meetings and devised the process, I'd say the county doesn't have a good method for evaluating the quality and competence of contractors. Again, items address more than one issue - these are poorly written survey items. Example: The County should take steps to acquire better information about the methane emissions of Coffin Butte Landfill < I agree with this > because the landfill's emissions are currently not well-characterized and use this information to guide diversion programs that could limit the amount of organic waste going to the Landfill.</p>	<p><u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u></p>	<p>BCTT community survey</p>	<p>Logged comments</p>
146	12/15/2022	<p>Why can't Benton County put out an RFP for new landfill service providers? Do we have to continue to let Republic Services run a monopoly based on profit rather than community well-being? I oppose it. LLU 4 Recommendation appears to hide important public comment from the county board. I oppose it.</p>	<p><u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u></p>	<p>BCTT community survey</p>	<p>Logged comments</p>
147	12/15/2022	<p>How about nationalizing Coffin Butte Landfill and kicking Republic Services back to Arizona?</p>	<p><u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u></p>	<p>BCTT community survey</p>	<p>Logged comments</p>

148	12/15/2022	Only two choices of approval and oppose did not feel right. There is a lot of grey areas between. I also believe SWAC is not necessarily a group of people who are experts in this field, and just go with what Republic presents to them. There is no unbiased watchdog on the landfill and what is going on. I feel these question lead us to believe only republic can run the landfill, I do not believe this is true.	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
149	12/15/2022	It seems BC has never held any of the owners of Coffin Butte to account and it appears easy for the process to point to 'some other agency... DEQ, EPA etc etc... as the ones who are responsible. Also, efforts to block public knowledge and input to the process because of 'attorney-client privilege' or other corporate privilege.	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
150	12/15/2022	These recommendations are even more ridiculous that the first two sets. As someone who has been involved in issues relating to the landfill for 30 years, I'm exceedingly disappointed that the commissioners have given this forum to what appear to be individuals who live near the landfill and are involved only to advance what they see as their own best interests and don't consider the general welfare of the community in their proposals.	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
151	12/15/2022	COFFIN BUTTE SHOULD BE USED "ONLY" FOR BENTON COUNTY REFUSE !!!	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
152	12/15/2022	"Actively monitor and enforce prior land-use decision Conditions of Approval for the landfill or any other land use decision." Would like more detail on this question, is it referencing only prior to 2020 decisions? How to insure against the expected many and serious externalities (costs, enviro degradation, etc) that our county residents will pay in the future? Who pays for the costs of fire, disaster, groundwater contamination, lack of road access, or even noxious smells on a wedding day ruined in your backyard? Certainly the couple million a year from the Company won't cover this. It is the Benton county taxpayers and residents who pay. Thus, a fire plan, a GW contamination pan, an anything plan must include a way to assess Republic now. When these disasters happen, companies have a way of going bankrupt and avoiding costs. Certainly avoiding paying them in real time when the funds are needed.	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
153	12/15/2022	It's shocking and unacceptable that conditions for approval of a CUP are not monitored nor enforced. Also, odor is one of the biggest quality of life issue for the landfill and needs to be better addressed	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments

154	12/15/2022	All good but not sure if postcards are really needed. Do we know how effective they actually are? Also, how was the 15 mile radius selected? Perhaps it should be greater...	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
155	12/15/2022	The decisions being made affect the entire region, you should be gathering information outside of Benton County	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
156	12/15/2022	Revive the Citizen Advisory Committees! (BCC 51.305) The absence of these committees is a missed opportunity to meet, educate, and engage with citizens. I believe Community Development should revitalize the CACs, staff them, and engage over important issues. In a large and contentious land use like the landfill, pre-application community meetings with the applicant should be required, listening to the citizens' concerns BEFORE an application is submitted and deemed complete. Planning in a vacuum, as we've seen, doesn't work. Planning on the ground, IN the affected community, is messy at times, but it's far better than being slammed in a Planning Commission hearing by people who resent the fact that they don't feel heard, and the planners have never even been where they live. This is how trust is built.	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
157	12/15/2022	Re-examine outflow of leachate and hold the landfill liable for toxic waste ending up in the Willamette River. Test for these toxins prior to treatment at the Corvallis facility and fine the responsible parties.	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
158	12/15/2022	I would like to know when you are going to get to the real issues like the fact that a landfill for northwest Oregon really doesn't belong in our wet environment. Or that Republic Services requires all rural customers to have weekly trash, yard waste and partial recycling pickup. We compost and have very little trash, but we do have some. Bi-weekly or monthly pickup would much better match our needs.	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments

