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Benton County
Disposal Site Advisory Committee
Packet for January 8, 2025 meeting

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***DRAFT* MEETING MINUTES
Disposal Site Advisory Committee (DSAC)
December 11, 2024**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ATTENDING

- Ken Eklund, *Chair*
- Rachel Purcell
- Chuck Gilbert
- Brent Pawlowski
- David Hackleman (called in)
- Bret Davis, *Republic Services Representative*
- Charlene Carroll
- Jennifer Field
- Jeffrey Morrell

STAFF

- Bailey Payne, *Solid Waste Program
Coordinator*

**GUESTS - The online meeting software was not working so the meeting was not recorded.
Members of the public that wanted to attend were not able to do so.**

**Guests that provided oral comment to the DSAC*

ABSENT: David Livesay (excused)

Agenda Item #1: Call to Order

Technical Difficulties

- The Chair noted that there were technical difficulties preventing online attendance.

Disclaimer on Public Comments

- The Chair reminded attendees that DSAC is not involved in the decision-making process regarding the proposed landfill expansion and directed public comments to be made to the Planning Commission or County Board of Commissioners.

Agenda Item #2: Public Comment

The technical issues in streaming the meeting prevented the public from providing feedback at the meeting. There were no members from the public in attendance. Unfortunately, the meeting was not recorded.

Agenda Item #3: Approval of meeting minutes from 10/9/24

- The minutes from October 9th were reviewed. Concerns were raised regarding member identification in past minutes. A motion was made by a member (Jeff M.) to accept the minutes from October 9th, with a second from another member (Chuck G.). Motion passed unanimously.

- 44 • Suggestion to add speaker names in minutes. Add follow-up task section (action items).
45 Reviewing action items when meeting minutes are approved.

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47 **Agenda Item #4: Approval of meeting minutes from 2022-2023**

- 48 • The Chair indicated a need for review and approval of minutes from meetings held on October 25,
49 2023 and earlier.
- 50 • Jeff M. suggested adding line items to future meeting minutes to make edits easier to find.
- 51 • A suggestion was made for members who attended those meetings to collaborate on revisions
52 before presenting them for approval.
- 53 • Discussion ensued regarding establishing a timeline for reviewing previous meeting videos
54 alongside their corresponding minutes, emphasizing accuracy in representation.
- 55 • Members discussed the importance of accurate minute-taking due to legal implications, citing that
56 approved minutes hold precedence over video recordings.
- 57 • There was consensus on needing clear guidelines moving forward with minute approvals and
58 video retention policies within legal parameters established by county regulations.
- 59 • Discussion about amending the 10/23/23 meeting minutes took place, with emphasis on additional
60 amendments proposed by Chair Eklund who will not be present at the next meeting.
- 61 • Jeff M. made a motion to have the County staff include transcripts of all past meeting minutes
62 that have not yet been approved. Chuck G. seconded. All approved, except Bret Davis, who
63 abstained.
- 64 • Some members expressed discomfort with voting on meeting minute approval for meetings in
65 which they did not attend.
- 66 • A member highlighted concerns regarding the legal implications related to parts of transcripts not
67 being captured during a Zoom meeting due to it being paused on 10/23/23.
- 68 • A hybrid approach was suggested to combine both transcript material and additional notes for
69 clarity, ensuring that everyone's input is documented appropriately.
- 70 • Jeff. M. made a motion to add Ken's "preamble" to the meeting minutes on 10/23/23 for final
71 review at the next meeting. Chuck seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

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73 **Agenda Item #5: Fire Safety Report Update**

74 Discussion included clarifications needed concerning state aid requests related to fire marshal
75 operations and coordination with regional authorities. The committee accepted the report (with final
76 edits) and thanked David H. for his work on the document. Staff will forward the finalized version to
77 the county commissioners who will forward it to the Board of Commissioners. Jeff M. made the
78 motion and Charlie C. seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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80 **Agenda Item #6: Break**

81 A 5-minute break was observed.

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83 **Agenda Item #7: Elections of Chair and Vice-chair**

- 84 • The meeting began with discussions around appointing a new chair and vice chair for the
85 upcoming year.
- 86 • It was noted by Ken Eklund that he would not be continuing as chair, expressing a desire to
87 remain on the committee instead.
- 88 • Jeff M. nominated Rachel Purcell as the new chair. Ken E. seconded. Rachel was voted in as
89 as chair in 2025; all attendees voted in favor.
- 90 • David Hackleman was nominated as interim vice chair (Jeff M., seconded by Chuck G.),
91 which also received unanimous support.

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93 **Agenda Item #8: Carbon Mapper Update**

94 An update was provided by Ken Eklund discussing the emergence of Carbon Mapper technology
95 aimed at detecting methane emissions from landfills. The significance of recent findings from Coffin
96 Butte Landfill showing a methane plume approximately a mile long with an estimated leak rate of 1.4
97 metric tons per hour highlighted potential environmental concerns.

- 98 • **Methane Detection:** The technology used by Carbon Mapper was discussed, highlighting its
99 ability to identify methane plumes and quantify emissions from landfills, specifically Coffin
100 Butte landfill.
- 101 • **Emission Data Presentation:**
 - 102 ▪ Data showed a significant range of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂e) emissions based on
103 estimates from Carbon Mapper, with a low point at approximately one million metric tons
104 CO₂e and a high point near two million metric tons CO₂e.
 - 105 ▪ Discussions highlighted the importance of understanding how much methane is being
106 captured versus emitted to gauge efficiency in response strategies.

107 Questions arose regarding comparisons between what is detected through Carbon Mapper technology
108 versus what existing operators are capturing and managing.

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110 **Agenda Item #9: Republic Services' application to expand the Coffin Butte Landfill**

- 111 • Republic Services submitted an application to expand the landfill which was initially deemed
112 incomplete but has since been resubmitted for review by the county's planning department.
- 113 • There was dialogue regarding whether DSAC should advise or engage with public concerns
114 around this expansion as it relates to community impact.
- 115 • Feedback indicated that community members are more concerned about immediate issues
116 such as operational inefficiencies (long lines) at the landfill than broader environmental
117 concerns, despite awareness of methane emissions related to climate change. Suggestions
118 were made about improving operational efficiency at Republic's facilities, including better
119 customer service initiatives and technological upgrades for monitoring wait times. Examples
120 of things that Republic Services is (or plans to) do include: Increasing pay for scale house
121 attendees to reduce turnover and build capacity, they've installed Starlink so that they don't
122 have technological related slow downs, redirecting Republic trucks to cut down on wait times
123 and they are open to the idea (David H.) of installing cameras to help people avoid busy times.

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125 **Agenda Item #10: Request Agenda Items**

- 126 • An idea was put forth about adding an agenda item at each meeting dedicated to reviewing
127 outstanding tasks or action items discussed previously, ensuring accountability and follow-
128 through between meetings.

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Discussion about Committee Dynamics

There were concerns raised about adversarial dynamics within the committee compared to past experiences. Members emphasized the importance of collaborative approaches moving forward.

Future Meeting Scheduling

- There were discussions regarding scheduling future meetings with suggestions made for holding the next meeting in January.
- It was noted that while Oregon law requires a minimum of four meetings per year for DSAC, additional meetings can be scheduled based on committee needs.
- Consider adding items concerning public outreach strategies and education surrounding landfill operations in next meetings’ agenda discussions.

Adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 11, 2025, Kalapuya Building (4500 SW Research Way, Corvallis)

Action Items:	Lead	Status
Continue monitoring developments regarding Republic's application status; keep this item ongoing in future agendas.	Rachel P. / Bailey P.	Agenda?
Request data from PNGC on how much landfill gas is collected versus fugitive. – Bailey reached out for this information on November 6, 2024 and has not yet been provided this data.	Bailey P. / Republic Services	Not available
An idea was put forth about adding an agenda item at each meeting dedicated to reviewing outstanding tasks or action items discussed previously, ensuring accountability and follow-through between meetings.	Rachel P. / Bailey P.	Agenda
Jeff M. suggested adding line items to future meeting minutes to make edits easier to find.	Bailey P.	Done
Jeff M. made a motion to have the County staff include transcripts of all past meeting minutes that have not yet been approved.	Bailey P.	In progress (IT)
Staff will forward the finalized version of the fire safety report to the county commissioners who will forward it to the Board of Commissioners.	Bailey P.	In progress

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1 **2024.12.11 DSAC Meeting Transcript – (unedited from computer provided transcript)**

2 Speaker 1 (00:06)

3 Okay, great. Well, I'm gonna call this meeting order at 6 or 5, as you might admit it Christian, not
4 connectlyn, Rachel Purcell, and the coacheir can ask me to step in to share the meetings. So we've had a
5 few technical difficulties, it looks like we are not going to be be able to reach anyone who's online.

6 Speaker 1 (00:28)

7 But just for and there's no one in public attendance in the room, but just for the record, I'll just as the you
8 know the disclaimer to start the meeting, I'll say that dsack is actually not involved in distinguish audition
9 picking process with the virtual public's proposed expansion. Of landfill, and if people have quick
10 comments about those About the expansion proposal that needs to go to the planning commission to the
11 county board of commissioners, and potentially also to end rack.

12 Speaker 2 (00:57)

13 I'm sorry.

14 Speaker 1 (01:01)

15 Come on.

16 Speaker 2 (01:02)

17 Yes,

18 Speaker 1 (01:03)

19 Although I think there is some debate about whether they will actually take public comments.

20 Speaker 2 (01:09)

21 That has to be negotiated within rack, but they are the first in the chain of the decision makers are
22 recommend they they just decide to recommend or not. I throw the first bit of the chain.

23 Speaker 1 (01:23)

24 So I'll also note that Ian mccab is not in attendance and that Brett Davis is Stephanie and Graham, as the
25 end of the Republic. All right, so I figure we can just start with the first item on the agenda, which is well,
26 maybe the second item, the third or you have a comment today which is a review of the past minutes?

27 You probably don't have meaning packets in front of you so.

28 Speaker 1 (01:52)

29 And we have limited internet access? So I don't know if did anyone get a chance to review them online
30 before before the meeting.

31 Speaker 2 (02:02)

32 Yeah, yeah, yes.

33 Speaker 3 (02:04)

34 Isn't a trouble as you? I mean, I can't review them any better than anybody else who wasn't at the
35 meeting. So I saw the opinion that was in the email but I'm uncomfortable I would abstain if you voted to
36 approve him.

37 Speaker 3 (02:16)

38 It just I wasn't there I don't know if they're correct or not.

39 Speaker 2 (02:20)

40 So so I think we're first talking about the meeting minutes from that.

41 Speaker 3 (02:23)

42 That's what you have fun.

43 Speaker 1 (02:24)
44 At the very last year
45 Speaker 2 (02:24)
46 Oh, this one.
47 Speaker 3 (02:26)
48 I would move that. We accept the meeting minutes from 24th to October or whatever it was.
49 Speaker 1 (02:31)
50 Okay, before because before I take that mission, did anyone have any notes or corrections to those
51 maintenance?
52 Speaker 2 (02:39)
53 I do have I do have a comment. I guess which is just that I thought the meeting minutes, uh, those
54 meeting minutes were just excellent. So they're considerably better than the meeting minutes that we
55 have had historically, and since we're about to go into another set of those ISO so that that's kind of my
56 first comment, the second comment is In the meeting minutes for a last meeting, a number of people are
57 not identified so it it just says a member said this, a member said that I presume that's because I think
58 Bailey you prepared those minutes is that right?
59 Speaker 2 (03:26)
60 Okay? Yeah, I presume that's because you're going by the Transcript, rather than the actual recording,
61 right? And so you would actually have to look up who said it You know, from the Transcript, right?
62 Speaker 2 (03:40)
63 So I don't wanna create a lot of work for you. So what I wanted to say, is it look thinking about it myself I
64 mean, sometimes I'm not identified, right? I'm just a member, said this or a members of that, I'm kinda
65 perfectly fine for that.
66 Speaker 2 (03:58)
67 I think that the members though should be ready? So if you want to be identified, you know, you should
68 be ready at this point in the meeting to just go, it says you're a member. I would like for my name to be
69 added, because I'm the one who made that comment.
70 Speaker 2 (04:15)
71 Am I stating myself clearly so right now in those minutes it'll say, a member brought up the point of such-
72 and-such Because Bailey's looking at the Transcript, he knows a member did it, but he doesn't know
73 which member? And so if when we're reading that if there's a place where it says a member and you
74 would like to find out which member it was that said that, or you think? It's important for whatever reason
75 that is a nothing To bring to the meeting and then we would find that out and then approve the the
76 minutes or if it is yourself, you can just know and identify yourself.
77 Speaker 2 (04:56)
78 So that's that's the only observation that I had about the the minutes from last meeting.
79 Speaker 1 (05:00)
80 Okay, yeah, that's a good point I mean, another thing that we could do is just try to identify ourselves or
81 past the Baton, just in our meetings. So it's clear from the Transcript to who's talking on earth who's about
82 swath
83 Speaker 2 (05:15)
84 That's also helpful with people online too. So so that might be a good additional solution.

85 Speaker 1 (05:23)
86 Okay, any other notes on the minutes? Uh, wouldn't even like to the second just
87 Speaker 2 (05:35)
88 Uh, I would great.
89 Speaker 1 (05:39)
90 And then what do we put it to over?
91 Speaker 3 (05:40)
92 This country
93 Speaker 2 (05:41)
94 This is a discussion of the motion.
95 Speaker 3 (05:43)
96 It's been so normally I would make a motion. Yeah, can we second it? And then we have discussion
97 without the prelude there, so you gotta have a motion on the floor to have the discussion
98 Speaker 1 (05:54)
99 I see, thank you.
100 Speaker 3 (05:55)
101 Michael Roberts would be happy.
102 Speaker 1 (05:59)
103 Appreciate your patience, okay? So we kind of have a discussion. Yeah, kind of fix a word but are there
104 any other find some Discussion same thing
105 Speaker 4 (06:10)
106 I just this is this is maybe not related to approve remains, but there were a lot of topics that were brought
107 up in the minutes that are not on the agenda. So I feel like there's a loss there are things that are
108 discussed that are meant to be followed up on and then they just kind of set it up on the agenda. What is
109 that this is the wrong place to talk tracker?
110 Speaker 3 (06:37)
111 Yes, and no I agree with you a lot of times things get lost in the minutes because nobody falls there. So
112 some of the comments like, for example, mark gager had a number of comments need to be followed up
113 on
114 Speaker 1 (06:51)
115 Yeah, we just have. I mean, there is the good next. There's a section in there this is next steps.
116 Speaker 1 (06:56)
117 I think we we need me to do some things.
118 Speaker 3 (07:08)
119 So normally when I I'm not giving these in Australia, we'll have the the minutes and then there'll be an
120 item of tasks and the first thing you can do at the meeting is then say, okay, how are the tasks where they
121 addressed? So that might be useful to put in the minutes so. That we?
122 Speaker 1 (07:26)
123 So we would do that
124 Speaker 3 (07:28)
125 It'll be in the minutes to the meeting, and then whomever was test with following up. If you know Bailey, or
126 somebody on the committee would report back at the meeting about what they did.

127 Speaker 5 (07:41)
128 And there would be an agenda item
129 Speaker 3 (07:43)
130 Thank you to general items.
131 Speaker 5 (07:44)
132 That's coordinating the minutes.
133 Speaker 1 (07:46)
134 For the next agenda
135 Speaker 5 (07:48)
136 To close the loop, one unfinished
137 Speaker 1 (07:49)
138 Business that makes a lot of sense.
139 Speaker 6 (07:56)
140 This comments shall follow the agenda.
141 Speaker 7 (07:59)
142 Great, thank you. I'll get David on speaker.
143 Speaker 1 (08:03)
144 Hi, David.
145 Speaker 3 (08:05)
146 It's Rachel mobile phones everywhere, okay?
147 Speaker 1 (08:08)
148 Can you, can you hear me alright?
149 Speaker 6 (08:10)
150 If you guess, reach out and we can hear you fine.
151 Speaker 1 (08:12)
152 Okay, great, just give us a shout. If anything becomes unclear, you have triple hearing us. We're just going
153 over the the minutes from the last meeting on October 9th and Charlie riz did a good point, which was we
154 kind of often talk about next steps or action items, and then it just doesn't it kind of gets dropped on the
155 way to the next meeting.
156 Speaker 1 (08:35)
157 And so we're discussing the possibility of having a kind of review of outstanding tasks added to the
158 agenda at each meeting to go over what we discussed last time. And anything that's changed.
159 Speaker 3 (08:53)
160 So I guess I'm I would just don't call the question we should just vote all the question means we have to
161 do
162 Speaker 1 (08:58)
163 Tested, there's a motion on the floor support to approve the meetings from the minutes from October 9th,
164 all those in favor.
165 Speaker 2 (09:07)
166 Say I, if you're on the speakerphone.
167 Speaker 1 (09:12)
168 Secretary then the motion passes. So we are now on to the next agenda item, which is reviewing minutes

169 from October 25th 2023 and earlier. So I'm sort of in the same boat as I think a lot of people here, which is
170 that we weren't on the committee during that time We're not quite sure how to proceed with this, but
171 apparently it is a requirement that we eat.

172 Speaker 1 (09:43)

173 Um that we review and approve these minutes because the video record is deleted at a certain point. And
174 so the only kind of official record is the minutes of what happened in betweenies so can I know you were
175 yeah, looking at them and I think there's someone else who offered to review them or

176 Speaker 2 (10:08)

177 I think Brent did but I think he mentioned something about looking at the past meeting minutes, I think he
178 was talking about them all. Not just this particular meeting. So, so so yeah, so I have sent out I have a
179 edits to the minutes which I sent out last night, I think to everyone.

180 Speaker 2 (10:36)

181 This agenda item got added to the agenda. When another item fell off so I tried to get them out as quickly
182 as I could and mainly the it's just adding things which are not included in the minutes. The minutes were
183 they were just really lacking in some places like I said this they were, they were not very well done I guess
184 I'm not sure.

185 Speaker 2 (11:11)

186 I'm happy to talk about the proposed.

187 Speaker 1 (11:18)

188 Since you only sent it around last night, I don't know, I'm afraid about a chance to repeat. So I see 2 cats,
189 one is we can just pulled off until the next meeting. Until people had a chance to review them or maybe
190 63 of us were there it would make sense to have like you and Brent kind of work.

191 Speaker 1 (11:39)

192 Together on it, my thinking is okay, not just for the purposes of checks like to not have one person
193 basically be responsible for revisions in minutes. But having like another person in the league might as
194 well to kind of cross-reference your work.

195 Speaker 2 (11:55)

196 Sure.

197 Speaker 1 (11:57)

198 So maybe, but maybe you and grant, confirm a small subcommittee or something like that, and just kind
199 of work on it, work your way through the minutes.

200 Speaker 3 (12:07)

201 So let me ask a mask question of Bailey, apparently, are we under a time constraint to approve these
202 former minutes before the end of the year or anything, or what's the

203 Speaker 7 (12:16)

204 I mean, we have some from

205 Speaker 3 (12:17)

206 I know yeah.

207 Speaker 7 (12:19)

208 And so you know, ideally, we're getting them out, you know, within the next month.

209 Speaker 3 (12:26)

210 So if they were brought up for finalization at the January meeting that would be okay.

211 Speaker 1 (12:31)
212 Is there? Is there a deadline?
213 Speaker 7 (12:34)
214 No I mean, I think it's best practice.
215 Speaker 2 (12:41)
216 There is an effective deadline in that. I don't think the county keeps video after 3 years.
217 Speaker 1 (12:49)
218 What's the oldest meeting that really experience?
219 Speaker 3 (12:53)
220 We're on the 2 years out on your honor.
221 Speaker 2 (12:55)
222 It's in 2022, so like September or October, okay?
223 Speaker 1 (13:01)
224 So it sounds like we still
225 Speaker 2 (13:03)
226 What a bit of time right? So so I would like to get these taken care of so I will not be here in January or
227 maybe I mean, I don't know whether my application to renew is going to be acted on or not, but it's not
228 likely to be acted on by time of the meeting so, and so that's also the
229 Speaker 3 (13:29)
230 It's your term 31st of December.
231 Speaker 2 (13:31)
232 Yeah, I'm okay.
233 Speaker 3 (13:33)
234 So I guess I didn't see those last night and I was looking at my email so I don't know how I missed it.
235 Speaker 2 (13:43)
236 Go ahead.
237 Speaker 6 (13:46)
238 Can we, uh, you know, I've read the minutes that were posted and they looked collector of the
239 representation of beings and if there are videos, is there only a we could request a archive copy of those
240 videos be stored? If not, it doesn't mean to be showed our mind it fixed toward as A. Physical entity, if it
241 needs to be, if there's an issue with this.
242 Speaker 6 (14:12)
243 Space we believe demands can be accurate and I believe under rubber schools. We can I am asking if we
244 weren't at a meeting? I always say again we have to live the video it has a different opinion, the video is
245 accurate.
246 Speaker 7 (14:36)
247 There are links in there's a document in the that has links to all the old good evening.
248 Speaker 3 (14:46)
249 I'm missing.
250 Speaker 2 (14:49)
251 Right, but those links are not going to last forever.
252 Speaker 3 (14:56)

253 Yeah, I think what David's asking for is an archive vote copy of those minutes, at least for a period of time.
254 Speaker 7 (15:02)
255 Yeah, save them locally for now rules about what
256 Speaker 2 (15:17)
257 I'm, I'm, I'm not entirely sure of this, but I think there is a legal thing that happens minutes are approved.
258 Those minutes are indeed the legal representation of that meeting. So that's, that's another reason why
259 these, you know, you want to review them the minutes and make sure that what actually happened in the
260 meeting is reflected.
261 Speaker 2 (15:43)
262 You know, in the in the minutes, because the it seems like once the minutes are approved, the minutes
263 actually have a legal precedence over the video so and and you know, and that part of that is because
264 video is ephemeral. 4 minutes are supposed to be more permanent, so okay.
265 Speaker 1 (16:18)
266 Alright.
267 Speaker 3 (16:19)
268 I think I gotta come. I'm sorry.
269 Speaker 8 (16:25)
270 I breathed there's a video bar and then an audio blog. So there are 2 different types of frames there. And
271 I'm not sure if the audio lock ADS can be preserved or hopes of them that at the same time, that's just a
272 comment, I just noticed that and I did the just review cancer email, but you just referenced October 23rd
273 that we stand and I would just There's other was it just limited to one meeting?
274 Speaker 8 (17:02)
275 Here is transmittal upward. Was I shortened
276 Speaker 2 (17:07)
277 No I just reviewed one meeting the October 25th meeting.
278 Speaker 8 (17:11)
279 Within some of the reference meetings at that point out to defend a stop on one again, so that's just a
280 clarification at this point, when we move there and then up okay, I was just coordinating the reference,
281 but you would referencing here if it's specified out. Yeah, it's specific outward. Specified, mic would be A
282 A carbon Napper was and I'm using I'm using, you know, that make it easier to you know where it says EPA
283 report on methane in there.
284 Speaker 8 (17:49)
285 Put it in there. Be easier to read quick, I don't know if that's that, if you could do exactly if things are in
286 word or not, just if you're going to give the reference, put it right into the Word document. The thing you've
287 got to reference like that, I know that's what I'm consumed there.
288 Speaker 8 (18:09)
289 Even makes it easier to see what the reference changes in this, so somebody's got the inside if you can
290 Speaker 1 (18:18)
291 Check your sailing, make the suggestions in line in the meeting minutes. You can see them in the context.
292 Speaker 8 (18:24)
293 Yes,
294 Speaker 2 (18:28)

295 So would it help if I just went through the changes? It's? It's mostly just additions to the minutes of what
296 was there

297 Speaker 1 (18:40)

298 Yeah, I mean.

299 Speaker 3 (18:42)

300 What you've got like 3 pages.

301 Speaker 2 (18:46)

302 Most of this is existing stuff, so there's just a few comments.

303 Speaker 3 (18:50)

304 You might also, barely. I wonder if the minutes fund forward to make chuck's comments right about
305 pointing out where things are, if you just put line numbers, it's an easy word at and then we could just say
306 there's an error on line 112.

307 Speaker 2 (19:06)

308 That's helpful.

309 Speaker 7 (19:09)

310 It's in the minutes.

311 Speaker 3 (19:11)

312 In the minutes in the draft minutes, you can take it out after that. But at least we know where we make
313 corrections for.

314 Speaker 1 (19:21)

315 I don't have any strong opinions as anything. Should we just go over cash changes for look at this
316 meeting? I guess we can?

317 Speaker 3 (19:30)

318 My question is I mean, so that's for one meeting. Are we going to do that for all the meetings? Cause we
319 have to improve quite feedback

320 Speaker 2 (19:39)

321 So what I would suggest, but I was suggesting it out of this minute's problem, because it's just become
322 this Whirlpool that keeps sucking up more and more of our time. And nobody wants to be in it anyway,
323 what I would suggest is that I think there are 6 more meeting minutes pass. This one, what I would
324 suggest is, you know, have a volunteer.

325 Speaker 2 (20:10)

326 To just look at the minutes, watch the video. All those videos are only an hour-long and you just go
327 through it does do the minutes cover the video. You don't need to have been there, you know, you're
328 watching the video you're looking at the minutes you're saying, well, this person says this thing, but it's
329 not in the minutes, then you just add it.

330 Speaker 2 (20:34)

331 And you know the document that, uh, the Petra prepared for Bailey, you know about this. You know, said
332 you don't have to have been at these meetings. You know you can look at the video and you can look at
333 the minutes and you can say yes, these minutes are a good description of this video and you can sign off
334 on it.

335 Speaker 2 (21:00)

336 I don't think it's a good use of anyone's time for all of us to look at you know 6 hours worth, I would say

337 delegate just have a person pick a video and then sign off on it or you know, make whatever changes you
338 think are good and then I think the other. Part of that is, we just trust members to do that. To do their job
339 and that's kind of what I did here you know, I mean, I was at this meeting.

340 Speaker 2 (21:30)

341 So I do have that to go, which is kind of important because I'm part of this meeting wasn't reported, so
342 and that's what.

343 Speaker 5 (21:39)

344 Often, for people who are much more it sabbing than me, is there a program to take that video and create
345 a Transcript that is not and then, as a human. You can go and you know, yeah, that makes sense. But I
346 mean yeah, I mean things have probably changed in a while, but right now we're going to be using
347 transcripts for lots of things, and a Transcript is different than right than a human being.

348 Speaker 5 (22:02)

349 Trying to paraphrase and and so I wonder maybe whether you want to do in the past or not, but can you
350 do the present where you are really literally capturing a Transcript?

351 Speaker 1 (22:14)

352 Well, I think that's Bailey is using some kind of voice recognition, it's software to at least draft them.

353 Speaker 5 (22:21)

354 And so that's happening.

355 Speaker 3 (22:23)

356 The current comfort Is it possible to make transcripts of those minutes and make them and attend them
357 as well for the minutes as we approve them. So that a hard copy exists of the

358 Speaker 7 (22:36)

359 There's a waiting to be with it. Our it hasn't enabled Rap for me and I asked, so when I asked him that,
360 what are the technical issues that we have tonight? Yeah, not that as well, the way I do it, it's very clunky
361 and it doesn't just spit out the Transcript is multi.

362 Speaker 7 (22:57)

363 It takes me about 4 hours to get it off.

364 Speaker 3 (23:01)

365 No, that's not worth it either.

366 Speaker 4 (23:03)

367 So well.

368 Speaker 5 (23:03)

369 Rachel, for something you said earlier, if you would like 2 people, I'm wondering if we need to basically
370 have 22 people per 2.

371 Speaker 1 (23:10)

372 Ukraine script

373 Speaker 5 (23:11)

374 Well, true, 2 people per Oakland.

375 Speaker 1 (23:13)

376 The meeting you know, I'm just like that's just generally spiritual talking. You know, like in journalism
377 school? They're like, if your mother says she'd love to go check it out, so did I don't think Pete?

378 Speaker 3 (23:25)

379 No.

380 Speaker 1 (23:26)

381 We need to like apply that level of screening to everything. So, if like as a group, we're comfortable with a
382 single committee member, suggesting changes just to the minutes and then approving those. I think
383 that's fine.

384 Speaker 8 (23:37)

385 I agree, the it's not a court transaction that you're trying to journalized to hear. That's just mainly the
386 emotions and the interpretations of it without any other generalization. Otherwise it'll take hours to it,
387 yeah, can you read the body language yep in between the solution?

388 Speaker 3 (24:04)

389 I guess what I'm struggling with. There's a value of this.

390 Speaker 5 (24:07)

391 Yeah, it's right, that's

392 Speaker 3 (24:09)

393 That's the bottom line. The minutes are required going through and I am watching video listening to
394 Transcript, and then fixing what's in there. I'm struggling

395 Speaker 2 (24:20)

396 Unfortunately, you know, I haven't looked at all the minutes. I mean, I've kind of glanced through them in
397 again, I just say these are not well done. And so you know it would be one thing if I could just go, let's just,
398 you know, sign off and let's just move on, but, and also there were, you know, there were things that
399 happened during that timeframe, which really need to Sb recorded correctly.

400 Speaker 2 (24:47)

401 You know, the the disposal site advisor committee at that time was under the a lot of pressure would add
402 its agendas, restricted and etc et cetera. And so you know a lot of that is potential legal matter no going
403 forward, so

404 Speaker 8 (25:11)

405 When you say legal matter, I'm lost there again myself, you say people matter, I'm not quite the context
406 that it's in.

407 Speaker 2 (25:23)

408 It's possible that the counties, what the county did to the disposal site advisory committee at that time,
409 was infringement on the its ability to represent the public.

410 Speaker 8 (25:44)

411 Yes, but I guess how does it unless it was emotions and for consideration out of reading, I'm not sure how
412 that infiltrates into the meeting for documents pay your shouldn't app Bixby. Could we recent topic was
413 discussed from them?

414 Speaker 1 (26:01)

415 Are you talking about just evidence? It's potential.

416 Speaker 2 (26:03)

417 I'm just talking about evidence, I'm I don't know of any such legal action, but it's just very, as chaired
418 during that time, I was just very aware of that essentially kind of things were coming up as to what dsack
419 could and couldn't do which really just seemed to be coming up out of thin air. You know, and I mean, I
420 was legitimately worried during that time. That someone in the public would sue me because I was not

421 upholding the obligations put on dsack by the state they wouldn't be after me, they would have been after
422 the county.

423 Speaker 8 (26:45)

424 Well, well, that's more relevant than because your time is volunteered or not hired as it

425 Speaker 2 (26:54)

426 I didn't want to go down this road. I just wanted to approve these minutes.

427 Speaker 8 (26:59)

428 You referenced legal, I was just wondering what the context in your mind that happens about there,
429 because if I don't remember bringing up and swack lady, the body language was there, but it was never a
430 motion for consideration access, and that's and

431 Speaker 2 (27:15)

432 Well we couldn't bring up. We couldn't bring up that motion because of the restrictions we rendered.

433 Speaker 8 (27:21)

434 Right? But that way, but if it isn't in the meeting, then we really can't put it in context as what I'm saying.

435 Speaker 2 (27:27)

436 All right, well, this particular meeting right here, you know, October 25th, daniurreddick, left the county,
437 and now we have Bailey, approximately a month and a 1/2 afterwards and then umbrella, uh, Daryl
438 Darren Nichols, who was at this meeting, was put on administrative leave about 6 months later. B It
439 eventually resigned from county employment. I don't know why those things happened.

440 Speaker 2 (27:57)

441 But this meeting might be a factor in that again, I don't know, but I'm telling you, there are things going on
442 here that I would just like to get straight and so the part of it which we have is? Let's just have some good
443 meeting minutes approved for these actions so that it doesn't come around to haunt anyone later on.
444 That's why I want to take a little bit of time with these meeting minutes and why I would like to kind of get
445 them out of this again, we're just circling around and around and around

446 Speaker 1 (28:38)

447 Okay, great. So I'm just going to pull us back. So there are a few questions on the table one is whether we
448 actually need to review the minutes and I think it sounds like we I probably should review them for
449 accuracy, and then the second question is process.

450 Speaker 1 (28:53)

451 Are we good with having individual committee members do these reviews and suggest changes and
452 things? So all right, are we all okay? With, or we all agreed that it's important for us to revive or review
453 these minutes first, does anybody object to that?

454 Speaker 1 (29:13)

455 That's in here, yeah.

456 Speaker 2 (29:15)

457 I don't want to

458 Speaker 4 (29:16)

459 I actually reviewed these for being participating.

460 Speaker 1 (29:20)

461 Yeah, this doesn't feel right. Got it even if you're sitting down with the video and the Transcript.

462 Speaker 4 (29:27)

463 I'm going to be sitting there with all the videos and all the transfer snow and them. So that that the idea of
464 bulk approving, having each individual individual committee member, look at a video and review that and
465 decide if the minutes request that is new, you're not comfortable to me. I don't want to improve mass all
466 of those minutes.

467 Speaker 1 (29:55)

468 Unless you reviewed them, or you were there.

469 Speaker 4 (29:58)

470 Yeah.

471 Speaker 3 (30:00)

472 Why? I guess I

473 Speaker 4 (30:02)

474 I would feel like I don't know enough about this.

475 Speaker 3 (30:05)

476 What happened before. And all the things because that happened while we weren't on the committee? I
477 think we as a committee should throw a part of this back to county and I really think we should ask for a
478 Transcript of the recording and attach it to our minutes as part of our minutes for those things and then
479 we're covered everything that you saw was there.

480 Speaker 3 (30:28)

481 But I don't think it's the committee's responsibility to create that Transcript, and we're as you said, we're
482 volunteers, and that's why our job our job is to advise I would, I would make a motion that we ask county
483 to prepare transcripts from the recordings for the meetings, in fact, we need to approve this for And
484 somebody has the second date on second thank you, I guess this movie. It gets us moving app this,
485 because right now we're going in your life, we're going to circle.

486 Speaker 1 (31:06)

487 Okay, uh, uh.

488 Speaker 3 (31:08)

489 So does that make sense bill?

490 Speaker 7 (31:10)

491 Okay, thank you.

492 Speaker 1 (31:12)

493 And then maybe we can just have an addendum or something at the top of the minutes that says these
494 minutes are potentially incomplete for a full reference, what we discussed, see the attach Transcript,
495 right?

496 Speaker 3 (31:25)

497 And that solves our problem and has a full record that you want, but we're not doing it for county, yeah?

498 Speaker 5 (31:33)

499 Do we need a human to make sure that it makes sense? I don't know how good the voice recognition
500 software is, you know, so you're like, yeah, this makes sense.

501 Speaker 1 (31:42)

502 These are sentences.

503 Speaker 3 (31:45)

504 There's everybody's work with people writing themselves.

505 Speaker 1 (31:47)
506 Yeah, I mean, I guess it's up to the current how they want to with making Transcript rate like you can hire
507 people to
508 Speaker 3 (31:54)
509 We're starving AI.
510 Speaker 5 (31:55)
511 For the quality. But can you do mention that the video is your regular and complete blurred? And so there
512 may be some quality issues?
513 Speaker 5 (32:07)
514 I don't know until we get there, hopefully that would somehow be like unintelligible
515 Speaker 3 (32:12)
516 Well, you have to think about the government. You know redacted, for unintelligible comments.
517 Speaker 5 (32:17)
518 If it's on it's, it's unknown, it's intelligible to a voice recognition, probably unintelligible.
519 Speaker 1 (32:22)
520 Plus Kim, are you saying? In some cases, the video is recording was temporarily trimmed off like their bits
521 of
522 Speaker 2 (32:31)
523 Only this video on the October 1 that I know of okay. So a discussion about the motion. Yeah, I like the
524 motion because this is a problem that has landed on, you know, on all of us really because of what the
525 county did, because at the time, dsac was not allowed to review and approve its own minutes And that's
526 why they all piled up.
527 Speaker 2 (33:02)
528 You know, and then so so that problem was essentially created by the county decree, which is kind of at
529 the heart of why there's a lot of attention, the you know being possibly being paid to these minutes. And
530 so so part of what you're saying Charlene is basically kind of this is unfair. And so this is the solution here
531 that we essentially
532 Speaker 4 (33:34)
533 Your accounting basically said that you guys could not review.
534 Speaker 2 (33:41)
535 That is correct.
536 Speaker 4 (33:44)
537 So it doesn't make sense for them to ask us to improve them now.
538 Speaker 3 (33:50)
539 Shut, those are yeah.
540 Speaker 8 (33:51)
541 If I may that the context remember correctly, what was the necrop of state towards when they've set up?
542 Ben county comes crash and the implication of that is to get the fact base in then counting times crash,
543 that's the reason they put in advance to need he said, I can swap when he eats So everything will be kind
544 of want to table consequences that it is so then give schools weren't to meetings, but the implication is
545 we didn't process text baby minutes, who are proving them were the ones that were in advance too.
546 Speaker 8 (34:31)

547 So now we have an aggregate that is filled up. Swack has been dissolved Dsack has not, uh, assumed
548 those make a minute minutes for swack. It does have desaft over there, so I'm not sure what the
549 implication is there like you were staying except there.

550 Speaker 8 (34:55)

551 We review it in the journal and sick minutes of meetings and then put some contingency on that I've
552 thought, would we approve that the Facts and logistics is resident in the county.

553 Speaker 3 (35:12)

554 Yes, yeah.

555 Speaker 1 (35:15)

556 Hey, I mean, I does anyone have anything? Okay, so there's a motion on the table to have the county do a
557 transcription of each of these meetings, they're missing. That's

558 Speaker 3 (35:33)

559 And attach it to and make it an addendum to the meeting minutes subsequenc.

560 Speaker 1 (35:37)

561 And then have a designer in the top of its minutes explaining, and let's play chicken that all those in favor
562 on again, an understanding of circuit quick question.

563 Speaker 5 (35:59)

564 So in our current meetings, when it is working. Yeah, our failure, you hitting the Transcript, because that's
565 just a function, you hit a button and it does it automatically.

566 Speaker 7 (36:10)

567 It sounds like he would give me access, that's

568 Speaker 5 (36:13)

569 Well, okay, so based on this discussion that seems like a prudent thing to do, just do it. It may take care of
570 modern technology, then you have. I mean, why wouldn't we do this, it's literally a button on zoom or
571 teams or whatever you're doing.

572 Speaker 5 (36:31)

573 It's because nobody wants to be here again, this has not been great, nobody's loving it, or it's a simple
574 answer, and it's available to me.

575 Speaker 3 (36:41)

576 Do we have to make a motion county? Give Bailey information.

577 Speaker 7 (36:47)

578 I think that would be a quick jennifers, that's I keep

579 Speaker 5 (36:51)

580 That is so crazy.

581 Speaker 1 (36:54)

582 Oh, my God.

583 Speaker 5 (36:55)

584 I am a functional company. No, it's not an IT thing, but I do know that like now, everything we're doing is
585 we turn it in transcripts and archited.

586 Speaker 1 (37:06)

587 Yeah, so before we move on for the purposes of past keeping you very much. How do we transmit this
588 request to the county? Are you alive, would you like us?

589 Speaker 1 (37:17)
590 Would you like Ken to send an email?
591 Speaker 7 (37:20)
592 Um no, we captured in the meeting. I think so.
593 Speaker 1 (37:24)
594 And then do we want to give the county some kind of deadline or something like that?
595 Speaker 7 (37:33)
596 If we can make that call at the next meeting because hopefully I'll go more from a, it's also possible that I
597 should look here in a moment that there may or be Transcript. So I wasn't looking for those when I was
598 appointed when I was looking at goodness.
599 Speaker 1 (37:48)
600 Okay, got it.
601 Speaker 7 (37:49)
602 All that too, they may already exist.
603 Speaker 3 (37:52)
604 Call the next meeting.
605 Speaker 2 (37:53)
606 So Rachel before we move on from that so I do want to put forward the approval of the this first part of the
607 meeting for October 25th 2023, because that's not in the video.
608 Speaker 1 (38:13)
609 Alright, well maybe you can, I don't. Does anyone get a chance to review that?
610 Speaker 2 (38:17)
611 I can read it. It's 2 paragraphs, so this is how it reads with my additions so it begins video irregularity. The
612 video record is irregular and incomplete, the first few minutes of the video is blurred and illegible and the
613 video did not capture the start of the meeting.
614 Speaker 2 (38:39)
615 Then, the there was a discussion at the beginning of the meeting about the meeting agenda. To open the
616 meeting, Daniel Reddick announced the chair would follow the agenda provided by staff in September
617 rather than the agenda, the chair had prepared for the meeting chair Eckland objected, citing 20:23
618 deseck bylaws, article 7 section 6, which empowers the chair to set meeting agendas. Nichols shared his
619 assertion that his interpretation of a commissioner's directive superseded the county bylaws, several
620 deseck members gave feedback questioning the staff action and supporting the chair's request to
621 proceed with the meeting agenda, he provided mark Jaeger, made a motion to adopt chair.
622 Speaker 2 (39:29)
623 Ecklin's agenda as the operating agenda for the meeting Seconded by Marge Popp, the vote was 4 in favor
624 0 against and the motion passed chuck Debbie and Brent abstained the chair's agenda is on page 88 to
625 90 of the meeting a packet attached to these minutes, so I wanted to attach the the packet, which was
626 provided for that meeting. And I wanted to have that basically be the description of the what happened
627 for the meeting agenda, the video begins in the middle essentially of that discussion.
628 Speaker 3 (40:09)
629 It's a question there like that's, so you're amending the minutes, which is fine. Yeah, but you had more
630 amendments beyond that that you would want to be considered.