159	12/15/2022	<p>Thank you for involving Benton County residents. In sum, I support the County's involvement in most items and committees. I support a bigger collaboration across many subcommittees (the turnover of the SWAC shows why, plus holding so few accountable for so much doesn't work). I support Stakeholders who have permanent residences in Benton County also being involved. I support true Benton County community participation (not outside hired guns). I do NOT support Stakeholders from outside Benton County. The only other party at the table should be the Company. I worry about costs to Benton County now, and the unequal and unfair costs county residents will pay in the future. I have no reason to trust that Republic will behave differently than any other company when it is held to account. There will be lawsuits, much time and effort expended by BC taxpayers and residents, and in the end the damages from the Landfill will still be done; in the time frame residents need to be made whole, instead they will suffer.</p>	<p><u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u></p>	<p>BCTT community survey</p>	<p>Logged comments</p>
160	12/15/2022	<p>Contamination of the Willamette River by leachate from the landfill needs to be studied. Risks due to taking ash from the Covanta incinerator needs to be study. Possibility of leakage into groundwater around the landfill needs to be more actively monitored, not just on Republic/VLI property but on neighboring state and private properties.</p>	<p><u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u></p>	<p>BCTT community survey</p>	<p>Logged comments</p>
161	12/15/2022	<p>Coffin Butte landfill will be a liability to all Oregon residents for many, many years. Short term financial gains for Benton County will never be sufficiently cover this liability. Republic Services will not be responsible for cleanup when it ultimately dissolves or declares bankruptcy, essentially taking the money and running. Republic Services, with all of its financial assets, should now be required to invest, explore and develop alternatives to accepting potentially recyclable materials especially plastics. I implore Benton County to refuse the CUP and any expansion of Coffin Butte Landfill and close it when it's currently stated capacity has been reached.</p>	<p><u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u></p>	<p>BCTT community survey</p>	<p>Logged comments</p>
162	12/15/2022	<p>Benton County has lost its credibility and the trust of residents through it's secretive backroom process for negotiating the 2020 landfill franchise agreement. This smacks of a simple "follow the money" scenario, with local residents being thrown under the bus and their lives being negatively compromised in the interest of short-term economic gain for both the County and Republic. The last nail in the coffin of public trust was the removal of the two neighborhood representatives from the Trash Talk working groups, both exceedingly knowledgeable and professional individuals whose contributions will be sorely missed. The lack of processes for monitoring and addressing compliance with conditions of approval for CUPs is shocking and needs to be addressed. Landfill odors are a huge problem and need to be grappled with somehow.</p>	<p><u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u></p>	<p>BCTT community survey</p>	<p>Logged comments</p>

163	12/15/2022	<i>You clearly needed to hire a communications firm (or someone with some common sense) to assist you, if you really intended to make a survey. I find this so symbolic of your entire Trash Talks process - which is completely out of touch with the average citizen. the process has clearly had a strong agenda right from the start. I find this whole thing APPALLING! Shame on the commissioners for supporting this (or rather using as an excuse to get them off the hook and further their agenda)! Shame on the Darren Nichols for proposing this process and pushing it! Shame on Oregon Consensus for supporting this biased and ineffective consultant (who is making loads of money off this process)! This is ALL COMPLETE RUBBISH!!!</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
164	12/15/2022	<i>I do not support the expansion of the Coffin Butte Landfill. This survey is a waste of time to the public that does not support this action.</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
165	12/15/2022	<i>Waste from only Benton and Polk counties should be going into our landfill. Linn and the other counties should take care of their own problems. Leachates need to be rendered harmless/non-toxic before going into streams and rivers. Medical waste incineration-produced ash needs to be rendered harmless as well. If the ash and leachates are not so treated, then Benton County Commissioners and Corvallis officials should be required to sign their names on letters to all residents downstream who draw water for drinking from the Willamette River stating the number of gallons carrying those toxins being discharged into the river every day.</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
166	12/15/2022	<i>Please do not expand the landfill. Please do not allow other counties far and wide to dump their trash here. It is too easy to "pass the buck" in these situations. If each small community is responsible for their waste, they have ownership in keeping their community clean, safe, healthy, and environmentally friendly. It also reduces the environmental impact of driving garbage from county to county. The larger this landfill gets in size and in area it serves (number of cities/counties), the harder it gets to regulate and the harder it is to make sure all parties are being responsible. We do not want Corvallis known for our landfill; we want it known for our university, our community, our beautiful green space, our clean air, and our property value that holds up through thick and thin. Please make transparency and simplicity a focus of the landfill discussion.</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
167	12/15/2022	<i>Past decisions with previous landfill owners or operators seem irrelevant. County Commissioners, please don't approve a CUP that raises the tonnage cap. Note that no matter how much factual information is provided, folks often already have made up their minds. If the city is considering not accepting leachate at the local water treatment plant, perhaps the phaseout of our local landfill needs to begin.</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments

168	12/15/2022	<i>Unfortunately most of our neighbors don't recycle properly. I think a stiffer penalty for contamination of mixed recycling is appropriate!</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
169	12/15/2022	<i>I fail to understand why this is all about procedural recommendations, ignoring the issues. The issues are that Coffin Butte is possibly already damaging the water, ground and error and further expansion only makes this worse. I do not see recommendations that will lead to an honest assessment of the damage being created.</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
170	12/15/2022	<i>We have followed this process closely from our earliest awareness of the renewal of the permit. This Workgroup, the process and the recommendations are a great contribution to this Permit process and future similar process for county and regional government agencies. Thank you.</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
171	12/15/2022	<i>Benton County is one of the smallest counties in the state but we are taking the majority of the trash from other counties in the state and sometimes outside the state. It is time for this to stop. I do not believe Republic has been upfront from the start for their vision of our local landfill. They have purchased property which was to be used for a cell, now they do not want to use it, it's a money maker. Let's close a road instead and fill a space to be viewed for miles. Due diligence was not done on the last proposal. So many questions, and so little time to understand the larger implications to our county's citizens welfare. Air, water, evacuation routes, fire, noise pollution to just name a few. Also historical archeological significance along the ridge where they propose fill with garbage and build a road. This ridge was once used by indigenous peoples to travel to Kings valley and on to the coast. Our County needs to take a step back and realize we should be the ones to decided what our future landscape will look like not out of state multi billion dollar company who will disappear once the resource is used up. If we can now see this mountain of trash, well beyond its intended size. What will it look like if the CUP is expanded and coffin butte road is closed, they did not supply accurate pictures I wonder why? The smell now makes it to north Corvallis. Once expanded how much further, maybe to your house? I then imagine residents who are out enjoying beautiful Corvallis will have some choice words as the smell moves them inside their houses. The landfill has been on fire in last years. If Coffin Butte road was not there, this fire could have jumped through the dry grass and moved along the ridge towards residential areas.</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments

172	12/15/2022	<i>Republic has their agenda, make money for their stock holders and CEO. I am sure they will not be interested to help pay for the clean up of ground water including local wells for contaminated chemicals. Look at past and present contamination sites through this country. The owners all vanish once it's time to fix a problem they helped create. This could create more money out than what we take in for filling a once large hole in north Corvallis currently.</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
173	12/15/2022	<i>I live less than 1/2 mile from Coffin Butte and strongly oppose the expansion south of the road due to potential ground water contamination, smell, and visual site, reduced property values, just to name a few issues. I am also opposed to Republic Services recruiting other landfills to use Benton Co. as the state landfill. There was a time when more things were recycled but now they keep reducing what they will take. Obviously it is cheaper to throw it in the landfill.</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
174	12/15/2022	<i>A plan for going forward to manage and decrease overall solid waste in our county and ALL the contributing counties would be a great contribution to the current situation and that of our offspring. However the current situation needs to be dealt with and the first step is to allow only the currently approved landfill cells to be used, then to plan for an orderly shutdown of Coffin Butte. The amount of leachate being dumped into the Willamette River is astounding. Of course, in past declaration, the landfill owners said no fluids would be dumped in the waterways, but clearly that is not the case. Importantly, even if the corporate owners fulfill their obligations and tend to a closed landfill for 30 years, it is a certainty that western Oregon will still be a rainy place and WE the residents of Benton County will be dealing with massive amounts of poisonous effluents from the landfill for perhaps centuries. The time to stop digging ourselves into a worse hole of trouble is now. Use the existing landfill cells conservatively and wisely, then close down CB in a safe and sane manner. Also, Republic Services 'contractual obligations' are not Benton County residents' concern. Let RSI deal with their unwise decisions which seem to be based on steam rolling over Benton County residents through quiet (possible illegal) deals with the current Board of Supervisors. I think the removal of the garbage limits as aligned with a CUP expansion, in light of Zero public comments sought by the Board, is a serious issue that needs to be further explained and if necessary remanded to the appropriate court or state board governing violations of open meetings and public notification laws.</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments

175	12/15/2022	<i>Republic Services is not transparent (they pretend to not have a business plan nor to have developed options for their future business at Coffin Butte), and apparently the Benton County Board of Commissioners franchise agreement with them was developed without transparency. This action ties the hands of other county actions and the public's right to impact future decisions. The BOC agreement (in the franchise agreement) to lift the tonnage cap based on approval of the expansion raises serious concerns and limit options. The SWAC apparently fell asleep somewhere along the way. If this happens again, their involvement in decisions cannot be taken for granted.</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
176	12/15/2022	<i>This entire process/controversy hinges on the question: "Do all of the residents Benton County generate waste and where do they want it to go?" Coffin Butte or Central Oregon? Dreams of zero waste are just that...dreams. of the loudly under-informed are mostly self-serving and do not recognize/accept the needs of greater Benton County. I live within the 10 mile radius of Coffin Butte and accept that the necessity of the landfill far outweighs the inconveniences resulting from its operation. Stop screwing around and accept that human nature (ie: personal benefit) will always triumph over altruism.</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
177	12/15/2022	<i>And here to once again confuse things "solid waste management" and "sustainable materials management" planning are used interchangeably. No one knows what you all are really talking about, and county leadership claims no stake in the matter. I never expected to have such pathetic leadership in Benton County, nor witness such contrived legal counsel given here, or on a number of matters beside the landfill issue. Don't pretend to be developing sustainable materials management planning, it is the solid waste disposal delivered into our county, without suitable environmental controls or limitations that is polluting our water, our air, threatening our wildlife, our soils, and the habitability of an increasingly large portion of our county--all allowed because we have yet to hammer out a solid waste management plan leadership has not stressed. Pushing nearly a million dollars, and BCTT doesn't know even now what to do or clearly say about it. Maybe that is partly due to BCTT members, so-called stakeholders, who aren't representing Benton County citizens, but rather their corporate interests. No solid waste management plan after all this. Meantime legally sanctioned advisory bodies don't meet regularly, and members of one of those and the Planning Commission are removed because divergent voices are not to be heard. I hope to be proved wrong, but this BCTT process has provided the most grease I've ever seen laid down on very carefully laid skids. The end result will be county commissioners saying once again "our</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments

		<i>hands are tied and we can't act in the interests of our citizens and residents."</i>			
178	12/15/2022	<i>Seems to me that there has been little discussion of the local and global impacts of maximizing the use of Coffin Butte as a landfill as compared to the alternatives which I assume are taking it somewhere far away and dumping it. This seems like the real issue and it's barely noted. These recommendations read like the cathartic rants of a few individuals who have an axe to grind because they feel they've been ignored for years. I hope the commissioners remember that those of us who live in other parts of the county and greater landfill "waste shed" have an interest in how the coffin butte resource is used that goes beyond being told a day in advance that it's going to smell bad tomorrow. It still doesn't seem right that Benton County should be the waste repository for all of Western Oregon without some compensation, unless other counties are willing to assume that role in the future.</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
179	12/15/2022	<i>I know not everyone likes the landfill but unless we stop creating trash, and everyone else in the country does too, we need landfills. They are better than burning the trash and an existing landfill here is better than a new landfill being opened somewhere else.</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
180	12/15/2022	<i>Coffin Butte Landfill is a good community partner. Not everybody lives in Corvallis and not everybody think that there is a problem. They are not the bad guy.</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
181	12/15/2022	<i>Again, please give us clear and transparent answers about where our recycled waste is going and how that can be improved. The County itself needs to step up on its own carbon emission goals before shifting the focus to things like Coffin Butte, etc. Where is Benton County at in meeting its own upcoming deadline for carbon emission reductions?</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
182	12/15/2022	<i>Stop the influx of trash from ousted Benton and immediate adjacent counties. Tell Republic NO on the expansion. Drive a better deal with more economical options for residential trash/recycling/yard debris. If Republic won't pay, recruit a provider that wants the job.</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
183	12/15/2022	<i>Please consider stopping trash from counties other than Benton to be dumped at Coffin Butte</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments

184	12/15/2022	Use the 15 years remaining of landfill life to transition to modern post-landfill waste management. Benton County should stop being the 'sin eater' for the region, taking all the region's garbage and its associated long-term problems in exchange for inadequate short-term cash. Benton County should collaborate with other waste generators in the region to devise a strategy for sustainable waste management. It's apparent that Benton County has not been dealing with the issues being engendered by the landfill, and has instead devoted its energy to denying those issues exist and suppressing evidence to the contrary. Benton County needs to begin facing the ramifications of hosting a regional landfill, which first of all means to begin collecting data not spoon-fed to them from Republic Services. Benton County has values to operate from, such as those enshrined in its 2040 Thriving Communities Initiative, but those values seem to vanish whenever solid waste management issues come up. It's counter to those values, for example, to uplift some residents at the expense of others. Benton County needs to realize that Republic Services will never work with them to create significant reductions in waste generation, especially as part of a regional initiative. Benton County needs to begin its own program to do that regionally, and to invest a share of the money it's currently making from the landfill to liberate itself from dependence on the landfill.	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
185	12/15/2022	If the County wants to "host" a landfill, then they need to do their job. That likely includes establishing a fully funded work unit to do the tasks necessary and as outlined above. Since the waste comes from all over the state, the cost of the work unit could be born by a surcharge on waste dumped or diversion of the host fee to a separate fund established for supervising, reporting, advising and other tasks. If an City or County wanted to "host" a major industrial site known to cause or result in environmental and land use issues, they would establish means of monitoring, regulating and enforcing standards. The County needs to do so. I would like to see an annual "landfill status report" each year similar to the annual water quality report. It would be detailed and thorough and mailed or emailed to all county addresses. The annual report could also include progress made on the SMMP.	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
186	12/15/2022	This open table process was overthrown by a small number of community members that do not represent the broader opinions of the county. Decisions at this scale, like the ones suggested in the recommendations, are left to qualified professionals for a reason.	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
187	12/15/2022	It is pretty clear that "Solid Waste Management in Benton County" is broken and needs to be fixed. The BCTT was / is a hopeful first step in getting on track. However, it is only a first step and much more needs to be done. The	<u>Benton County Talks Trash -</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments

		<i>recommendations provide some "next steps" and I am hopeful that the County will follow through.</i>	<u>Community Survey</u>		
188	12/15/2022	<i>The development of a responsible SMMP will be a difficult task. In my opinion, the BCTT process has been weighed down by information that is subjective in many cases. Determining the future of Coffin Butte has impacts outside Benton County which should be considered. The environment does not see the imaginary lines drawn by counties. We should be considering what is really best for our future, not just inside those lines.</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
189	12/15/2022	<i>So many things to think about! Benton County seems to be shouldering most?all? of the responsibility for hosting a regional landfill. In that sense is BC justly compensated? How does our landfill compare to other regions, states, vendors, providers? I imagine we are above average in terms of having a viable and responsibly run landfill in the first place but I feel as though there are many intangible and long-term effects that we may eventually come to regret. I apologize for sounding idealistic but the major problem is not due to the operations but is due to the fact that we don't have a circular economy along with a host of other positive recycling processes. We have too much packaging and too many plastic containers. It's just way too easy to toss stuff...how can we change that mindset? Thank you for asking!!</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
190	12/15/2022	<i>If inflow is limited to the abutting counties the current facilities will have a longer useful life, with less toxins present to develop future issues. The facility should not be allowed to transport toxins that are dumped into the Corvallis water treatment facility and then diluted, end up in the river. I am concerned that the city will be held liable at some point for the discharge. At the very least, the landfill needs to fund extensive treatment facilities at the Corvallis waste water plant to deal with their "contributions".</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments
191	12/15/2022	<i>the landfill was no secret when those folks bought their homes. we live in a republic not a democracy - most of these recommendations seem inspired by the latter, which is not our reality.</i>	<u>Benton County Talks Trash - Community Survey</u>	BCTT community survey	Logged comments

Table 2: Concerns received by Coffin Butte Landfill (table sourced from Coffin Butte Landfill and Pacific Region Compost Annual Report 2022).

Note that the 25 complaints noted in February in the chart to the right have been included in Table 1 above. Five of these were in 2023 and therefore not included in this report.

Month	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
January	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
February	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	25*
March	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
April	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
May	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
June	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
July	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
August	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4**
September	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
October	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
November	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
December	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1***

*DEQ sent single notification of 25 complaints received between 11/8/21 and 2/7/22

**DEQ sent single notification of 4 odor complaints received from 7/1/22 to 8/16/22

***DEQ sent notification of 1 odor complaint they received on 12/13/22