631 Speaker 2 (40:23)
632 A lot of those were
633 Speaker 3 (40:25)
634 Yeah, wrong. What I'm saying is that well, okay? So why wouldn't we and I don't know you're not going to
635 be at the next meeting, but why wouldn't we approve, look at your comments and they would be as the
636 amendments to the meeting agenda meeting minutes and we would approve them as amended with all
637 your verbiage in there.
638 Speaker 3 (40:44)
639 Rather than do this now and then the rest of them later.
640 Speaker 2 (40:49)
641 So?
642 Speaker 3 (40:52)
643 So I have that motion that mark made because I made it for him because I got sick and tired of listening to
644 that stupid meeting and I said mark, please make it a motion to adopt his agenda so I was very happy
645 because it was 45 minutes into the meeting and you would know this goes exactly which. Is kind of what
646 we're doing now?
647 Speaker 1 (41:11)
648 To get him to transplantly, we weren't there are like I don't think some of us would be a comfortable just
649 like voting on them. Maybe maybe we would have enough people comfortable living on it. But it seems I
650 think it's going to be very hard for us to kind of broke piecemeal on, I guess.
651 Speaker 2 (41:32)
652 Well, I'm, we have already decided to essentially attach the transcripts made from the videos and so that
653 takes care of everything, except this part, which is not in the video. And of course, the fact that it's not in
654 the video is part of the legal implications here because the video got turned on because I could tell from
655 the tone by which I was being confronted by Daniel and Darren I deduced that the recording was not on I
656 was going, you know, what they're not saying that on a record. And so that's why the thing the camera
657 actually gets turned on, you know which is potential.
658 Speaker 2 (42:22)
659 Evidence of manipulation of public records And so I just think that it's important
660 Speaker 9 (42:30)
661 And so Ken, that was a zoom meeting, and you're saying that it's your meeting wasn't being removed.
662 Speaker 2 (42:35)
663 That's correct. It had been paused.
664 Speaker 3 (42:38)
665 And I listened in on that meeting, and I vividly recall that first section.
666 Speaker 2 (42:43)
667 Yeah, because I was at you.
668 Speaker 3 (42:44)
669 I almost cut out.
670 Speaker 5 (42:46)
671 Using a hybrid approach, we capture with the Transcript, what you can capture and Ken is suggesting only
672 the material that is not captured. Now we have piercing consensus. Maybe there's others who are there,

673 who can recall this this is the example where a hybrid is combination of material added and the
674 Transcript.
675 Speaker 5 (43:07)
676 That anyone can read, and then now we have again Greenman, between 2 people present on that first
677 preamble.
678 Speaker 9 (43:15)
679 I think what came on and said you I said though that there was a dispute over which agenda.
680 Speaker 3 (43:19)
681 Very much, so.
682 Speaker 2 (43:20)
683 Yes,
684 Speaker 9 (43:21)
685 Basically is.
686 Speaker 2 (43:21)
687 It's fair.
688 Speaker 8 (43:27)
689 This is correct. I was there too. It was basically who is submitting an agenda because history showed us
690 that it came on bentwood county's logo, where the one cameras presenting didn't, so as some comfort
691 versus get which 1 would be great.
692 Speaker 1 (43:44)
693 Okay, so just.
694 Speaker 2 (43:47)
695 You're exactly, you've just stated exactly what it was that I wanted.
696 Speaker 5 (43:51)
697 Yeah, he's proposing just this bit. That's what's missing.
698 Speaker 1 (43:55)
699 I'll entertain a mission to approve this had approached it. With this meeting, we would like to cook.
700 Speaker 3 (44:02)
701 I like a different motion. You can't make a motion anyway. So I said oh, we retain a motion, I would move
702 that we add Ken's preamble section.
703 Speaker 3 (44:11)
704 I was called preamble for that to the draft minutes for review profile review at the next meeting. So we put
705 yours in, that's you know, all there the rest of that goes in with the transcripts
706 Speaker 2 (44:22)
707 Is that working? Sure can
708 Speaker 8 (44:24)
709 I'll second.
710 Speaker 1 (44:25)
711 All right, all those in favor.
712 Speaker 2 (44:29)
713 Thank you, thanks.
714 Speaker 1 (44:31)

715 All right, let's just shake it up a little bit. We're done talking about minutes, and you're now on to our safety
716 report for laugh. Because they're also to incorporate David, I think you were working on an update to the
717 report and we are set to review and improve it.

718 Speaker 1 (44:55)

719 Did anyone get a chance to review it?

720 Speaker 2 (45:02)

721 We're, we're nodding over here, David.

722 Speaker 6 (45:05)

723 And they were very intelligence, I think it'd be furthers.

724 Speaker 1 (45:16)

725 Yes, yes.

726 Speaker 6 (45:21)

727 OK, the first parking report, which was I believe it substantially. I think AOK request the only attention to
728 request to write how much of the request that would be done. State aides of the NBA commander, who
729 paper role in the state of course, should be included?

730 Speaker 6 (45:51)

731 And I believe instead of the state marshmallow through captain county.

732 Speaker 6 (46:09)

733 It's kind of a regional fire martial. I think, where are you from will ensure the I'm just fine and then I think I
734 Claire point the details under which the sense occurred. I don't think I said anything about during hours of
735 operation because and the and the portion was and then these school transportation uses the state
736 color.

737 Speaker 6 (48:08)

738 Something else, and then you should need to ensure that if there is a fire, it's a bit more than we probably
739 need, we just need to know that there is a fire and then a neighborhood fire department or somebody else
740 can take action. I just admission to the agenda that it exists can be okay, in the parameter case below
741 where there's this in the end of the architecture reporting statement. The Aba and that's supposed to be
742 the d issue I doubt for me to hear.

743 Speaker 6 (49:03)

744 What about this? I'm happy to put them down?

745 Speaker 1 (49:16)

746 How things did anybody have any notes news for David?

747 Speaker 2 (49:22)

748 I did not.

749 Speaker 1 (49:24)

750 Brented, if you were going to get a chance to review this, I know Ian wanted to see it.

751 Speaker 10 (49:29)

752 The the the.

753 Speaker 1 (49:32)

754 It's the fire safety.

755 Speaker 10 (49:34)

756 I did not get a chance to look at it.

757 Speaker 1 (49:42)
758 So I think the, I mean, the question is, whether we think this is ready to submit to the board of
759 commissioners into the county administrator it seems pretty straightforward, I think right? If it's David's
760 corrections in, I don't think there's anything in here that's doing anything other. Than just laying out the
761 situation as we understand it.

762 Speaker 3 (50:08)
763 I guess it gets up to how do you feel? I'm not having exceeded. Do you want to approve it, I guess in the
764 question.

765 Speaker 10 (50:15)
766 So I mean, I can abstain from it. I mean you know, I can tell you what we're working on is, you know, the
767 fire river doesn't extinguish a fire and basically notifies UN we have in our 25 budget, about a \$100000
768 because that's how much it cost for for this device and then Uber \$1500 a month for monitoring, we are
769 going to I asked for like a feasibility study to see how it would actually work and perform cornerman coffin
770 view with you know, the scope of the of the working face. But I did talk to our landfill manager the other
771 day and they felt like it was.

772 Speaker 10 (51:01)
773 It was an opportunity that we'd be looking at for 25, so again, I I can't stick her and tell you with a 100%
774 certainty. But we're looking at it, when we reported it about it, the first time I was not aware of AA portable
775 unit that was like solar. We were told initially that it were having their permanent power and permanent
776 again in that connection, but apparently this one is solar operated.

777 Speaker 10 (51:28)
778 It's kind of like a little portable trailer that can move around and it works off of cell phones, so I'm a little
779 concerned about the cell phone part, because the cell phone service out there is horrible. We've recently
780 updated the internet at our scalehouse to starlink, and we will be doing the same at the compost facility
781 because the internet so poor so And the self-service is so poor but uh, but we are looking into

782 Speaker 6 (51:58)
783 I think the fire overall offers the multiplicity of solutions, but like I said earlier, do you dare may not want to
784 choose it? Because you might want to look at other options, it may be more effective and less expensive.
785 Unlike this one, Torch systems except the first there may be experience with the firefighter rover system
786 They're state that they actually do offer things all the way up too provide exclusives, but I don't know if you
787 want to go that far.

788 Speaker 3 (52:32)
789 Well, I think your report is really advisory that yeah, and so I think that's the reason.

790 Speaker 6 (52:40)
791 Yeah, what's the landing issue? As we look into it and see what we can do? And there's another option for
792 a smash this gift, and while occurring by something older than an automated system that comes by, okay,
793 so now there'll be 3 minutes or down around MO observations every 30 minutes I don't know when the
794 best Do you know that's really whatever the appeal would be acceptable to ensure that you need to be?

795 Speaker 6 (53:09)
796 Because she was a fire that they can get to it in time too.

797 Speaker 3 (53:17)
798 I guess, based on the discussion I would move that we accept David's report. Appreciate him doing it.

799 Speaker 1 (53:25)
800 Yeah, thank you. All 3 mentioned it.
801 Speaker 2 (53:31)
802 I just thought, as people have said that it was just very straightforward. I think David's been very diligent
803 about sticking to the facts.
804 Speaker 1 (53:41)
805 All right, all those in favor of having David finish up his little corrections and send it to the county
806 administrator and the board of commission. All right, David, you are fully approved and good to go. Thank
807 you so much for putting this together
808 Speaker 6 (54:00)
809 Thank you, and that you know, I want to make sure is that.
810 Speaker 3 (54:09)
811 Thank you before it runs through the fourth house up the hill.
812 Speaker 1 (54:14)
813 All right, so it's 7 or a couple minutes drive 7, so we're scheduled to have a 5 minute break, so you guys
814 back here at 7 o'clock.
815 Speaker 2 (54:27)
816 Thank you, madam chair or madam acting chair.
817 Speaker 3 (54:35)
818 Yeah, I remember that meeting and thanks. Forgetting about this is horrible me. Oh.
819 Speaker 2 (54:41)
820 Just the worst.
821 Speaker 3 (54:42)
822 I did I sent mark an email.
823 Speaker 2 (54:45)
824 I'm so glad you did because I was so tough.
825 Speaker 3 (54:46)
826 All right, let's just make a motion to accept your minute, your agenda.
827 Speaker 2 (54:50)
828 Yeah.
829 Speaker 1 (54:51)
830 Like I want to I kind of want to know all the stuff that went down and I kind of
831 Speaker 3 (54:56)
832 Yeah, no I think we're better if not and I know you've got a lot of history with it. Yeah, but it doesn't going
833 forward kind of have to hack in their faith with each other. Yeah, except where we go from here
834 Speaker 2 (55:09)
835 Well, I think the parts which are relevant, I don't. I agree that kind of what is past is past, you know, and
836 like I said the individuals who are involved with that are no longer at the county, but there are still
837 lingering, you know, that's that's that situation has not been resolved. There's still an undercurrent.
838 Speaker 2 (55:36)
839 You know which really, which continues to affect this committee?
840 Speaker 3 (55:41)

841 Which will come to this? Well, we don't have a discussion for it, but we'll come to pass with the proposed
842 expansion.

843 Speaker 1 (55:49)

844 Do you think that's going to hit our community?

845 Speaker 3 (55:51)

846 No, and that's unfortunate, yeah, because that's what we're supposed to be doing. I'd almost like to make
847 a motion that we ask county, why they aren't doing that.

848 Speaker 1 (56:03)

849 Yeah, I mean, our bylaws are very. They're very vague, right? It's just kind of accept public comment and
850 work with Republic with some oversight of the continuing operation of the landfill and

851 Speaker 8 (56:18)

852 But if you go into the country statutes in her reflection of the state statute it brought in a sense. You can
853 look at it from culture opening operations.

854 Speaker 3 (56:36)

855 Thank mark.

856 Speaker 8 (56:38)

857 And that wasn't restricted, it was just I look at it as up the public was more of an addition to error taking. If
858 you want to put in that connect exactly district. I know like Kansas, there's a lot of undercurrents with it,
859 and it lovely and that music comes with any type of expansion.

860 Speaker 1 (57:00)

861 It was, he's not ever a decision-making bodies.

862 Speaker 3 (57:04)

863 No, well, it's an advisory buddy. I mean, you maybe.

864 Speaker 2 (57:06)

865 Yeah, that's right in the title.

866 Speaker 3 (57:09)

867 And we would recommend to county as swack wears on it would have also right? And we would make
868 recommendations to the county about before the new contract came about rights, because that was part
869 of our purview until they signed that long-term country.

870 Speaker 8 (57:23)

871 But that's when I reviewed when I first started 2 of us reviewing what they were doing before and then
872 come to the the landfill, it brought deseck in the forefront, because that was the operations oversight,
873 and where I'm swackdown before it's kind of rubbed public forum. So it balance.

874 Speaker 3 (57:50)

875 We get people coming saying I live in x neighborhood. Why can't I get recycling? You know, for swack,
876 which I bring on a much more local level, and also you know specific corval.

877 Speaker 3 (58:00)

878 As representatives Ed Corvallis, there Monroe monroe m and and then unincorporated, which is what I'm
879 in.

880 Speaker 8 (58:10)

881 I don't see hopes even

882 Speaker 1 (58:13)

883 So limiting our ability to to make recommendations

884 Speaker 3 (58:17)

885 Nothing, we can be personally

886 Speaker 2 (58:18)

887 Absolutely. Nothing. I mean, we.

888 Speaker 2 (58:20)

889 So so that's one of the things that I've give, you know, as this kind of being my Swan song, perhaps you
890 know, I just want to encourage the committee to be a lot more proactive, well to be more proactive at
891 figuring out what you're wanna do and then doing it. And I want to just back up for a moment and say, you
892 know, we know that we exist because of a state. So there is a state law that says to Benton County, you
893 will have a disposal of site advisory committee.

894 Speaker 2 (58:53)

895 There's a state law that says disposal, such advisory committee. This is what you're going to do you're
896 going to collect? You're going to listen to the citizens, and you're going to review the operations?

897 Speaker 2 (59:04)

898 It's the landfill, and then it also says there's a state law that says to the landfill. You will provide reports to
899 the disposal site and advisory committee.

900 Speaker 8 (59:15)

901 What does state law is reading the burfriend is rude? If you look at it as a regional disposable site
902 committee. And when there was an expansion and if there isn't a swag, then the county, the forms of
903 swag to be viewed that application, it doesn't necessarily have to be swack, they can delegate it to
904 Another body The natural spot was swack, but it doesn't doesn't prohibit them from hearing the interact
905 or fire department.

906 Speaker 3 (59:47)

907 But it doesn't preclude decent from comment.

908 Speaker 2 (59:50)

909 I was just attending the enrack meeting, which was online, and it was just before this one. And so the
910 people of n rack are wondering if they can open up a communication channel to us? And so I think that it
911 would be a good idea for for dsack to open a communication channel with them, and I've suggested that
912 before is that we just Let them know that, Hey, we're here, we'd love to have we'd love to meet.

913 Speaker 2 (01:00:20)

914 We'd love to have a joint meeting. We'd love to send an ambassador to you kind of whatever seems
915 appropriate for them, you know, anyway, those are things that think you know the question is, why did the
916 state make those laws? Why does it say?

917 Speaker 2 (01:00:41)

918 Up to the county, you will have AA dsac, and why does it say to desact? This is what you will do? And then
919 why does it say to Republic, you know our 2 landfill operators.

920 Speaker 2 (01:00:51)

921 This is what you will do and to support that you know so yeah, I encourage everyone on the committee to
922 read those laws for yourself and kind of determine what you think that answer is. But for me, it is to
923 prevent the county from just getting too cozy with the landfill operator since the county receives money
924 from the landfill operator.

925 Speaker 8 (01:01:16)
926 The state in and of itself vested my only the counties but municipality, speed franchisee, that's all in
927 weights. Solidification could spare the strong respect they state within the context of the state and the
928 need key break in nations. The state won't underneath, but it gets out of that context so they can't
929 maintain.

930 Speaker 8 (01:01:44)
931 But I hear from me, here's the index. I understand the pains you're going through right. I just listened to
932 about 5015 minutes of even in rack there it took me an hour and a 1/2 to type it out.

933 Speaker 8 (01:02:02)
934 What did they say go backwards? The body language is just saying something else, but you can't say that.

935 Speaker 3 (01:02:10)
936 It's not a point.

937 Speaker 1 (01:02:11)
938 So this is your transcription of an interact meeting, or there

939 Speaker 8 (01:02:14)
940 I'm from west.

941 Speaker 5 (01:02:15)
942 Yeah, from when?

943 Speaker 8 (01:02:17)
944 The first meeting setting up with inbrac and the county, the county's attorney Derek, explaining, what do
945 you do what Iraq's duties will bring food?

946 Speaker 5 (01:02:30)
947 This is 2022 2020.

948 Speaker 2 (01:02:35)
949 So earlier this year, I guess when interact got the news, I think they were going to be getting the expansion
950 application.

951 Speaker 3 (01:02:42)
952 Dsack has an advantage, I think, and it's because we how's a latful operator sitting at the table with us.
953 And normally Brett, you would be reporting on what's going on at the landfill, you'd be telling us for the
954 map and everything what's going on and we'd be informed, and that would help us. And that's kind of the
955 purpose of deseck is to coordinate those activities so that we're aware and nothing.

956 Speaker 3 (01:03:03)
957 Well, there are always going to be surprises but yeah. They're not big surprises well. I think that kind of fell
958 off a little bit.

959 Speaker 8 (01:03:10)
960 What's your relevant there in your accidents, right? Jeff is because we did have the landfill every other
961 municipality of the county just has a collector.

962 Speaker 3 (01:03:21)
963 They've got a franchising in here.

964 Speaker 8 (01:03:23)
965 And then that Hey, can you get to work? Transport it to the landfill?

966 Speaker 1 (01:03:28)

967 I'm gonna bring him back to work, but maybe we can talk about this at the end and bring up consistential
968 agenda items. Okay, so we're reconvening the deseck meeting. It is 7:08 PM and the next thing on the
969 agenda is elections of the chair and vice chair, that could be for 2025, so I wanted to start.

970 Speaker 1 (01:03:53)

971 Can you describe your situation a little bit? You are at the end of your time with the end of this year yes,
972 and did the county tell you? Rather than they were going to have a decision on whether you will return,
973 but

974 Speaker 2 (01:04:05)

975 I have the no I don't have any information about that. Typically, it is not done quickly, so it takes a month
976 or 2 or 3 for the for them to review the applications for who's going to be on the committee, etc.

977 Speaker 1 (01:04:23)

978 Right? So it sounds like in the absence of not knowing them that we. I will need to appoint a chair and a
979 vice chair for next year

980 Speaker 2 (01:04:33)

981 I'd like to also just say that I'm not interested in being chair any longer. I'm interested in being on the
982 committee. But yeah, I think that it's time for I think it's time for someone else okay, so.

983 Speaker 1 (01:04:48)

984 So okay.

985 Speaker 2 (01:04:51)

986 And order the transition of power

987 Speaker 3 (01:04:53)

988 I don't know what comes from we could do that.

989 Speaker 5 (01:04:56)

990 That is so so 20 minutes ago.

991 Speaker 3 (01:04:59)

992 So 2009.

993 Speaker 1 (01:05:01)

994 All right, well, maybe we can do a model. Uh, does anyone have any thoughts on share and vice chair
995 positions here next year? And does anyone that's also for a deposition

996 Speaker 3 (01:05:17)

997 Hi, I am likely not to be on this committee because I'm moving back to Australia. So I appreciate that, but
998 it's been interesting being back.

999 Speaker 8 (01:05:30)

000 So there was no Benton County in Australia that we could bring you

001 Speaker 3 (01:05:34)

002 There is no county, no event includes now only because there's only about 2 Benton counties, one in
003 Washington, 1 and arc. Now I'm in South Australia this time, but no appreciate it.

004 Speaker 1 (01:05:45)

005 Does the county the commissioners know that?

006 Speaker 3 (01:05:48)

007 Not yeah, I have the summer alert. I'll be up here for a January meeting. Then I'll step up.

008 Speaker 1 (01:05:56)

009 Anyone else itching to be chair.
010 Speaker 3 (01:06:11)
011 You're kind of
012 Speaker 8 (01:06:11)
013 It's a vector dramatic
014 Speaker 3 (01:06:14)
015 There is some personally judicier, did you take it over as chair? Because we used to have vice chair chair
016 with your vast experience as chairs?
017 Speaker 1 (01:06:25)
018 Makes sense of experience rubber tools.
019 Speaker 3 (01:06:28)
020 Let's cutting down next time.
021 Speaker 1 (01:06:29)
022 Yeah, I mean, I'm not a close to to doing it like my only concern is time. It's like and we're all you know,
023 definitely a long time, so
024 Speaker 3 (01:06:46)
025 Yeah, hello, vice chair. Everybody puts the homemade contact.
026 Speaker 8 (01:06:55)
027 I would rather be a member in delegated research barge, and I feel more comfortable with it that because
028 it is yeah, and yeah, so but grant Islam of experience. This guy has any skills that all the time.
029 Speaker 5 (01:07:15)
030 And we could mute David on phone so he can't protest.
031 Speaker 2 (01:07:20)
032 That's right.
033 Speaker 5 (01:07:23)
034 All in favor of Timothy, vice chair.
035 Speaker 2 (01:07:27)
036 David Lucy isn't here at all, so I think maybe we should make him an adulty.
037 Speaker 5 (01:07:35)
038 That works.
039 Speaker 3 (01:07:39)
040 How about if we let's make AI make a motion that Rachel becomes the chair in 2025.
041 Speaker 1 (01:07:48)
042 Okay.
043 Speaker 3 (01:07:50)
044 All those in favor I'm taking your meeting over experience.
045 Speaker 1 (01:07:55)
046 All right, all those in favor be a favor yeah, okay, all right, sounds good. Sorry, David Ruth
047 Speaker 3 (01:08:01)
048 I'm about to say something he said, oh okay.
049 Speaker 1 (01:08:03)
050 Okay.

051 Speaker 5 (01:08:05)
052 I just volunteered to be vice chair. I heard him I heard it.
053 Speaker 1 (01:08:11)
054 David, how would you feel about being vice chair?
055 Speaker 6 (01:08:17)
056 I have, I'm not available all the time. It'd be good, at least to pick something that might be. It would be
057 chair once you such composition
058 Speaker 3 (01:08:33)
059 I move that David huckleman become intervice chair before he forgets and says Matt.
060 Speaker 1 (01:08:40)
061 Okay, so there's a motion on table. David. To make you interim, vice chair
062 Speaker 8 (01:08:46)
063 For a decade.
064 Speaker 3 (01:08:48)
065 Control and vice chair for a month.
066 Speaker 2 (01:08:50)
067 I will, I will second that all right.
068 Speaker 1 (01:08:52)
069 All those in favor That's unanimous in the room, David, congratulations.
070 Speaker 5 (01:08:57)
071 History, you under the house.
072 Speaker 2 (01:08:59)
073 Yeah.
074 Speaker 1 (01:09:02)
075 Thank you. I appreciate it.
076 Speaker 2 (01:09:04)
077 So I do want to encourage a little bit of thought about, and this doesn't have to happen now right that this
078 can be done. I'm just in having been with the committee for a while and having been chair for a while, it's,
079 it's a, it's a fair burden. And so thinking, creatively about how to actually take care of that, like in looking at
080 how other committees have dealt with that, you know, I've heard about co-chairs.
081 Speaker 2 (01:09:35)
082 I've heard about rotating chairs I've heard about. You know, all sorts of things like that. And so I don't
083 know what exactly is going to make sends to the committee, but I just encourage to think that way, you
084 know, it's something that makes the committee more functional.
085 Speaker 2 (01:09:53)
086 It's just going to help everyone right, so along those lines in the bylaws, there is a provision By which you
087 can a point a person I'm blanking on the term now, but basically it's an ex person who used to be on the
088 committee is brought back and so they don't have voting powers, but they do sit in as a committee
089 member, and so I'm just offering that. For myself, as a stopgap, you know, until I get reappointed. Or for
090 the first couple months, if I don't get reappointed or whatever you know, until
091 Speaker 3 (01:10:43)
092 I mean, I guess so, I'm thinking from a public comment aside. There's nothing that stops you from coming

093 to the meeting.

094 Speaker 2 (01:10:50)

095 But this isn't natural.

096 Speaker 3 (01:10:51)

097 Well, if you aren't voting.

098 Speaker 2 (01:10:53)

099 And you can, I'm not voting, but it, but you are sitting at the table, which is different than sitting out there.

100 Speaker 3 (01:11:01)

101 I guess we can we, we didn't used to have such a formal setup and and we tended to this this committee

102 and I will admit so I am stepping off the committee partly I guess I'm moving and I get a new job but also

103 because it's been kind of frustrating because this has been a very adversarial committee. And I don't

104 think it has to be it wasn't before.

105 Speaker 1 (01:11:23)

106 Adversarial between them.

107 Speaker 3 (01:11:25)

108 County committee Republic. I'm sorry, you know, I've known your. You know, there's some things I don't

109 like about what you do, but we get alone and we have to and and that's not here now and that's a

110 frustration of sitting on the committee having been on it for almost 20 years, it just has to change a little

111 bit.

112 Speaker 5 (01:11:53)

113 And in case say more about when that change occurred for those of us who kind of walked in cold

114 Speaker 3 (01:11:58)

115 And the term was, I've left, I've left and in 2018 to go to Australia. So before that this was not an issue.

116 There are contentious issues in the committee, in fact, I joined the committee because of the landfill

117 expansion plan, but we generally

118 Speaker 5 (01:12:15)

119 So pre 2018 okay, and then post when you move back.

120 Speaker 3 (01:12:20)

121 I moved back last year.

122 Speaker 5 (01:12:21)

123 Okay, so.

124 Speaker 3 (01:12:22)

125 So punch.

126 Speaker 5 (01:12:23)

127 To start your notice after particularly different officer than last year, that's when you notice these

128 changes.

129 Speaker 3 (01:12:29)

130 It's a seriously different atmosphere, yeah, and it's unfortunate in that 2023 meeting. I've never been that

131 frustrated with middle exam, I could walk away from it, but I was making motions to mark ager about fix

132 this because I can't deal with it, yeah.

133 Speaker 2 (01:12:43)

134 I'm really glad you did because that meeting was spiraling, yeah?

135 Speaker 3 (01:12:47)
136 And it doesn't have to be
137 Speaker 2 (01:12:50)
138 So, so I just want to, you know, I want to echo what you've said you know that has definitely happened. I
139 mean, it's happened in front of my eyes.
140 Speaker 1 (01:13:00)
141 Yeah, I mean I mean, I've kind of felt it coming in settle. Well, I'm sorry that we're, you know, maybe losing
142 your institutional knowledge and potentially kenzone.
143 Speaker 3 (01:13:11)
144 But I got a new job. Come on, wife thinks I'm crazy.
145 Speaker 1 (01:13:16)
146 I'm kind of envious of in Australia.
147 Speaker 3 (01:13:20)
148 I got the passport.
149 Speaker 1 (01:13:23)
150 All right well, I think for now. We can move on the next item on the agenda is the carbon mapper update.
151 Can I think this is?
152 Speaker 2 (01:13:32)
153 Yeah, this is me, so Bailey will fire up the So so this is, uh, this is an important resource has emerged for
154 this committee, and this is carbon mapper. It's a non-profit, what they do is they develop technology to
155 detect methane, and they're going out, and you know, detecting methane, basically all over the world at
156 this point in time. But they have started an initiative to well, they started in an initiative in California,
157 where they were looking at all the sources of a fugitive methane in California.
158 Speaker 2 (01:14:24)
159 And then they've expanded that to be nationwide. So what we're looking at here is this is a methane plume
160 coming from coffin Butte landfill So at the top of the screen, you can see coffin, Butte, and then that
161 plume is about a mile long. So the bottom part of it, which kind of wraps around that little knoll there.
162 Speaker 2 (01:14:47)
163 I mean there are people's houses there so so that is landfill gas, essentially coming from coffin, Butte,
164 and so there are attributes which carbon mapper, they They collect at first they make these images, but
165 they're also collecting data. And then you can see down there at the bottom right hand corner have, uh,
166 quantified, it's the amount of methane, which is leaking. You know, basically this in during the SnapShot,
167 I'm not sure exactly what the time frame is, but they're flying over in an airplane, so it's not great.
168 Speaker 2 (01:15:26)
169 But it's 1.4 metric tons of methane per hour is the rate that they came up with for this particular plume so
170 bill you want to go to the next slide?
171 Speaker 9 (01:15:37)
172 So when was this English statement? Pardon me, when was this image taken?
173 Speaker 2 (01:15:42)
174 That is taking in July H on July 13th of 2023.
175 Speaker 5 (01:15:50)
176 And that's the same perfect map for rack cross-referenced in your meeting notes from

177 Speaker 2 (01:15:56)
178 Yes, on it, okay.
179 Speaker 5 (01:15:57)
180 Okay, so it's not new data, it's this benefits.
181 Speaker 2 (01:16:02)
182 The images had just come out. So that's why I announced it in the meeting October of last year.
183 Speaker 3 (01:16:20)
184 Yeah, you don't know how often they fly out.
185 Speaker 2 (01:16:23)
186 Well, they flew over coffin, Butte 16 times in like a 10 day period that was their their survey by airplane,
187 they flew over other landfills in Oregon and basically nationwide at that time, because they were doing it
188 and an assessment of how much methane is coming from landfills, because that was A big question so,
189 but now they have launched their first satellite and so now the third image, which I'm going to show you
190 here so that that
191 Speaker 5 (01:17:01)
192 The resolution is lower right? Because it's from higher
193 Speaker 2 (01:17:05)
194 When we, when we look at the third one, yes, the second 1 was another, 1 of the air, the the images from
195 aircraft.
196 Speaker 9 (01:17:16)
197 So is it because you know that same? So if you need you need to be signed into Adobe is a view A
198 Speaker 7 (01:17:27)
199 Don't come to the laptop that this is a desktop here.
200 Speaker 4 (01:17:32)
201 Make the Wi-Fi at 1 PM.
202 Speaker 3 (01:17:35)
203 So so the question would be again, I guess is going back to Brett. I'm curious about how that would relate
204 if that's the what they say is escaping. How would they compare with what the pngc is capturing and
205 burning, but they might they must have something because they're running fuel they must have.
206 Speaker 3 (01:17:55)
207 Yeah, I'd be curious about it just to see what their efficiency you have for this.
208 Speaker 10 (01:17:58)
209 What's the answer to tell you the property?
210 Speaker 3 (01:18:00)
211 Yeah.
212 Speaker 2 (01:18:01)
213 Do you know what the flow rate is off the land cause Ian told me, but this was maybe a year ago I think he
214 said 3000 cubic fee per minute, does that sound right?
215 Speaker 3 (01:18:16)
216 But you'd have to translate that to a concentration meeting.
217 Speaker 5 (01:18:18)
218 It's been kind of immersive, that's a weight of measure versus uh.

219 Speaker 3 (01:18:22)
220 Volume yeah.

221 Speaker 2 (01:18:23)
222 Yeah.

223 Speaker 9 (01:18:24)
224 So I guess taking a step back you got you know, take big big picture with your carbon mapper is a the
225 private private organization defense depends on the funding.

226 Speaker 2 (01:18:35)
227 They're, they're a nonprofit, but yes.

228 Speaker 9 (01:18:37)
229 Okay, that was our property, thank you depend on phoning from government ever, and they have a
230 technology remote sensing technology where they file where they do flyovers, and have a detective, they
231 say, okay, we have this, it's like og e and d you can signal we make moments around it and the hope is that
232 they're probably lobbying for my congratulatory agencies. To take to take to take to user technology and
233 writing codes and standards.

234 Speaker 3 (01:19:13)
235 It's a good regulations, you know.

236 Speaker 9 (01:19:15)
237 We're writing regulation with it is that correct? Yeah, okay, that's what I read for them. So so they're in the
238 stage, are they they do flyovers, and you give an image of their detector but as far as I mean, public
239 services, I said, well, I'd say, why should I care because right now my code is where the orbit The EPA
240 standard is

241 Speaker 2 (01:19:39)
242 Well, the EPA is moving towards. They just had a meeting in October, so there they're looking for in in AI,
243 so I'm not sure what your question is.

244 Speaker 9 (01:19:51)
245 I guess what this, what's the significance of this. I mean, it EPA has talked about using a remote sensing
246 method like this, and so okay, right now they have a different. They have a different method for keeping
247 your public in check.

248 Speaker 2 (01:20:10)
249 Yeah.

250 Speaker 3 (01:20:11)
251 Unless you're walking surveys with your monitors that we talked about, yeah, I guess to me, it just it's
252 informative, right? It says that you know, there is more methane escaping than people probably
253 presumed what the EPA does with it and what coffin Butte does with it is debatable what it does suggest.
254 It's enlightening.

255 Speaker 3 (01:20:36)
256 I guess and I live up the hill from that. So I'm i'm not down plume, because it's mostly going up silk creek,
257 but it it was surprising to see that, and it ends, maybe it's suggest that you know, pngc hasn't put a new
258 engine in there in a long, long time, but maybe it suggests that that's one of the things I need to do.

259 Speaker 2 (01:21:01)
260 Yeah, so, so it's very possible. Based upon the the work that kobert macro has done. And and this is a,

261 these are early days, right in collecting this data, but it's very possible to figure out exactly because I know
262 like chuck was concerned about how much energy basically is going into the atmosphere.

263 Speaker 2 (01:21:21)

264 And so it's possible to come up with that number, how much fuel essentially is just going out of the
265 landfill, you know, making points like this.

266 Speaker 8 (01:21:30)

267 The process is really about what's looking at them as an asset as a gas, and then that's toxic gas to be
268 employed in turpins, in everything else. So, the implication here is it's a regulatory implication in the
269 sense that it, if uh, is that camp pass to regulatory the measurement. We're back to the same square.

270 Speaker 8 (01:21:59)

271 It's informative. In the sense that there is a plume, you can book We've got other ones there and uh, the
272 bump the error and everything else. It's pushing it all through the area.

273 Speaker 8 (01:22:13)

274 So parts per million over here, maybe less and moreover here, so they're the periodius, if they write a
275 citation, they're going to have to use their method until they approve this method.

276 Speaker 2 (01:22:30)

277 So we can look at how carbon mapper has interacted with the oil and gas industry, because that's
278 illuminating through oil and gas industry, they're interested in actually finding out their leaks, because
279 that's fuel that they could be selling. And and so that's why this technology is developed you. Can't really
280 see, but there's a little Bullseye that That shows the origin point for this plume that's and so, you know,
281 Republic Services, the operators of the landfill could use this data to actually go to that point.

282 Speaker 2 (01:23:06)

283 And look for that leak and fix it. I mean, that's really what the technology is about so, so they're looking for
284 something to to

285 Speaker 8 (01:23:15)

286 Throwing enough energy out of the debt.

287 Speaker 1 (01:23:16)

288 3 7

289 Speaker 8 (01:23:19)

290 Sorry, sorry.

291 Speaker 1 (01:23:20)

292 So this is definitely one point source, and not just like

293 Speaker 3 (01:23:24)

294 I was just thinking it

295 Speaker 5 (01:23:25)

296 And Bailey, can you go? Can you hit the punchline so we can attack?

297 Speaker 2 (01:23:30)

298 Do you see the little orange bullfi?

299 Speaker 1 (01:23:31)

300 Yeah, but I don't know what that means.

301 Speaker 5 (01:23:34)

302 It's just a more intense signal. If there is a legend, my guess it says higher concentrations are higher, the

303 more red it is, the more constantly.

304 Speaker 2 (01:23:43)

305 They identify it as well.

306 Speaker 5 (01:23:44)

307 I would need to live. That's my a**

308 Speaker 1 (01:23:49)

309 Yes, I guess.

310 Speaker 3 (01:23:50)

311 I know.

312 Speaker 2 (01:23:50)

313 I think all it can do is tell you that that's identified as an origin point. And there's only one per plume. They

314 they kicked, they, you can go to cargo mapper, and if you go to Monmouth, Oregon, you you can see all of

315 these and you can see all the data that's available, so I'm probably running over time or

316 Speaker 1 (01:24:10)

317 Yeah, I mean we still have. We have a few minutes left.

318 Speaker 2 (01:24:14)

319 So let me just go on to. So this one, if we zoom out so this is the 1 which is a captured the via satellite.

320 Yeah, and again, they were able to quantify, essentially how much they see, and you can see there's a

321 different origin point you can see the little bulls

322 Speaker 3 (01:24:35)

323 The levels are lower to it ever.

324 Speaker 2 (01:24:38)

325 So if we go to the next slide so there the data which cover mappers put out regarding the flow that they've

326 calculated essentially the leak rate for coffin, Butte, for the time period that they've been looking at it, I

327 just put some, this is first of 3 graphs, so this is showing. The low end of the range That they've got, you

328 can kind of see the grade bar part, which is going to be the high-end. And then I have what the with the

329 carbon output, the climate damage, which is being done by Oregon State University or fellow city

330 government.

331 Speaker 2 (01:25:20)

332 So this is just the metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent, which they have published in their own

333 inventories for Oregon State University corval city government etc and so they're all a Morgan state

334 corvala city government Benton County, they're all working To reduce that, that count, but kind of

335 meanwhile, what's happening is you know what you're looking at there, so we go to the next slide.

336 Speaker 5 (01:25:48)

337 She went from methane to co 2, so they're converting like equivalents here, yes.

338 Speaker 2 (01:25:54)

339 Yeah, and so carbon mapper uses an equivalent. So this is the gwp 20, which is 86. And so this is kind of

340 the midpoint of the range that they've identified so they they identified that point and just said with an

341 error of plus or minus basically 500000M TCO 2E.

342 Speaker 2 (01:26:20)

343 And so if we go to the third slide, that's just showing the full range. And so you know, I use the numbers

344 right to which they've got on the site et. Cetera, I used all of that, but if we go to the next slide, it's much

345 it's much easier to really talk about these things in generalities, because this is early data.
346 Speaker 2 (01:26:41)
347 It can. It's changed a lot as it's been developing. And so to put things in simple term, the range identified
348 by carbon mapper, the low point is approximately 1 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent.
349 Speaker 2 (01:27:01)
350 The middle range is approximately 1.5 million, and the higher end of the range is approximately 2 million.
351 That's based on the estimated flow per hour, calculate by carbon mapper from the plume.
352 Speaker 3 (01:27:20)
353 So it's taking the meat in converting it to a carbon dioxide equivalent, which I believe has enormously
354 higher, you know.
355 Speaker 9 (01:27:26)
356 The celebrations for wearing state for sure, the palace and Ben county. These, where's that data come
357 from? Are they to fire up during the flu
358 Speaker 2 (01:27:37)
359 This is self, this is their self-reported emissions.
360 Speaker 3 (01:27:40)
361 Mr. Carver, Mr. carbon.
362 Speaker 2 (01:27:41)
363 Equipment, yeah, exactly.
364 Speaker 5 (01:27:46)
365 It's when all the methane, it makes one more. Let's CO₂, they're only you've got to have mass balance on
366 carbon.
367 Speaker 3 (01:27:51)
368 But its impact, but its impact on this really much higher, is much higher business.
369 Speaker 5 (01:27:56)
370 It's just totally mission, this is not correct?
371 Speaker 3 (01:27:59)
372 No, this is taking into account and the multiplying effects.
373 Speaker 2 (01:28:02)
374 Yes, absolutely.
375 Speaker 5 (01:28:03)
376 One of the units here, oh, climate damage so that
377 Speaker 3 (01:28:07)
378 Yeah, so which are you taking that multiplier? That's that's why it's so much hard.
379 Speaker 2 (01:28:12)
380 Yes,
381 Speaker 3 (01:28:13)
382 He's obviously you know she's not kicking me saying out.
383 Speaker 2 (01:28:17)
384 Right?
385 Speaker 3 (01:28:18)
386 Sure, David.

387 Speaker 6 (01:28:20)
388 Well, thank you for this end for this material. OK, a little bit myself, and just I think the utility of this may
389 be to determine whether or not I don't think is that relevant, because I don't know exactly what that is
390 today I'll include issues of the vehicle is going to and from. The campus, for example, so I think really
391 Please, it might be useful for us to know how well we're capturing it and the generators, which would be
392 kind of cool use that message, and if there's a lead here, maybe we can figure it happens.

393 Speaker 6 (01:29:08)
394 But right now, I don't know how maybe this number is compared to the total volume. Of methane, that's
395 going through the generators. You know, leave our point to the generator.

396 Speaker 3 (01:29:20)
397 And then it can be compared, and you just told us the accuracy of the measurements, yeah.

398 Speaker 1 (01:29:30)
399 Thanks, David. Yeah, yeah, so there's that question and also and you guys, if there's using, whatever
400 methane comes out, there's no nothing from coming out in the first place. And then there's also the
401 question of how coffee do you prepare to other landfills in terms of emissions

402 Speaker 2 (01:29:45)
403 Yeah, well, if you go to carbon mapper data work, you can take a look at that directly. So and actually
404 Bailey, if you go to the the last slide, so go to the last slide of this series. So those are links to essentially
405 carbon mapper, so if you want to go to Columbia ridge.

406 Speaker 3 (01:30:15)
407 They're all gonna have it. I mean, that's yeah.

408 Speaker 2 (01:30:18)
409 Yeah, so so one of so the first thing to do is, uh, Bailey, if well, forget about that, so if you just look there,
410 they've quantified this one plume covered mapper has, and so it is a rate of well, you can see they've
411 published a rate of a one05. Kilograms per hour, uh, which is the top part of the graph yeah.

412 Speaker 5 (01:30:50)
413 There's not a metric ton.

414 Speaker 2 (01:30:52)
415 That's the truth, it's not A. It's not a metric tent. So okay, so that's barely over the line of being a super
416 super emitter, so the number they have for coffin, Butte it's a super emitter, 16 times over

417 Speaker 3 (01:31:06)
418 The current we have here, like Arlington, is bone dry. Your methane production is going to be so much
419 lower.

420 Speaker 2 (01:31:13)
421 Exactly.

422 Speaker 3 (01:31:14)
423 That wasn't exactly

424 Speaker 2 (01:31:16)
425 He's in the end time.

426 Speaker 3 (01:31:17)
427 What's that not over time? Well, no, because it took my finger landfill. It's going to come out eventually,
428 right?

429 Speaker 1 (01:31:24)
430 How big is the around in ninethless? Next week, a couple
431 Speaker 2 (01:31:27)
432 It's 3 times the size.
433 Speaker 8 (01:31:28)
434 It's like okay, and they're and they're the utilities downer, for recapturing, is what it looks like.
435 Speaker 2 (01:31:39)
436 So in if Bailey, there's a little over on the right side of the screen about the middle on the right side, there's
437 something that says include null detects if you check that box. Yeah, so so this is the other part of the
438 picture that you can see that current mapper has actually gone over. The landfill 12 times but I think 7 of
439 those times they didn't detect any plume.
440 Speaker 2 (01:32:12)
441 And so they're not looking for background emissions here, they're looking for source emissions, you
442 know, they're, they're looking for leaks, whether it be in the oil and gas industry or wherever and so that's,
443 that's a big part of calculating. What a landfill is doing in Boston.
444 Speaker 9 (01:32:34)
445 No questions for me, because if you've ever been to Arlington, I mean, this tells me that you just kind of
446 got to another movie day.
447 Speaker 3 (01:32:43)
448 Oh, we are because of the gorgeous.
449 Speaker 5 (01:32:45)
450 There's probably many environmental factors to the fact I mean, if you look at the coffin beats, those are
451 changing. But that's because it's dynamic. And you've got probably if we were had an inversion recently
452 that would make an impact, you know, methane is a 100% gas base, so it probably streets Certainly,
453 temperature dependent.
454 Speaker 5 (01:33:02)
455 So that doesn't surprise me. I guess one thought is, if you look back at those original maps that first map
456 that has the larger aerial distribution, 1 thing I think it's probably important is say or recognize, it's not just
457 methane coming out of here. There are many other gasses like benzene.
458 Speaker 5 (01:33:23)
459 Now we measure telmar alcohol, which is a pfas. So, when you look at that map of methane, that that
460 methane has the greatest potential to basically go in the answer, everything else is, you know, not all the
461 kids are alike so some can hang a little more locally or deposit out on vegetations or whatever. And it has
462 to do with the molecular property.
463 Speaker 5 (01:33:44)
464 So these are representative of a molecule that has a remote sensing, but there are many other molecules
465 that are not being defeated detected, but for sure, are there, so this is just an example of something that
466 can be measured.
467 Speaker 1 (01:34:00)
468 That's a really good point. So we're running over. Did anyone else have any the questions shared kind of.
469 Speaker 5 (01:34:11)
470 Well, I guess just really simple things is we know this happens like landfills are wet, the third largest. I

471 mean, so like, yep, that makes sense to not surprise to anything, right it having real data. Though I think is
472 pretty interesting and very compelling, and again, it's just tip of the iceberg, so to speak, I didn't realize
473 you could fill a fat valley and it's probably again episodic depends on various conditions, but ear
474 monitoring, and is there any other air monitoring in this area like a qis just picks up?

475 Speaker 5 (01:34:46)

476 The PM 2.5 is the nearest station. Is it's paralyt right on this by the fire station, so there's no whether No,
477 they're your monitors.

478 Speaker 3 (01:34:56)

479 Must example.

480 Speaker 2 (01:34:57)

481 I think they're a citizen.

482 Speaker 1 (01:34:57)

483 4.9 minutes.

484 Speaker 5 (01:34:59)

485 Oh well, that was a question. So the aqi is the air quality index. So those are those real-time when you
486 have bad air, like you can lift the eqi air organ, is it called organ air now?

487 Speaker 5 (01:35:10)

488 So that's part of the load? This is not necessarily a particle load thing well no I mean, because those gas
489 weapons, there's a lot of velocity and things are

490 Speaker 1 (01:35:22)

491 Traveling quickly.

492 Speaker 5 (01:35:24)

493 So I don't know, it's it's more than just that.

494 Speaker 2 (01:35:28)

495 So so I just want to comment and say that you know, not all landfills are alike or even in a class, and that's
496 one of the things that through covering mapper, the state of California found out so they found out that
497 there are certain landfills which are just really bad so they are super. Polluting landfills, and they are
498 responsible for The lion's share of the methane emissions in California or I mean in in a place. So the
499 question before this committee, you know which I'm bringing up, is it is coffin?

500 Speaker 2 (01:36:04)

501 Butte landfill, you know, a super emitter of this kind, and so, as research on this question you, if you put
502 um up Stockton, California in that menu bar that you see there at the top You can look at the landfill in
503 Stockton, California, which is the forward landfill. So I think it's the one, no, not that one. Yeah, the it's
504 close to where you are now, I think it's that one right there right there next to your hand I think, that's the
505 one.

506 Speaker 2 (01:36:53)

507 Anyway, it has a very long record Because covering mappers started plotting it using their technology. I
508 think in 2017, and they've been regularly visiting it ever since. And so you can kind of see how the
509 technology is begins to make this map for you of what's going on with the landfill and and and you can see
510 that I think there's only like 1 or 2 cases when they looked at at this landfill that it did not have a plume.

511 Speaker 9 (01:37:30)

512 Well, they couldn't detect the flu, I mean, the methane

513 Speaker 3 (01:37:33)
514 Blow detection is.
515 Speaker 9 (01:37:35)
516 So really cool, that's our question. My wife goes to the technology is what conditions are there that this
517 detector doesn't detect? It's keeping methy to be a problem, it probably is so, but it seems odd to me that
518 the the Hector just didn't take things.
519 Speaker 2 (01:37:56)
520 So that's a good question. But like I said that technology is really, they're really focused on finding leaks
521 because those can be quickly fixed. And of course, carbon mappers interested in stopping, it's methane
522 from hitting the atmosphere for climate change reasons, so I mean, that's the fundamental Reason for all
523 this technology and all these surveys, because California and Oregon are also interested.
524 Speaker 2 (01:38:22)
525 They're not necessarily interested in the laws to kind of enforce that come along later. But the climate
526 damage is happening now, so I'm i'm over and thank you.
527 Speaker 1 (01:38:37)
528 Yeah, I mean, if we have any action items or things that we want to discuss on the agenda next time
529 reason when we get there, thank you for putting that together.
530 Speaker 5 (01:38:47)
531 Is an inragavors have the other this data?
532 Speaker 3 (01:38:52)
533 The other committee that's doing
534 Speaker 1 (01:38:54)
535 I'm not sure that's a good question. I think after the session I'll probably talk to Ken about making national
536 guns.
537 Speaker 2 (01:39:02)
538 That's that's actually a question for Sean McGuire.
539 Speaker 1 (01:39:09)
540 All right, so next on the agenda is an update on Republic's application to expand the lentil information
541 sharing discussion of possible committee actions to keep insight. If we're going to keep the public
542 informed, did you put this on?
543 Speaker 2 (01:39:21)
544 I did yeah.
545 Speaker 1 (01:39:24)
546 So I don't know much. Aside from the fact that the applications, then there we submit it right?
547 Speaker 2 (01:39:32)
548 Correct. So Republic submitting application. The county said it incomplete Republic took the application
549 back then they resubmitted it and then they have now so so they have now returned that to the county,
550 the resubmittal of the application and the county is considering it as to whether or not it is now complete
551 So they have not made in a determination of that, and so that essentially is the state that we're
552 Speaker 1 (01:40:06)
553 And if they have a certain deadline, make a 12 public eyes, whether it's complete or not.
554 Speaker 2 (01:40:12)

555 Um, unclear.

556 Speaker 9 (01:40:13)

557 So, what do you say the county? What department handles this

558 Speaker 2 (01:40:17)

559 The planning department.

560 Speaker 10 (01:40:19)

561 So I think it's not curious why that's even the discussion here isn't that psac's not involved with the

562 expansion of Golf immunits.

563 Speaker 1 (01:40:25)

564 We're not involved as a decision-making money, but I mean, it's a topic that's going to come up in public

565 engagement. And one thing that we might want to discuss here as a committee is, you know, to what

566 extent in our advisory capacity? We would advise that's the county on it

567 Speaker 2 (01:40:43)

568 We're certainly obligated. I would say to keep abreast of what is going on, because we are indeed

569 supposed to monitor you know the the operations of landfill and right now, one of the operations of the

570 landfill is applying to expand and also I think there's a state law that says that you are that the A landfill

571 operator is supposed to submit any change to any permit to the disposal site advisory committee.

572 Speaker 10 (01:41:20)

573 I don't know if there's any change to a permit. Is there?

574 Speaker 1 (01:41:24)

575 I don't think so.

576 Speaker 10 (01:41:25)

577 And that location doesn't mean you've changed your permit.

578 Speaker 5 (01:41:30)

579 It could mean there's one in the future if it was

580 Speaker 3 (01:41:32)

581 Yeah, when you go to expand you'll have to get a permit to get that promise.

582 Speaker 10 (01:41:35)

583 I think that'd be a permit with, yeah, whether the county or deq, or whatever, but we're not even at that

584 point yet.

585 Speaker 2 (01:41:43)

586 It's just to my knowledge, a Republic has never submitted. I mean, aren't you up for a resubmittal or

587 operating permit title v air quality?

588 Speaker 10 (01:41:55)

589 Yeah, I know that they're working on that yeah.

590 Speaker 2 (01:41:57)

591 Okay, I think yeah.

592 Speaker 8 (01:41:58)

593 It doesn't specify it has to go to desect it goes to I think it specifies if we go to the case. I don't know, so

594 I'm sure that county the planning commission would have that I think we've researched that

595 Speaker 3 (01:42:13)

596 Okay, yeah.

597 Speaker 2 (01:42:14)
598 I don't remember the language I thought it, but anyway, it's supposed to come to deseck, because it's in
599 the the relevant has to do with that.

600 Speaker 1 (01:42:23)
601 So the process is the county, the planning commission determines whether the application is complete
602 and is actionable. Then it goes to enrack for consideration and then to the planning commission and then
603 to the board of commissioners.

604 Speaker 2 (01:42:38)
605 Okay, yes.

606 Speaker 8 (01:42:41)
607 When Truman said there's a 100 reporting, they review process when they when they accept the
608 application or it's a 100 for the day process there, then they back out at a function of E any rats, which
609 used to be slack was superher. Let me send a letter for to approve the word, not based. On that, and that
610 doesn't necessarily mean that is I think that we'll be considered lying.

611 Speaker 3 (01:43:12)
612 Board of commissioners, right? It's a recommendation to the county.

613 Speaker 8 (01:43:15)
614 Even even deseck, in that process, it's for everybody, the public as well as any other assemblies could
615 prove a letter and including it or not. But specific in rack, is there on behalf of the county to submit it a
616 recommendation?

617 Speaker 1 (01:43:38)
618 Okay, yeah.

619 Speaker 3 (01:43:39)
620 That's my cat, doesn't for clearhouse, from doing anything.

621 Speaker 2 (01:43:41)
622 That's correct, it's just that county code says you will have an advisory committee. You know what's
623 supposed to be the solid waste advisory committee weigh in on this application, and so enrack is filling in
624 for it, let's work.

625 Speaker 1 (01:43:59)
626 Well, I'm not saying anything really actionable on this item at the moment. I think maybe this is just
627 something we should to keep on the agenda going forward. Is just something to check-in on, since it's
628 going to be an ongoing concern, does that make sense to figure out?

629 Speaker 1 (01:44:18)
630 Okay, all right, I'm moving on. Requesting agenda items just to even have something they would like to
631 see happen for the next meeting

632 Speaker 9 (01:44:27)
633 I mean, as far as the agenda, the public comment guesser was the consumer sport.

634 Speaker 3 (01:44:32)
635 No.

636 Speaker 9 (01:44:34)
637 I wish I would make a comment during that period but um I guess I'm a poison that way.

638 Speaker 3 (01:44:39)

639 You know, yeah, you're not public, so
640 Speaker 9 (01:44:40)
641 I think the comments I hear from the public is what I was going to share.
642 Speaker 2 (01:44:46)
643 So we've had this issue come up before can a board? You know, can a committee member speak during
644 the public comment portion and the answer that we used was yes, so if you would like to make A
645 Speaker 9 (01:45:01)
646 Well, the comment is going to make which is interesting to talk to people about the way
647 Speaker 2 (01:45:06)
648 Yeah.
649 Speaker 9 (01:45:08)
650 You know, the issues that seem to be, you know that come up when there's you know, input from
651 neighbors and other things. It's unless people are indirectly, you know, seek the information for the
652 landfill about people I talk to the thing they care about is the inefficient seat to skate on the long lines.
653 Speaker 3 (01:45:31)
654 Well, it's the most place to direct impact.
655 Speaker 9 (01:45:33)
656 Right? So that's the feedback I hear back is that it? Well, I said, well, what would about, though, that we're
657 about that Bethany emissions unless you're on, you know the front line and really activisibly, caring
658 people don't I mean for the what I talk?
659 Speaker 9 (01:45:53)
660 But um, they they say, can you find a way to make Republic more efficient at the scale? And and I hate
661 reading those long lines. So that's just, you know, so I think we make a lot more impact on the community.
662 Speaker 3 (01:46:13)
663 I've never figured out why they can't be more efficient at that scale. Because I've sat in mind for 40
664 minutes, yeah?
665 Speaker 9 (01:46:21)
666 Everyone was like in the augur system, go down to the truck scale over the high
667 Speaker 10 (01:46:25)
668 But you know, I can tell you some things we've done. We don't know that it matters to you, but we looked
669 at our turnover at our scalehouse position. I saw that we were like, at a 100% turnover, so I told us, well,
670 we're not paying our people enough, and so we went and made some significant changes in pay within
671 the last Maybe 3 months with with plans to make some more changes first part of next year.
672 Speaker 10 (01:46:50)
673 So you know when you have turnover, you lose a lot of that knowledge and people are in training all the
674 time and so so it wasn't efficient on that perspective, the second part was I told you about the Wi-Fi. Or
675 the internet, it would shut off online of the Tennis all the time and everyone turn off computer. We just
676 reboot stuff.
677 Speaker 10 (01:47:09)
678 We had our it going there. And they found just all kinds of problems old network stuff. So we paid, I think
679 about \$10000 to put in starlink, and we're going to pay about 6000 more, to put it down into the prc, just
680 to try to have more reliability there.

681 Speaker 10 (01:47:29)
682 So we are looking and you know we listen, we have a lot of commercial customers, obviously that come
683 Complain as well. It's just funny because they all seem to show up at the same time. I don't know
684 everybody shows up at 5 in the morning and wonders why there's
685 Speaker 3 (01:47:42)
686 Or for a Saturday afternoon at 3:30 AM.
687 Speaker 10 (01:47:45)
688 And so it's so it is a challenge and there's just some limitations. We're kind of in a tough spot right now
689 where we're trying to finish up. You know, the top part of one section of the landfill, or we're trying to get
690 into another cell so we've split up We've got 2 working faces going, so we're trying to keep all of our best.
691 Speaker 10 (01:48:06)
692 Republic trucks away from the public. So that we can get people turned around quicker. So you know, it
693 doesn't be a lot of deaf ear.
694 Speaker 10 (01:48:15)
695 I mean, we definitely want good customer service. And and we want to keep people going and out of
696 there, it's just, you know, different challenges, whether it's people in training or anything. The internet
697 things and I'm hoping that we, that resolved those things and I actually have a plan to work with the the
698 public management team to talk about what are the task that people are doing in those scaled houses
699 and what should they be doing?
700 Speaker 10 (01:48:41)
701 You know, you know, I come from spleen manufacturing. That 6 Sigma, training all these things. And so I'd
702 love to go in there and say, tell me what it is what normal day looks like and where are you spending your
703 time?
704 Speaker 10 (01:48:53)
705 And uh, you know, I see those people coming in and out of that scalehouse all the time to see a driver and
706 then go back in. It's like, why don't we have tablets? There are things that can go out and you stay right
707 there?
708 Speaker 10 (01:49:04)
709 You know, the stuff, it prints out a ticket and you hand it to him instead of going back-and-forth, so there's
710 just all kinds of efficiency things that I'm curious about that. That I don't know, you know, to be honest
711 with you, because I never worked in the scalehouse, so I have a comment 2.
712 Speaker 6 (01:49:18)
713 Yeah, the interesting on this is, if the issue is lies, we are obviously parts and empty border crossings.
714 Now there's a camera you can see that we'll tell you how long the line is because you can see the line. I'm
715 sure there are times when there's nobody in mind, people just try to show up
716 Speaker 3 (01:49:47)
717 A reservation for the landfill. No, I'm thinking about them for like whatever haircut you know, you can cut
718 on. You have a highway
719 Speaker 10 (01:49:53)
720 I can't sit in there, see the line. You know, it's like, look, it's not a bad idea. I mean, I'm not opposed to
721 something like that we have cameras there, now that monitor it's in an outbound so that we can you
722 know, detect if there's illegal loads and things like that?

723 Speaker 10 (01:50:07)
724 So maybe maybe there is an opportunity for something like that.
725 Speaker 3 (01:50:13)
726 Take tickets.
727 Speaker 9 (01:50:14)
728 I used to go to food probably websites, and one of our best thing to stick is Disney there.
729 Speaker 10 (01:50:20)
730 But give me a fast pass, yeah, okay, check.
731 Speaker 2 (01:50:23)
732 That's very good, so I'm sure.
733 Speaker 5 (01:50:25)
734 I mean, this is all cool, but somehow it doesn't surprise me that the public is, if not informed or not
735 aware. And there's 2 different scales. There's a very a local scale that could be addressed by some fairly
736 quick fixes, and then there's the larger problem, right?
737 Speaker 5 (01:50:42)
738 So
739 Speaker 9 (01:50:44)
740 Sofa
741 Speaker 5 (01:50:45)
742 Larger problem of methane emissions in climate change.
743 Speaker 9 (01:50:49)
744 But I think they're saying the people I talk to don't seem to care.
745 Speaker 5 (01:50:54)
746 Oh right. But does that mean we as a group shouldn't care because there's a lot of knowledge and talent
747 around the table? I mean, I understand the dilemma there's many cases like that, there are many people
748 who vote one way in school The cases are against their best interests.
749 Speaker 5 (01:51:10)
750 Long-term interest, that's the problem, right? This is the big problem, if it's It's a very large-scale problem
751 with a very long-term layout. So to speak in not a payout in a great way.
752 Speaker 5 (01:51:20)
753 So just even though I understand in some ways I'm not surprised you get that answer, I am surprised at
754 our community isn't more educated or knowledgeable on the subject, that's what's I think, unfortunate.
755 Speaker 3 (01:51:37)
756 I would take a ride within 3 miles of that landphone and you will see a sigh on almost every yard that says
757 don't expand so people there care cause we're gonna be affected by her, just like it would be if we
758 decided to widen Biden and Harrison and take out every street tree. Do the people in there?
759 Speaker 5 (01:51:56)
760 The place are probably experiencing varying levels of diminished air quality immediately chronic, and
761 we're acute the rest of us who are 1520 miles away, we're not but we are experiencing. That's why it fires a
762 thing right? It's because of climate change, it's right in-and-in we, you know, the science has been there
763 for 30 to 50I don't think it's being debated so, and we're looking at a major hotspot.
764 Speaker 5 (01:52:25)

765 The solutions and that's cool. Yes, but it it it is. It is not addressing a major problem, and whether that's
766 public educated or not, is I think unfortunate that
767 Speaker 1 (01:52:42)
768 Yeah, so that actually does bring to me to one agenda item that I wanted to suggest, which is that we talk
769 about the scope and stuff the duties of disack, you know, is 1 of them public outreach in any way or
770 raising public awareness or probably not, but I mean, that's something that we can we can talk about At
771 the next meeting, and just talk about what it is that we want to do as a committee.
772 Speaker 8 (01:53:07)
773 I think desact a good position. It looked at causing fact relationships. And the situation is it's around
774 family table, where all of a sudden, they're washing their clothes and there's chemicals going out and the
775 other day eon says, you know, we don't take our solids up there in the north, look, what the state law says
776 is, the senate can be a senatory.
777 Speaker 8 (01:53:38)
778 Facility can't get their standards of viral solids down to discharge, then they mandated her went to a
779 landfill. That's a cause that relationship of how much goes to the landfill. What's the implication of built
780 chemicals going on so that's what I look at is a park, powerful educational tool for desact, to look at To
781 educate the table at home.
782 Speaker 1 (01:54:16)
783 Are there any other
784 Speaker 3 (01:54:17)
785 Il would like Il think the methane stuff is really interesting and it would it would be useful to have some
786 person active about if I look at X million tons per year, what does that compare to what is already being
787 pulled out? There's a Susan Cogen like, is that one% of what or is there? Maybe it's up to 20% now.
788 Speaker 3 (01:54:41)
789 And there's an efficiency and the need to add additional generation to pull some of that methane out of
790 the system. So I wonder if it's possible for you to contact p AGC I just got a few for like, how many tons of
791 methane do they think they're burning a year? That would be really helpful because it puts it in
792 perspective.
793 Speaker 3 (01:55:02)
794 But otherwise it's just a number and it's big
795 Speaker 5 (01:55:04)
796 It's a design element back in the day and whether it's at capacity, but at least it would put up
797 Speaker 3 (01:55:09)
798 Well, and pgc has never they've said they don't want to add generation, they don't want to head per
799 months to it before that's come up before and that's why they were flaring for a while, because they didn't
800 think they had enough capacity they had additional. Generation
801 Speaker 10 (01:55:21)
802 They're always going to flare.
803 Speaker 3 (01:55:22)
804 Yeah, I know you have to see some.
805 Speaker 10 (01:55:24)
806 There's no, because I was going to be simpler and we're working with them right now. Just that is that we

807 feel like we're flaring too much. And that obviously we see it as an asset as well, and so we are working
808 with them to either add more generators or put it out.

809 Speaker 10 (01:55:39)

810 It doesn't read rning I mean, and we're deals things for ourselves too as far as You know, you guys know
811 whether we're constantly adding gas Wells, some of the things and we've got some new some new faces
812 in leadership and to have some different experiences. So we're finding some things that we can do better.
813 And I'll just kind of mention to some things like we're finding some scaling that's going on inside those
814 pipes, and so we're trying to improve the efficiency of the gas system, because we recognize that it could
815 be better.

816 Speaker 10 (01:56:11)

817 And so there's some chemicals that we can add that. And into that, that will help with the scaling. So that
818 we don't have to go and use a factor truck to kind of clean up the headers and things like that.

819 Speaker 10 (01:56:23)

820 And so these are all things that we're working on to try to improve the efficiency of the gas system as well

821 Speaker 5 (01:56:30)

822 Great. Does your car remember to quantify that again?

823 Speaker 3 (01:56:35)

824 I think you know, just, I think this presented by itself, sort of exists that without a lot of framework around
825 it would be nice to frame it with, okay. How how well are you doing otherwise because you know when
826 you put those anything Wells in that was actually pretty innovative for when you started to do it. I don't.

827 Speaker 3 (01:56:52)

828 I think you were one of the first leopos to do that. And the pngc was also pretty innovative, and you know,
829 there's a puppet, you know that innovation level has sort of gone off, it's like you're lychate water.

830 Speaker 1 (01:57:05)

831 So you know, Peterson, closing the loop, I mean, were you on the hook for

832 Speaker 10 (01:57:10)

833 Yeah, I wrote down how much of my thing as being a burnt or consumed and uh, P&G, c, and you know,
834 put it in like a metric tons versus how much we think is being produced at coffin view.

835 Speaker 3 (01:57:22)

836 I think that'd be really helpful.

837 Speaker 2 (01:57:23)

838 You know, the basic thing would be to get them the metric tons of methane burned.

839 Speaker 7 (01:57:29)

840 Yeah, yeah.

841 Speaker 10 (01:57:30)

842 So on the icone

843 Speaker 5 (01:57:31)

844 And maybe what the cost investment was to achieve that. And that would give us a sense for like, well,
845 okay, it's this fraction and to go this much that's cost prohibitive or whoa, that's really effective I mean, I
846 think a cost thing, it's important to people.

847 Speaker 2 (01:57:46)

848 I'm remembering that at some point in time, I had the data in front of me, and so I did, I crimped some

849 numbers, and it's basically 40% at that 0.40% of the methane being collected by the system with being
850 flared.

851 Speaker 1 (01:58:02)
852 So 60%.

853 Speaker 5 (01:58:03)
854 The scent of that mass we don't know what

855 Speaker 3 (01:58:04)
856 And that was that there was the engine you're not wanting together.

857 Speaker 2 (01:58:07)
858 Yes, we don't. Well, we know what the what that mass is because we have AA flow rate.

859 Speaker 1 (01:58:13)
860 For the light.

861 Speaker 5 (01:58:14)
862 And when Brett has an estimate, is it 1% of that, or is it 10%?

863 Speaker 2 (01:58:18)
864 Right, right?

865 Speaker 5 (01:58:20)
866 It's some kind of context I think that's what you're asking.

867 Speaker 10 (01:58:22)
868 Right? You know, we only are we only taking 10% out of it. Yeah.

869 Speaker 3 (01:58:26)
870 Or is it or are you getting 90? Thank you.

871 Speaker 9 (01:58:28)
872 I mean, any system like that, I think you would want to be methane limited, because in your generations.

873 Speaker 3 (01:58:35)
874 Oh yeah, you have to shut down, shut down some of your turbulence, because you get like 3 or 4 in that
875 building is thing. And that's been 4 for probably 20 years or better. It's a long time ago

876 Speaker 2 (01:58:49)
877 I think it was 2007. Maybe the number popped in my. I don't know.

878 Speaker 1 (01:58:56)
879 Can you have an requested agenda item on here and discussion of EPS to enforce millers? You just put
880 them on the list for danger.

881 Speaker 2 (01:59:04)
882 Yes, so, so you know, enforcement is one of the things that we're talking about, and so these are indeed
883 enforcement alerts. Um by, uh, the EPA, and they they applied to municipal solid waste landfills. And
884 they have to do with the um, yeah, well, there's a link that you can follow there but.

885 Speaker 2 (01:59:27)
886 Basically, as part of the EPA's survey of landfill, so which coughing Butte was won, they had the inspector
887 come and starting an investigation on cough and Butte, they found out ways in which municipal solid
888 waste landfills were basically using the rules to get around, essentially reporting. So one of the ways was
889 declaring. Parts of the landfill.

890 Speaker 2 (01:59:57)

891 Off bounds for being inspected that we're not really off bounds and bill. If you could call up the the
892 second to the last one. Well, no, we don't have time, sorry just sorry, anyway, they're they're stating about
893 that, so there's, that was one of the things and then others have to do with blinken right now.

894 Speaker 2 (02:00:20)

895 Anyway, you can follow the link. I find out what that is, and then you should just see where I think it would
896 be a good thing for the community to do too 2. Try to evaluate essentially wear coffin.

897 Speaker 2 (02:00:34)

898 Butte stands in relation to those enforcement alerts, so there's the graphic I was talking about. The blue
899 areas are the ones that the landfill operator declared his Not to be surveyed.

900 Speaker 10 (02:00:51)

901 Well, I would say provide knowledge of the blue area that's the area that has been closed and has had
902 final cap and cover put on it. So that's probably why it's the upper blue part. That's probably just now,
903 that's where we're building the cell right, so all the other areas it doesn't have final cap or closure on it.

904 Speaker 10 (02:01:15)

905 So that so you know to me. If you've got a membrane around it like I mean, okay, maybe you know, maybe
906 you want to go for it. I don't have anything to hide, go walking through Tesla so

907 Speaker 9 (02:01:29)

908 So it remind me again that it's helping refresh me on this chart, this start was made by Republican.

909 Speaker 2 (02:01:37)

910 That is data from Republic, I mean, I made that chart if you need that chart to visualize the data better.

911 Speaker 9 (02:01:44)

912 And so he said, look, they didn't recommend to survey of those areas where they just didn't survey the
913 surgery.

914 Speaker 2 (02:01:50)

915 I'm just reporting that the EPA has an enforcement alert. Because they are seeing that municipal solid
916 waste landfills are declaring areas as being areas not to survey, which they don't really have a defense for
917 that.

918 Speaker 3 (02:02:10)

919 I mean, I.

920 Speaker 9 (02:02:13)

921 Il did skim that and then it was a lot abroad general language and so I guess yeah, yeah, but the the EP the
922 VP AS you know, they have their, you know, their carbon. They they watch carbon emissions because of
923 the clean air actress a lot of things they do you know theirs believe it or not, VP is trying to enforce people
924 smuggling. Different cartoons into the United States.

925 Speaker 9 (02:02:43)

926 So they have a lot of different things. And they I read that there's some broad language, I mean, they have
927 their standards, and then what you want to hear is if there's agencies that are Organizations, are there a
928 lot comply with the sandwicher?

929 Speaker 10 (02:03:02)

930 I guess I guess I don't know where this agenda is going can, but I think I know where it's going in. And I'm
931 going to reiterate that I know there's some rumors or discussion that EPA has some ongoing investigation,
932 or that we've been given something that I'm going to tell you, and that we have not going to make or any

933 investigations or active investigations. A couple of new landfills for any enforcement of issues.

934 Speaker 2 (02:03:30)

935 I've heard that yet, so

936 Speaker 10 (02:03:33)

937 I'm not here alive. I'm not even rejecting it, buddy.

938 Speaker 5 (02:03:37)

939 It is a week then this agenda item thing, but is that I guess I'm confused now was that just in general.

940 Speaker 4 (02:03:44)

941 Summer, is it?

942 Speaker 3 (02:03:46)

943 Chicken lizard from chicken. That's not spicy.

944 Speaker 9 (02:03:50)

945 It's perfect to introduce carbon. I think there's may thing missions out there in the airlandfills, and I'm like,

946 okay, what's actionable out of this is right, all right?

947 Speaker 1 (02:03:59)

948 But given that it's a general alert enforcement alert that we need to discuss it next time. Well, I we're

949 running late if anyone has any suggestions for agenda items for next time. You can just eat them and get

950 them put on the agenda next week and then when is this?

951 Speaker 3 (02:04:21)

952 That's a good question.

953 Speaker 8 (02:04:23)

954 Have we design?

955 Speaker 7 (02:04:24)

956 So that's a committee decision, you know, through Oregon statute were supposed to meet 4 times a year,

957 right? This is our fifth meeting of 20:04, and it's a committee decision.

958 Speaker 3 (02:04:41)

959 I would love to see one before the 22nd of January. But that's a personal problem.

960 Speaker 1 (02:04:46)

961 Um, why don't ll mean, we could just try happening a standing meeting at our whole time in January and

962 then space, not the rest? I don't know. We can figure out we're going to do next in January

963 Speaker 2 (02:05:02)

964 The 4 meetings a year is the minimum required by the state dset. Can, of course meet as many times as it

965 would.

966 Speaker 1 (02:05:11)

967 Okay, I'll put that as an agenda item for next time because I know what you want to meet. But yeah, why

968 don't we try not being in January? Would it be a thank you for 6 PM.

969 Speaker 4 (02:05:22)

970 6, how long who are you going?

971 Speaker 3 (02:05:26)

972 You're ready.

973 Speaker 1 (02:05:31)

974 And with that, I'm your ethnic Suffolk of everyone has agreed all basically.

975 Speaker 2 (02:05:42)

976 So I think that there's supposed to be a very formal motion.

977 Speaker 3 (02:05:45)

978 No, because we did not about the agenda, I think the agenda do so. If we adopt the agenda, you don't
979 have to have a motion to observe.

980

Draft Meeting Minutes from 10/25/23

Here are the corrections to the Oct 25 minutes – attached as both a Word doc and as a PDF. Note that some of these corrections are pretty important to make. For example, the staff draft has this text:

Seconded by Marge, the vote was 4-3 and the **MOTION** passed. (Chuck, Debi, and Brent abstained.)

This is clearly in error, as DSAC had only 7 members at the time! (Abstentions are not “no” votes, they are non-votes). It’s a serious error to get a committee vote wrong, especially this one.

Note that the meeting packet for the October 25 meeting should be attached to these minutes; this is important also, both for what is in the packet (the actual agenda used for the meeting) and what is not (the extensive communications between staff and the Chair about the 2021 Community Concerns Annual Report and the Public Records Requests for the community comments necessary to complete it). I’ve attached the packet to this email. It’s pretty clear that the meeting’s packet is relevant to the record of the meeting.

All best,

Ken

BENTON COUNTY

Disposal Site Advisory Committee (DSAC)

October 25, 2023 **Draft** Minutes

Ken Eklund's proposed edits in orange

Members Present: Ken Eklund, Deborah Gile, Marge Popp, Chuck Gilbert, Brent Pawlowski, Joel Geier and Mark Yeager

Republic Services: Absent

Staff Present: Daniel Redick, Darren Nichols and Linda Ray

Public Present: Scott Lesko, Fay Yoshihara, Debbie Palmer, Christopher Jacobs, Elizabeth Patte, Ed Pitera, Nancy Whitcombe, Kevin Kenaga, Jeff Morrell, Becky Merja, Bernie Cummings, Patricia Haggerty, Robert Orton, JB Jensen, and Josh Dodson

Location: Virtual

Video Irregularity

The video record is irregular and incomplete. The first few minutes of the video is blurred and illegible, and the video did not capture the start of the meeting.

Meeting Agenda

To open the meeting, Redick announced the Chair would follow the agenda provided by staff in September, rather than the agenda the Chair had prepared for the meeting. Chair Eklund objected, citing 2023 DSAC bylaws Article 7 Section 6, which empowers the Chair to set meeting agendas "with the assistance of" staff. Nichols shared his assertion that his interpretation of a Commissioners' directive

superseded the County bylaws. ~~the meeting agenda presented by county staff.~~ Several DSAC members gave feedback **questioning the staff action and** supporting the chair's request to proceed with the meeting agenda he provided. Mark made a **MOTION** to adopt Chair Eklund's agenda as the operating agenda for the meeting. Seconded by Marge, the vote was 4 **in favor, 0 against and** the **MOTION** passed. (Chuck, Debi, and Brent abstained.) **The Chair's agenda is on pp. 88-90 of the meeting packet attached to these Minutes.**

Call to Order/Introductions

Chair ~~Ken~~Eklund called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm.

EPA Report on methane leaks at the landfill

Mark requested that county staff obtain a copy of the EPA report on methane leaks at the landfill (that was referenced in a recent article in the Salem Statesman Journal written by Tracy Loew) and distribute it to DSAC members. A member also suggested that the report be added to the DSAC website.

Carbon Mapper methane imaging

Chair Eklund shared an image produced by Carbon Mapper that showed a methane plume that extended from Coffin Butte Landfill out over residents' homes.

County Records Requests

DSAC has requested several sets of documents from county staff:

1. Email communication between county staff regarding the recent decision to include language on the DSAC webpage stating that "written comments would no longer be accepted" in preparation for DSAC meetings.

2. On the same topic, a record request has been made for staff to provide documentation on how the decision to include that verbiage on the website was a “miscommunication”.
3. DSAC has requested official records of all community concerns that were reported ~~for~~ in 2021 in order to prepare the 2021 DEQ community concerns annual report.
4. DSAC has requested official records of all community concerns that were reported ~~for~~ in 2022 in order to prepare the 2022 DEQ community concerns annual report.

Members noted that communications regarding these Requests were not included in the Oct 25 meeting packet. That packet is attached to these Minutes.

Re-ground the Committee

DSAC members expressed their dissatisfaction with the decision made by the Board of Commissioners to summarily dissolve the Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC) against county code without notification or discussion, and without any provision for its functions to continue.

Members noted that SWAC would no longer, ~~about~~ review ~~of~~ landfill expansion applications, which is also against code requirements. The MOTION passed unanimously.

Chair Eklund will follow up with a letter to the BOC stating DSAC’s motion.

Community Member Comments

- **Robert Orton** is a heavy equipment mechanic at the Coffin Butte Landfill. He expressed concerns about unsafe working conditions at the landfill. Jacob Stallings, attorney for the landfill union sent an email statement to county staff which was included in the meeting packet.
- **Nancy Whitcombe**, neighbor of the landfill, suggested that DSAC consider making a recommendation to the Planning Commission and

Board of Commissioners to re- evaluate the zoning provisions of the landfill. Ms. Whitcombe will bring back her suggestions at the next DSAC meeting that may address some of the compliance issues in the past.

- **Kevin Kenaga**, concerned community member, expressed gratitude to DSAC members for their service. He shared concerns over the County's inaction on landfill environmental, health and safety issues. He also expressed concerns about county staff response time to requests made by DSAC members.

Edit and approve county website language.

DSAC members expressed concern over language on the DSAC home page, specifically the sentence "To file a solid waste complaint, please call 541.766.6819".

DSAC members requested the following changes:

- ~~Request to~~ clarify that solid waste complaints may be submitted in writing.
- ~~Implement a~~ process where the committee members can get complaints directly.
- ~~Request that Enable~~ submitted comments from community members be sent to DSAC unscreened by county staff.

In conclusion, Mark stated that he would work with Ken to finalize the edits to the language included on the website and would submit those changes to Daniel.

Website edits made by county staff will be presented to the committee at the next DSAC meeting.

Community Concerns Annual Report

~~Two~~ Three requests were made of county staff by DSAC members:

- ~~A copy of the 2021 & 2022 community concerns report (that was sent to DEQ) be provided at the next DSAC meeting.~~ Begin the process of

releasing the public records of concerns about the landfill for 2021 and 2022.

- Revise the language on the county's DSAC webpages
- An email sent to DSAC members on the status of releasing the records required to produce those reports.

The CDD Director committed to procuring these records.

Agenda items for next meeting

- Establish a regular meeting time.
- Summarize items to be included in the minutes.
- Approval of meeting minutes (may be moved out to next month)
- Member Requests
- Website edits on the DSAC homepage
- Discussion of the SMMP Ad Hoc Committee and request that DSAC members be included on that committee that will be appointed by the BOC.

Marge made a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mark, the meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

The meeting's packet is attached to these Minutes as 20231025_DSAC_Packet_2.pdf.



**Disposal Site Advisory Committee (DSAC)
Meeting**

AGENDA

October 25, 2023

6:00pm-8:00pm

Register in advance for this meeting (this may take a few minutes):

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYqfuCrqjlpH9RYkvib5idqH0I_lwn9g57x

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

- I. 6:00 p.m., 5 Minutes – Call to Order..... Chair
- II. 6:05 p.m., 5 Minutes – Introduce Christopher Jacobs - EDO..... Staff
- III. 6:10 p.m., 20 Minutes – Review/Approval of the Minutes Chair
 - July 11, 2022
 - July 27, 2022
 - August 24, 2022
 - October 26, 2022
 - November 16, 2022
 - December 7, 2022
 - January 18, 2023
 - February 8, 2023
 - March 15, 2023

[Previous Meeting Recordings \(7/2022 - 3/2023\)](#) : Password: Benton2023!

- IV. 6:30 p.m., 30 Minutes – Community Member CommentsChair
- V. 7:00 p.m., 55 Minutes – Community Member Concerns Annual Report 2021 Chair
- VI. 7:55 p.m., 5 Minutes – Schedule next meeting, Wrap Up/Adjourn..... Chair



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BENTON COUNTY

Disposal Site Advisory Committee (DSAC)

Special Meeting

July 11, 2022 Minutes **DRAFT**

Members Present: Ken Eklund, John McEvoy, Deborah Gile, Mark Yeager

Republic Services: Absent

Staff Present: Daniel Redick (Benton County Solid Waste and Water Quality Coordinator)

Call to Order/Introductions

Chair Ken Eklund called the meeting to order at 3:13 pm.

DSAC Bylaws: Discuss / Decide on Options for Wording Changes

- Ken shared Mark's comment that the use of "permittee" is odd in article 2, and that the landfill operator is not a "permittee" of the County, but rather a "permittee" of the State. Mark recommended clarifying that the operator is issued a permit by DEQ. The group suggested the language "franchisee", "Oregon DEQ permittee", or "operator", and chose to use "Oregon DEQ permittee" in this instance.
- Ken shared Mark's comment in article 3 that it would be helpful to clarify "a person holding a permit" to match the language in Chapter 23. That language was removed because the last sentence satisfies the purpose.
- Debi said article 3, section 2 references "Solid Waste Advisory Council", and Daniel explained that this is where the DSAC and SWAC bylaws intentionally reference one-another.
- The group recommended striking the phrase in article 4: "However, in the event the Chair's vote shall create a tie vote, the Chair shall refrain from voting".
- Article 5, Ken included reworded language for the last sentence, explaining quorum rules for public meeting laws.
- Article 7, section 2: the group changed the 24 hours notification to three days. The group decided to remove the language refraining the chair from voting in section 4.
- Article 7, section 7: the group changed the three day notice to seven days notice.
- Article 7, section 8: the group wants to include language about maintaining recordings.
- Article 10: Ken asked if conflict of interest can be explained better. Mark recommended finding and including the statutory rule due to the complexity. Daniel will work on finding that reference and sending it to Ken to include on the final draft. The group agreed that Ken will work on the final draft, and Daniel will send it out to the group at least seven days prior to the next meeting.

Other items

Daniel said the County received the 2021 landfill annual report, and it is available on the website.

Mark made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 3:46 pm, seconded by Debi the MOTION passed unanimously.



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Disposal Site Advisory Committee (DSAC)
July 27, 2022 Draft Minutes

Members Present: Ken Eklund, John McEvoy, Deborah Gile, Joel Geier, Marge Popp, Chuck Gilbert, and Mark Yeager

Republic Services Present: Broc Keinholz, Ian McNab, Julie Jackson, Eric Tuppan (Tuppan Consultants)

Staff Present: Daniel Redick (Benton County Solid Waste and Water Quality Coordinator)

Call to Order/Introductions

Chair Ken Eklund called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Approval of Minutes

John made a **MOTION** to approve the April 27th, 2022 minutes. Seconded by Mark, the **MOTION** was approved 7-0.

Community Member Comments

- Joel reported that a community comment came into him personally about the Heron Rookery (colony) near the landfill. The colony had many nests active through May 14th but was apparently abandoned two weeks later, which raises concern. He asked if the landfill monitored the bird population this year and if so have the results been reported to ODFW. He also noted that neighbors noticed equipment operating just west of the rookery, to haul fill dirt from a stockpile. He asked if the company kept any log of these or other activities in the heron buffer zone that was recommended by ODFW. Ian McNab (Republic Services) responded that these are normal operations and there has been no other change in that area for quite some time. A biologist has been monitoring the eastern and western rookeries starting this year. Results will not be reported by the biologist until the end of a three-year period and no data is available at this time. Joel made a **MOTION** to request that Republic Services provide any information they have regarding the monitoring of the heron colonies this past spring and present it at the next DSAC meeting. Seconded by Marge, the **MOTION** was approved 6-1, 1 abstained (John)
- Kevin Kenaga attended the recent BOC meeting and learned about the budget for the facilitated work group that is being formed. He requested that DSAC request that some of that funding for the work group process goes towards environmental impacts.
- Mark requested that DSAC/SWAC meetings be combined and confirmed it would be allowable based on Oregon law. Members asked Daniel to explore reasons why DSAC and SWAC were separate meetings in the past and what options there are for

combining groups into one in the future. This topic will be discussed at the August SWAC meeting.

Work Group

Joel and Marge both expressed interest in joining the Solid Waste Process work group that has been implemented by the Board of Commissioners per the Oregon Consensus Assessment. The BOC requested that two representatives from the council join the work group. Mark made a **MOTION** to nominate both Joel and Marge to the facilitated work group. Seconded by Debi, the **MOTION** passed 7-0. Joel suggested an alternate member and Chuck expressed his interest in joining the work group if needed.

Group Priorities & Intentions

Ken asked SWAC members to send him an email on their suggestions for agenda items and the order of priority and intention.

DSAC BYLAWS

Mark made a **MOTION** to approve the proposed edits to the DSAC Bylaws that were discussed at the July 11, 2022 work session and to send them on to the Board of Commissioners for review. Seconded by Joel, the **MOTION** was approved 6-1, Chuck voted no.

Annual Report

Ian shared Republic Services Annual Report. This information can be found in **Exhibit A** (attached). Extensive discussion took place. Mark mentioned a significant discrepancy in reported numbers, and that the report references the Health Department instead of Community Development. Ian said the report is developed from a template, which may contribute to discrepancies. Joel asked about hydrologic monitoring including high arsenic levels and monitoring surface water runoff at the PRC, and the topics were discussed with Republic Services staff and Eric Tuppan.

Agenda Items

Mark raised concern that the independent audit of intake at the landfill (which he previously requested) is on the DSAC agenda that meets quarterly. He emphasized that this information needs to be available sooner than the next DSAC meeting. Ken suggested an additional meeting be scheduled for DSAC that would be dedicated to cover items such as this and other topics that have not been discussed at regular DSAC meetings. The committee decided to schedule a regular DSAC meeting (not a work session) for August 24th along with SWAC.

Mark made a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Debi, the **MOTION** was approved and meeting adjourned at 8:33pm.

BENTON COUNTY
Disposal Site Advisory Committee (DSAC)
August 24, 2022 Draft Minutes

Members Present: Ken Eklund, Deborah Gile, Joel Geier, Marge Popp, Chuck Gilbert, and Mark Yeager

Republic Services Present: absent

Staff Present: Daniel Redick (Benton County Solid Waste and Water Quality Coordinator), Linda Ray (Community Development Administrative Specialist)

Public present: John Deuel, Ed Pitera, Nancy Whitcombe, Jay Simpkins, Debbie Palmer, Paul Nietfeld

Call to Order/Introductions

Chair Ken Eklund called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

Approval of Minutes

Edits to the July 27, 2022 minutes are as follows;

- Change Ken Eklund's title to Chair instead of Vice Chair in the "call to order"
- In the sentence referring to the discussion on heron's, needs clarification that biologists have just started the project so there is no report. Request to strike through "3-year process and reporting to ODFW". There is no data at this time.
- DSAC bylaws needs changes in the wording from SWAC to DSAC
- Republic Services Annual Report – the committee would like more discussion captured on that topic and members will send suggested edits to Linda Ray.

Committee members decided to wait on approving the minutes until these edits are made.

Community Member Comments

- Paul Nietfeld reported his findings on the topic of methane gas and an assessment performed at the landfill. He urged the committee to request an independent assessment made by the county on this matter.

Heron Rookery Inquiry

Members asked that the minutes reflect that Republic Service representatives were not in attendance at this meeting and they would like more information on this year's observations of the Heron Rookery. Daniel asked Republic Services for that information following the group's request, and the email exchange is included as attachment A.

Landfill/Recycling Center Annual Report 2021

Chair Eklund requested that the minutes reflect his perspective that there is a serious discrepancy in the reported capacity of the landfill, and that the volume reported in the

annual report is dependent on removal of quarry rock, so that airspace is not currently available. He also noted that the annual tonnage estimates used in landfill capacity calculations (750,000 tons/year), is lower than the tonnage accepted since 2016. Chuck discussed the 2021 Site Development Plan document available to the group on the County's website document library.

Community Member Presentation – Nancy Whitcombe

Nancy presented the Annual Report by Republic Services and requested that they add two new columns and additional data to the report:

- Classify commercial vehicles to capture the class of vehicles frequenting the landfill.
- Classification for private vehicles and the contents of their loads
- Number of trucks carrying leachate, volume
- Number of gravel trucks, weight
- Number of Covanta Ash trucks, weight
- Number of vehicles carrying compost to and from the landfill, weight
- Vehicle weight (as used in current scale data)
- Vehicle data for those travelling to and from the PRC

After discussion from the committee on requesting more data from Republic Services on their annual report, Daniel will take the comments from DSAC members and present them at the BOC meeting scheduled for October 18th. Mark made a **MOTION** that DSAC would not approve the 2021 Republic Services Annual Report as submitted due to discrepancies. The MOTION also requests that the BOC add data in the 2022 report that includes capacity details and consistency in numbers. The MOTION was seconded by Marge. Chuck amended the MOTION to include an exhibit compiled by staff and the Chair, agreed to by Mark and Marge. The **MOTION** was unanimously approved.

Chuck made a **MOTION** that DSAC look at the class of vehicles and type of lading transported in and out of Coffin Butte to be reflected in the landfill annual report. The MOTION was seconded by Mark. Daniel recommended that the MOTION be amended to replace “look at” with “recommends to the Board of Commissioners”. Chuck amended the MOTION, Mark approved. Joel amended the MOTION to include a request that Republic Services include data on vehicles traveling from PRC and include leachate hauling. Supported by Chuck and Mark, the amended **MOTION** passed unanimously.

Joel suggested adding issues with report in their individual public comments regarding the minutes not capturing enough of the discussion.

Independent Landfill Data Verification

After discussion on the amount of methane emissions and methane capture from the landfill, Joel made a **MOTION** to recommend that the BOC seek to obtain aerial or satellite measurements of total methane emissions from the landfill independent of ground-based measurements as part of their goal of investigating methane as a community priority. Seconded by Marge, the **MOTION** passed unanimously.

Independent Audit into Landfill Waste

Mark requested that an independent audit of the waste going into the landfill by hiring a third party consultant to inspect loads as they arrive at the landfill. Chuck recommended that recyclables be included in the audit.

Mark made a **MOTION** to ask the BOC to fund this long-term random third-party independent audit of the materials being brought to the landfill, including recyclables, in order to characterize the materials. Seconded by Joel. The **MOTION** passed unanimously. The audit would take place over 12-18 months (2-3 times a month) in order to understand the potential variability of waste.

Member Requests

Debi requested information from Republic Services on composting food from outdoor community events. Daniel will follow up with Ian on this request.

Ken requested that the DSAC meetings be moved to use the “Zoom” platform.

Agenda Items

Mark requested that DSAC/SWAC be combined into one instead of having two separate meetings. Daniel will prepare a memo for the DSAC on this request.

Joel requested more information on the County of origin of waste materials, and that an item regarding committee requests from Republic Services (Annual Report additions and information on the Heron Rookeries.

Joel made a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 pm, seconded by Mark the **MOTION** passed unanimously.

Attachment A: Heron Rookery Inquiry Email Exchange

From: [REDICK Daniel](#)
To: [CRONEY Vance M](#); "Jackson, Julie"
Subject: RE: SWAC/DSAC
Date: Tuesday, August 23, 2022 9:35:32 AM

Thank you, Julie.

Yes, I let Chair Eklund know that you and Ian would not be providing more information about wildlife at the upcoming meeting. I will let them know that you and Ian will not be able to attend the meeting as well.

Best,

Daniel

From: CRONEY Vance M <Vance.M.CRONEY@Co.Benton.OR.US>
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2022 1:40 PM
To: 'Jackson, Julie' <JJackson6@republicservices.com>; REDICK Daniel <daniel.redick@Co.Benton.OR.US>
Subject: RE: SWAC/DSAC

Thanks Julie. Vance.

From: Jackson, Julie <JJackson6@republicservices.com>
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2022 1:18 PM
To: REDICK Daniel <daniel.redick@Co.Benton.OR.US>
Cc: CRONEY Vance M <Vance.M.CRONEY@Co.Benton.OR.US>
Subject: SWAC/DSAC

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Daniel,

I just wanted to let you know that neither Ian or I are able to attend the SWAC or DSAC meetings this week. I know they have us on the agenda for a rookery report, but as I let you know earlier, we do not have anything to report.

Thanks,

Julie

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BENTON COUNTY

Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC) & Disposal Site Advisory Committee (DSAC)

Joint Work Session

October 26, 2022 **Draft Minutes**

Members Present: Ken Eklund, Deborah Gile, Joel Geier, Marge Popp, Chuck Gilbert, and Mark Yeager
Republic Services: Absent
Staff Present: Daniel Redick
Public Present: Debbie Palmer
Location: Virtual

Call to Order/Introductions

Chair Ken Eklund called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.

Acknowledge receipt of public input

Accepting written comments from the public. Chair Eklund provided an overview of the comments received since August. Written comments available in the public comment packet.

Benton County Talks Trash Workgroup: Ambassadors' Liaison

The group discussed the priorities for the liaison discussion, and the process for providing feedback between the SWAC/DSAC members involved in BCTT and the rest of the SWAC/DSAC membership. The group then discussed the various BCTT subcommittees and the topics addressed, the scope of the BCTT work, concerns and opportunities for improvement in the process, valuable aspects of the process, general thoughts about the process so far.

The topic of complaint-driven enforcement was discussed, along with concerns about that process. The group also discussed SWAC/DSAC's role in addressing complaints, while the SWAC/DSAC meetings are limited to BCTT liaison opportunities at the BOC's direction. The group then discussed concerns about the BOC's direction limiting SWAC/DSAC meetings to BCTT liaison opportunities. Chair Eklund asked if the group would like to appeal the BOC's direction limiting SWAC/DSAC meetings to BCTT liaison opportunities, and the discussion was deferred to the next meeting.

Schedule next meeting, Wrap Up/Adjourn

Chair Eklund decided that scheduling the next meeting would take place through an online poll. Chair Eklund adjourned the meeting at 7:02 pm.



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Joint Work Session

November 16, 2022 **Draft Minutes**

Members Present: Ken Eklund, Deborah Gile, Marge Popp, Chuck Gilbert, Brent Pawlowski, and Mark Yeager
Republic Services: Absent
Staff Present: Daniel Redick
Public Present: Debbie Palmer, Kevin Kenaga
Location: Virtual

Call to Order/Introductions

Chair Ken Eklund called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Acknowledge receipt of public input

Accepting written comments from the public. Verbal public comment is currently unavailable. Chair Eklund mentioned who had provided some of the comments received since August. Written comments available in the public comment packet. Marge was concerned that the bookmarks were not available to navigate the comment packet.

Chair Eklund asked new member Brent Pawlowski to introduce themselves, and Brent provided some background information and their interest in SWAC/DSAC. Chair Eklund communicated that SWAC and DSAC are currently in a challenging time, driven by the Benton County Talks Trash Workgroup, and the BOC's direction limiting SWAC/DSAC meetings to BCTT liaison opportunities. Chair Eklund then explained the top priorities for SWAC/DSAC, and Daniel clarified that DSAC does not have a role in handling or responding to community member complaints, and that DSAC meetings are a forum for community member comments.

Benton County Talks Trash Workgroup: Ambassadors' Liaison

Chair Eklund discussed their concerns about Oregon public meeting laws as it relates to limiting DSAC member's participation (in quorum numbers) in BCTT workgroup subcommittees. Marge discussed these concerns related to their own participation in the BCTT workgroup subcommittees, and explained concerns in the BCTT process. Chair Eklund explained that they were concerned about the fairness of Oregon public meeting law requirements in the process and the County's interpretation of the laws. Because quorum numbers of DSAC members may not participate in BCTT subcommittees at one time, Chair Eklund proposed the DSAC chose members at random that should not participate in the

BCTT subcommittees, and that Marge volunteering to not participate in BCTT subcommittee work to meet public meeting law requirements is an unacceptable process. Marge believes the policy is wrong, and the use of the law is an attempt to control and constrain the public involvement process. Chuck was not sure why Marge was not able to participate in a BCTT subcommittee as member of the public if there was a quorum of DSAC members present. Daniel recommended that members with concerns or questions about this speak with County Counsel, and that it is not acceptable to knowingly violate public meeting laws regardless of enforcement expectations. Mark asked if the group can attend, listen, or participate in BCTT meetings in quorum numbers, and Daniel recommended that they ask County Counsel. Mark recommended that the group have a special meeting with County Counsel, and Daniel offered to reach out to County Counsel to ask about how to proceed.

The group then discussed concerns with the BCTT process, including the process of subcommittee work, BCTT webpage communications, the number of subcommittee meetings. Debi requested that the group discuss the BCTT subcommittee work in progress, and the group discussed the subcommittee work in progress as well as the work to be done moving forward. Daniel will send out links to all subcommittee webpages to the group.

Chair Eklund called for a December meeting to work on the DSAC Community Concerns Annual Report. Daniel explained that the BOC's direction limiting SWAC/DSAC meetings to BCTT liaison opportunities will prevent the group from working on other topics, and that the DSAC Community Concerns Annual Report does not have a specific due date to Oregon DEQ. Chair Eklund asked for the County Counsel to explain any limitations to DSAC's work.

Schedule next meeting, Wrap Up/Adjourn

Mark made a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Marge, the **MOTION** was unanimously approved, and meeting adjourned at 7:03pm.



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BENTON COUNTY Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC) & Disposal Site Advisory Committee (DSAC) Joint Work Session December 7, 2022 **Draft Minutes**

Members Present: Ken Eklund, Deborah Gile, Joel Geier, Chuck Gilbert, Marge Popp, Brent Pawlowski, John McEvoy, and Mark Yeager
Republic Services: Absent
Staff Present: Daniel Redick
Public Present: Debbie Palmer
Location: Virtual

Call to Order/Introductions

Chair Ken Eklund called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

Acknowledge receipt of public input

Chair Eklund mentioned who had provided some of the comments received in the meeting packet.

Benton County Talks Trash Workgroup: Ambassadors' Liaison

Marge discussed the Subcommittee E progress, regarding the County's effectiveness communicating with the community through various methods, including newspaper, mail, and email. Various subcommittee E members are addressing different aspects of the subcommittee report. Joel and Marge discussed including Polk County perspectives in BCTT. Joel and Marge also discussed the communications relating to the timing of future landfill CUP applications.

Chair Eklund said the Landfill Size, Capacity, and Longevity is moving along and following a report outline. He discussed the "quarry problem" where airspace is occupied by un-quarried rock. He said that he is working on factors that can potentially influence the landfill outside of physical parameters (legislation, activism, etc). Knife River and Republic Services are reportedly discussing the rate of quarry excavation, and the plans have not been shared with the subcommittee. Chuck shared that the subcommittee detailed landfill acreage and is working on maps for context.

Mark discussed a letter he had shared in November, explaining that Republic Services' contracts for incoming waste are largely not with Benton County, and the agreements are with other parties, and asked what rational options outside of landfilling are available. Chuck discussed the costs and benefits related to a regional planning approach.

Joel reported on the Sustainable Materials Management Plan subcommittee, and the group is drafting a plan outline, which will address many topics, including alternatives to

landfilling. There is a December 9th deadline for subcommittee to provide ideas for topics. Marge explained the 2040 Thriving Communities Initiative core values, and their potential role in a future request for proposals and sustainable materials management plan. Chair Eklund mentioned the subcommittee compiled topics from other management plans in Oregon.

Mark discussed the land use compliance subcommittee, which is meeting regularly and working on a document that lists landfill land use actions and associated conditions of approval.

Chair Eklund said that the Sustainable Materials Management Plan consultants would be able to use the kind of information addressed with the landfill size, capacity, longevity work. He expressed concern that the plan and consultant will not be relevant enough to the County and environmental challenges. Debi said that a plan using templates from previous plans will help prevent recreating the wheel.

Debi asked if the BOC has provided any direction regarding the status of meetings, and Daniel shared that the BOC has not provided any additional direction to SWAC.

Brent asked about the RFP timeline, and the group expressed that there is not a timeline that has been communicated, and that the plan will long term guidance beyond just the landfill details, and the County will determine the time scope.

Schedule next meeting, Wrap Up/Adjourn

Chair Eklund adjourned the meeting at 7:05pm.



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BENTON COUNTY

Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC) & Disposal Site Advisory Committee (DSAC)

Joint Work Session

January 18, 2023 **Draft Minutes**

Members Present: Ken Eklund, Deborah Gile, Marge Popp, Chuck Gilbert, Joel Geier, Brent Pawlowski, and Mark Yeager
Republic Services: Ian Macnab Absent
Members Excused:
Staff Present: Daniel Redick, Greg Verret
Public Present: Sam Imperati (ICM Resolutions), Rebecca Geier
Location: Virtual

Call to Order/Introductions

Chair Ken Eklund called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Acknowledge receipt of public input

Written feedback from the public has been received, and it will be reviewed further when SWAC and DSAC address regular business.

Acknowledge service on John McEvoy

Chair Eklund acknowledged John McEvoy's service, as his term has ended.

Benton County Talks Trash Workgroup: Ambassadors' Liaison

Marge said that the upcoming BCTT meeting will have the group review the most recent draft material from each subcommittee, and proposed SWAC and DSAC subcommittees to work on the material from BCTT subcommittees. Sam confirmed his intention is for SWAC and DSAC will review current draft material from each subcommittee in the upcoming SWAC/DSAC Joint Work Session (February 8th). Joel Geier asks for his December 6th comment to the Board to be included in the SWAC/DSAC packet, and Daniel confirmed that it was included in the packet. Chair Eklund said that he had not received a notification for this meeting, and Daniel confirmed that Chair Eklund was included in the meeting notice, and other members confirmed receipt of that notification. Marge said she had a hard time finding meeting information on the webpage. Marge expressed concern that the meeting packet includes comments going back to August 2022, and that Subcommittee E is working on public communications issues with processes like those regarding SWAC/DSAC communications. Mark asked if County staff, when receiving written comments from the public for SWAC/DSAC, inform commentor that SWAC/DSAC is not typically discussing written public comments during current meetings. Daniel said that Staff do not typically

communicate details about current limitations to SWAC/DSAC meeting agendas, but that it is something that staff can communicate in the future. Mark recommended that staff provide the public with more detail about SWAC/DSAC's current BCTT focus. Chair Eklund asked for SWAC/DSAC members to forward him written comments on the draft BCTT report ahead of the next SWAC/DSAC meeting on February 8th, which will be a two hour meeting from 6pm-8pm.

The group then discussed subcommittee work. Marge provided an overview of Subcommittee E's charge, which revolves around history and communication patterns. She said they researched newspaper archives, and found readily accessible information regarding SWAC meetings in the past. She also noted that she is not able to see public comments for BCTT, and that the webpage should be updated. Sam shared that SWAC and DSAC will have access to a word document and PDF version of the BCTT report draft #3 for comments, and Daniel confirmed that they would be available via links.

Mark Discussed the Land Use Subcommittee work and described the group's charge. They worked their way through many conditions of approval, and are developing key findings, and Republic Services staff are working on providing feedback on the subcommittee draft.

Chair Eklund discussed the Sustainable Materials Management Plan (SMMP) Subcommittee work and described focus areas and the work process so far. The group is preparing a table of contents and a list of questions to cover important topics they would like to have included in the SMMP, including circular economy concepts.

Chair Eklund discussed the A1 subcommittee (Landfill Size, Capacity and Longevity) charge, and complexities associated with determining landfill size and longevity. Chair Eklund reported that Republic Services is in discussion with Knife River about the quarry timeline for Cell 6, which impacts landfill operations. He also mentioned that Republic Services accepted more waste than expected starting in 2017, and the expansion of the landfill was not approved, leading to challenges with landfill size, capacity, and longevity. Chuck discussed the engineering design of the landfill.

Daniel informed the group that the next BCTT report draft will be released on 1/25/23, and that he will reach out to the group with guidance on how to provide comments.

Wrap Up/Adjourn

Chair Ken Eklund adjourned the meeting at 7:02pm.

BENTON COUNTY
Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC) &
Disposal Site Advisory Committee (DSAC)
Joint Work Session
February 8, 2023 Draft Minutes

Members Present: Ken Eklund, Marge Popp, Chuck Gilbert, Joel Geier, Brent Pawlowski and Mark Yeager

Republic Services: Ginger Richardson, Ian Macnab Absent

Members Excused: Deborah Gile

Staff Present: Daniel Redick, Greg Verret, Darren Nichols

Public Present:

Location: Virtual

Call to Order/Introductions

Chair Ken Eklund called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

BCTT Work Group: Draft Report Review

The group discussed the draft of the BCTT report. Joel and Ken discussed that the document is not a mature document, and that it is in process. The draft version includes notes, comments, and proposed edits. Ken requested that the group send him feedback on the report after the meeting, so that he can send the Work Group feedback. Marge requested that Ken read Debi Gile's comments that Debi shared ahead of the meeting, and Ken said that comments will not identify the contributing member, and that he would not share Debi's comments. He then provided a higher-level overview about the type of comments that Debi provided.

The group then discussed the following sections of the report, which can be found here - [PDF Format](#); [History Document](#):

- a) A3-B1 Subcommittee (Legal): pp. 40-47; pp. 393-456.
 - a. Topics discussed include rights and obligations associated with future expansion applications, SWAC's roles, the 2002 MOU interpretation about prior conditions of approval, clarifying the scope of sustainable materials management vs. solid waste management, wetland regulation and inventories/significance determination.
- b) C1 Subcommittee (SMMP): pp. 60-66; pp. 193-235
 - a. Topics discussed include the improved version of this subcommittee report, expression of sustainability and environmental core values, circular economy and full lifecycle approach, the priority level of SMMP work related to the rest of the report, subcommittee report development process, the scope and detail

of the draft report, fidelity of the report compared to subcommittee conversations, concerns with the SMMP subcommittee process and overall BCTT process, existing resources and alternatives, best practices (in Oregon, nationally, and internationally), standards of public outreach, regional management perspectives.

- c) E1 Subcommittee (Community Education): pp. 67–73; pp. 457–474
 - a. Topics discussed include the cooperation between the group members and staff, SWAC and community influence over solid waste processes, advertisements for community feedback, value of the history component, communications/notification radii.
- d) A2 Subcommittee (Past Land Use): pp. 48–55; pp. 236–392
 - a. Topics discussed include the volume of work completed and in progress, status of introductory paragraph, resolution for determining compliance status of various conditions of approval, 2002 MOU implications on compliance status, determination of cell/landfill closure, monitoring and enforcement of conditions of approval, use of franchise fees, compliant process, view and screening of landfills, applicability and context of previous conditions.
- e) A1 Subcommittee (Landfill Size/Life): pp. 56–60; pp. 105–192
 - a. Topics discussed include the complexities of longevity estimation, complexities of size and capacity, closure and “capped” terminology, future factors that have landfill longevity implications, waste recovery technologies, the A1 section’s relationship with the SMMP section, variability on waste inflow as it relates to landfill business contracts and airspace budget, and how various perspectives are included. Chuck mentioned the importance of drawing on subject matter expertise when lacking knowledge on a topic, while Chair Eklund disagreed and said he instead relies on imagination.
- f) History section
 - a. Topics discussed include the timeline of landfill site history, inaccuracies, site compliance, emphasis on Soap Creek Valley and the variety of communities near the landfill, the time constraints of addressing concerns in this section, concerns about the accuracy of neighborhood tour minutes, missing leachate incidents, inclusion of a decommissioned well, and updates not included in this version and the evolving nature of the document.

Comments from SWAC/DSAC are due in written form to the Workgroup by February 10, 2023. Chair Eklund said that both general and specific comments are valuable and encouraged referencing page numbers. Director Nichols reminded SWAC that emails regarding SWAC decision-making must be publicly available, and Chair Eklund said that emails will come directly to him from members, and members should include staff of that email as well.

Wrap Up/Adjourn

Chair Ken Eklund adjourned the meeting at 8:03pm.



BENTON COUNTY
Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC) &
Disposal Site Advisory Committee (DSAC)
Joint Work Session
March 15, 2023 Draft Minutes

Members Present: Ken Eklund, Deborah Gile, Marge Popp, Chuck Gilbert, Joel Geier and Mark Yeager
Republic Services: Absent
Staff Present: Daniel Redick, Greg Verret
Public Present:
Location: Virtual

Call to Order/Introductions

Chair Ken Eklund called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

Acknowledge receipt of public input

Chair Eklund acknowledged that SWAC/DSAC has received written comments from the public. Verbal public comment is currently unavailable, as the Board of Commissioners directed the group to focus on Benton County Talks Trash (BCTT) during liaison opportunities, which are limited to one hour.

Benton County Talks Trash Workgroup: Ambassadors' Liaison

Chair Eklund asked for comments about the BCTT draft report and process. The group then reported on their work with the various BCTT subcommittees, and shared information about the workgroup process. Chair Eklund said the A.1. subcommittee process was a horrific process, that they received significant pushback, that they did not feel listened to, that the process was not inclusive, and that there were abuses of the process. Marge said that they were happy with the outcome, and Chuck agreed that the process resulted in clarity. The group discussed SWAC and DSAC role in the Sustainable Materials Management planning process. Debi asked if there were links available to the most recent draft reports, and Daniel confirmed that they will send it out to the group. The group then discussed the upcoming polling process, and the workgroup representatives (Marge and Chuck) asked for SWAC/DSAC members to reach out to them with any questions. The group then discussed the next steps for the report, and possible outcomes, including a discussion of the process for a future conditional use permit (CUP) application from Coffin Butte Landfill, and a potential timeline and scope for a Sustainable Materials Management Plan (SMMP). The group then discussed if Republic Services would wait until an SMMP is completed before filing a CUP application. Chair Eklund expressed concerns about the BCTT process generally, regarding difficulty of information coming forward.

Discussion about the packet/backlog

Chair Eklund asked if Daniel has requested that the BOC direct SWAC/DSAC to resume regular meetings. Daniel explained that the BOC is aware of the request, and will direct SWAC/DSAC when they are to resume regular meetings. Chair Eklund said that he would send in a request to the BOC to resume regular SWAC/DSAC meetings.

The group then discussed Republic Services and Knife River's excavation of the quarry area of the landfill. Chuck will look into it further.

Schedule next meeting, Wrap Up/Adjourn

Chair Ken Eklund adjourned the meeting at 6:05pm.



2021 Coffin Butte Landfill Community Member Concerns Annual Staff Report

DRAFT

Prepared By: Daniel Redick, Benton County Community Development Department, Solid Waste Program

Preparation Date: July 20, 2022

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. Note that DEQ has not requested these reports from Benton County staff this year or in previous years.

Benton County staff has prepared the following staff report summarizing community member concerns regarding Coffin Butte Landfill in 2021, 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 Coffin Butte Landfill & Pacific Region Compost Annual Report 2021, complaints received by Benton County staff, and any concerns presented during Benton County Disposal Site Advisory Committee and Solid Waste Advisory Council meetings (see Appendices A and B for 2021 meeting minutes).

In 2021, a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application to expand the landfill site was denied by the Benton County Planning Commission, and many community member concerns about the landfill and the proposed expansion were received throughout that process. This report does not detail each of the community member concerns received throughout that public hearing process, however, the topics of concern include: acceptance of out-of-county waste, groundwater quality, air quality, odor, greenhouse gas emissions, roadside litter and debris, wildlife, vehicle traffic, and other impacts to nearby properties. These various concerns are generally acknowledged in Table 1 below. Several of the concerns received during Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC) and DSAC meetings in 2021 were also related to the CUP application to expand the landfill and are detailed in Table 1.

There were thirty-two community member concerns reported during 2021, as detailed in Table 1, which include three reported odor notices, and sixteen complaints sent directly to Oregon DEQ. The most prevalent topic among the landfill concerns was the acceptance of out-of-county waste, which was a reoccurring concern relating to the landfill's CUP application.

Coffin Butte Landfill Concern Log 2021 (Benton County)				
#	Date	Category	Received By	Response
1	Apr-21	Price	Coffin Butte Landfill	None
2	Apr-21	Roadside Litter and debris - Hwy 99	Benton County	Notified Republic Services, requested further investigation
3	Jul-21	"Other"	Coffin Butte Landfill	None
4	Aug-21	GHG emissions, acceptance and prices for out-of-county waste	SWAC	None
5	Sep-21	Public Tipping Area	Coffin Butte Landfill	None
6	Sep-21	Odor	Coffin Butte Landfill / DEQ	Landfill responded, documented, and reported
7	Oct-21	Noise, Traffic	DSAC	None
8	Oct-21	Water quality, acceptance of out-of-county waste	SWAC	None
9	Oct-21	Noise	SWAC	None
10	Oct-21	Traffic, roadside debris	SWAC	None
11	Oct-21	Safety, water quality, wildlife	SWAC	None
12	Nov-21	Odor	Coffin Butte Landfill / DEQ	Landfill responded, documented, and reported
13	Dec-21	Odor	Coffin Butte Landfill / DEQ	Landfill responded, documented, and reported
14	Dec-21	Acceptance of out-of-county waste	SWAC	None
15	Dec-21	Acceptance of out-of-county waste	SWAC	None
16	Dec-21	Property and farming impacts	SWAC	None
	Nov- Dec - 21	16 Complaints sent directly to DEQ (No detailed Information Provided by DEQ)	DEQ	None
	Various	Various concerns during the LU-21-047 public hearing process	Benton County Planning Commission	None

Table 1: Coffin Butte Landfill Concern Log, summarizing concerns reported to Benton County staff, Benton County Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC), Benton County Disposal Site Advisory Committee (DSAC), Benton County Planning Commission, Coffin Butte Landfill, and Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

Coffin Butte Landfill Concern Log 2021 (DSAC & SWAC)		
Month	Concerns Received	Description
Jan	0	
Feb	0	
Mar	0	
Apr	0	
May	0	
Jun	0	
Jul	0	
Aug	1	GHG emissions, acceptance and prices for out-of-county waste
Sep	0	
Oct	5	- Noise, Traffic - Water quality, acceptance of out-of-county waste - Noise - Traffic, roadside debris - Safety, water quality, wildlife
Nov	0	
Dec	3	- Acceptance of out-of-county waste - Acceptance of out-of-county waste - Property and farming impacts
Totals	9	

Table 2: Concerns received by Benton County Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC) and Benton County Disposal Site Advisory Committee (DSAC).

Valley Landfills, Inc. 2021 Complaint Log					
Month	Price	Public Tipping Area	Other	Pacific Region Compost	Monthly Total
Jan	0	0	0	0	0
Feb	0	0	0	0	0
Mar	0	0	0	0	0
Apr	1	0	0	0	1
May	0	0	0	0	0
Jun	0	0	0	0	0
Jul	0	0	1	0	1
Aug	0	0	0	0	0
Sep	0	1	0	0	1
Oct	0	0	0	0	0
Nov	0	0	0	0	0
Dec	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	1	1	1	0	3

Table 3: Concerns received by Coffin Butte Landfill (table sourced from Coffin Butte Landfill and Pacific Region Compost Annual Report 2021).

The landfill received, responded to, documented, and reported 1 odor notifications to DEQ. The landfill was informed of, responded to and documented 2 odor notifications from DEQ for reports they received.

Coffin Butte Landfill Odor Notices								
Month	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Jan	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Feb	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Mar	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Apr	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0
May	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jun	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jul	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aug	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Oct	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Nov	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Dec	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	5	2	2	0	0	1	4	3

* In February 2022, DEQ provided 16 complaints from the November to December 2021 time period. DEQ did not include information regarding the nature of the complaints.

Table 4: Concerns received by Coffin Butte Landfill (content and table sourced from Coffin Butte Landfill and Pacific Region Compost Annual Report 2021).

From: [Joel Geier](#)
To: [Sam Imperati](#); [Benton County Talks Trash](#)
Cc: [VERRET Greg J](#); [REDICK Daniel](#); [NICHOLS Darren](#); [Ken Eklund](#)
Subject: Re: Let's have a SWAC work session this Friday, ahead of the BCTT last meeting
Date: Thursday, March 30, 2023 4:59:43 PM
Attachments: [writerguy-cube2.png](#)

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Sam and all,

If that last emergency meeting hasn't already happened for subcommittee E (or whichever subcommittee is dealing with the "history" section)

Could you please also ask them to consider adding a mention of the transferral of responsibility for SWAC/DSAC from the county Health Department to the Development Department?

That happened quite recently, I believe with Gordon Brown's retirement as Environmental Health specialist in 2018, and it seems to mark a significant turn in how SWAC/DSAC are managed.

I asked the Board of Commissioners why that happened, during my onboarding interview for SWAC. As I recall, Commissioner Augerot explained that it was viewed as a half-time position that needed to be split between departments, for funding reasons. More or less by happenstance, they decided to shift that half-time responsibility to CDD instead of Environmental Health.

In retrospect, this seems to have been a very important milestone leading to a breakdown in what had previously been fairly positive community communications, with a commitment to the environmental health aspects of the landfill, and shifting more toward treating the landfill as simply a development code issue with minimal community involvement.

I know you don't want to try to cram all of that into the report at the last minute, but it would be meaningful to at least note when this responsibility was shifted between departments.

Thanks,
Joel

From: "Ken Eklund" <writerguy@writerguy.com>
To: "VERRET" <Greg.J.Verret@bentoncountyor.gov>
Cc: "REDICK Daniel" <daniel.redick@bentoncountyor.gov>, "NICHOLS Darren" <darren.nichols@bentoncountyor.gov>, "Sam Imperati" <samimperati@icmresolutions.com>, "Benton County Talks Trash" <bentoncountytalkstrash@bentoncountyor.gov>, "Joel Geier" <clearwater@peak.org>

Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 4:29:41 PM

Subject: Re: Let's have a SWAC work session this Friday, ahead of the BCTT last meeting

I echo what Joel has said here... this meeting could still happen.

I am formally requesting that in the future, CDD is prepared to have other county resources step in if they are unable to support SWAC for whatever reason. I had thought that this contingency was already covered, because all this already happened before, in September of last year, when CDD cancelled the regular SWAC/DSAC meeting and cited lack of staffing as the reason. Darren and I had a conversation then, and I brought up how the bylaws indicate that the County is responsible for support (not just CDD) and we talked about which other departments might be able to fill in, and Darren reinstated the meeting.

I don't want to have this conversation a third time, so if CDD could build in a little resilience in advance that would be a big help. It would also help dispel the notion that staffing is not an actual issue at all, but an excuse that's used to prevent SWAC meetings from happening.

All best,

Ken



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On Mar 30, 2023, at 4:18 PM, Joel Geier <clearwater@peak.org> wrote:

Greg,

This is very disappointing. The Development Division has pulled out all the stops to facilitate extra work sessions of BCTT, and some of us recall how you did the same thing to expedite SWAC's handling of Republic's previous CUP application (LU-21-047).

Ever since this process started last August, SWAC has been sidelined from its normal activities -- in effect, suspended -- and limited to just two "ambassadors" who now are not even being given a chance to talk to group that they're supposed to be representing.

One of my public comments will certainly be to urge that responsibility for SWAC and DSAC should go back to the Health Department (which I believe is still stated in some documents). I've learned that, during the years when the Health Department was responsible, there was a widespread perception including in other counties, that Benton County's SWAC was really exemplary.

Perhaps you could still ask the Health Department, while we have another 25 hours before the proposed work session.. I've been curious why they've been almost completely left out of the BCTT process, considering their past importance in this role.

Joel

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To: "Ken Eklund" <writerguy@writerguy.com>
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Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 3:15:46 PM
Subject: RE: Let's have a SWAC work session this Friday, ahead of the BCTT last meeting

Ken,

Community Development will not be shifting responsibility for staffing a SWAC meeting to another department on such short notice and without the capacity to coordinate with that department.

SWAC members have provided significant support to the BCTT process. There will also

be an extensive public comment period to the Board of Commissioners once the final BCTT Workgroup Report is submitted.

-Greg

Greg Verret

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Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 12:26 PM

To: VERRET Greg J <Greg.J.Verret@bentoncountyor.gov>

Cc: REDICK Daniel <daniel.redick@bentoncountyor.gov>; NICHOLS Darren

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Subject: Re: Let's have a SWAC work session this Friday, ahead of the BCTT last meeting

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Thanks, Greg, but this does not address the heart of my query, which is: when you say "Benton County is unable" aren't you really saying "CDD is unable"?

The bylaws state that "the County shall provide staff" for a duly called SWAC meeting, which this is. The bylaws do not limit which department that staff can come from.

The Council is also are trying to respond to changing circumstances with the BCTT Workgroup, in the ways which the Board of Commissioners has urged us to use, so I am asking again for CDD to support us in this.

All best,

Ken

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On Mar 30, 2023, at 11:43 AM, VERRET Greg J
<Greg.J.Verret@bentoncountyor.gov> wrote:

Ken,

Darren, Daniel and I conferred on this. Benton County does not have capacity to support an additional SWAC meeting this week. Staff are fully engaged in supporting the BCTT workgroup as it finalizes its extensive work and we believe this focus is consistent with the direction from the Board of County Commissioners, confirmed at the March 21 Board meeting.

We were glad to be able to support a productive SWAC discussion of the BCTT draft report on March 15. An additional meeting on such short notice and at this time in the BCTT process is not possible.

Thanks to you and other SWAC members who have contributed in significant ways to the BCTT process.

-Greg

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From: Ken Eklund <futureeverything@writerguy.com>

Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 10:22 AM

To: REDICK Daniel <daniel.redick@bentoncountyor.gov>

Cc: Marge Popp <marge@jyo.com>; Chuck Gilbert (crgilbert@comcast.net) <crgilbert@comcast.net>; NICHOLS Darren <darren.nichols@bentoncountyor.gov>; Brent Pawlowski <brentpawlowski@gmail.com>; Mark Yeager <mayeager@gmail.com>; Joel Geier <clearwater@peak.org>; Deborah Gile <deborah.gile@gmail.com>

Subject: Re: Let's have a SWAC work session this Friday, ahead of the BCTT last meeting

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Hi Daniel,

I'd like to request more detail about Benton County not being able to support a meeting this Friday. Who all was asked?

The relevant bit of SWAC bylaws is this:

1. **Staffing: Staff for recording the proceedings of the Council shall be provided by the County.**

I've had a conversation with Darren about this previously: if CDD staff is not available, then staff from other departments should be queried to serve. Other departments have staff that record public meetings.

The bylaws are pretty clear that staff "shall be provided by the County" for meetings called by the Council.

Thanks,

Ken

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On Mar 29, 2023, at 5:11 PM, REDICK Daniel
<daniel.redick@bentoncountyor.gov> wrote:

Greetings Chair Eklund and SWAC/DSAC members,

Benton County is not able to support a meeting this Friday, so there will not be a SWAC/DSAC work session before the last BCTT meeting on Monday.

Best,

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Cc: "Mark Yeager" <mayeager@gmail.com>, "Brent Pawlowski" <brentpawlowski@gmail.com>, "Deborah Gile" <deborah.gile@gmail.com>, "Marge Popp" <marge@jyo.com>,

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<darren.nichols@bentoncountyor.gov>, "Ken Eklund"
<futureeverything@writerguy.com>

Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 5:52:25 PM

Subject: Re: Let's have a SWAC work session this Friday, ahead of the BCTT last meeting

Having internet problems here, but can we consider an in-person meeting if county staff aren't able to facilitate a digital meeting?

This seems really important, especially as our "ambassadors" to BCTT are asking for our input before they vote.

From: Ken Eklund <futureeverything@writerguy.com>

Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 2:36 PM

To: REDICK Daniel <daniel.redick@bentoncountyor.gov>; Mark Yeager <mayeager@gmail.com>; Joel Geier <clearwater@peak.org>; Brent Pawlowski <brentpawlowski@gmail.com>; Deborah Gile <deborah.gile@gmail.com>

Cc: Marge Popp <marge@jyo.com>; Chuck Gilbert (crgilbert@comcast.net) <crgilbert@comcast.net>; NICHOLS Darren <darren.nichols@bentoncountyor.gov>

Subject: Let's have a SWAC work session this Friday, ahead of the BCTT last meeting

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Hello Daniel and SWAC members,

I talked with Chuck and Marge, our Ambassadors to the Trash Talk Workgroup, and we'd like to have a SWAC work session before the last BCTT meeting on Monday, so that we can hear their thoughts about the remaining issues with the Work Group report and the other SWAC members can give them their guidance.

The proposed time is this Friday 31 March from 5 – 6 pm. Daniel, I'm requesting a meeting at that time – what does the County say? Are we on? Perhaps Maren or someone can host if you're not available?

All best,

Ken

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To: [Brent Pawlowski](#); [Chuck Gilbert](#); deborah.gile@gmail.com; ["IMacnab@republicservices.com"](mailto:IMacnab@republicservices.com); [Joel Geier](#); [Ken Eklund](#); [marge popp](#); ["Mark Yeager"](#)
Cc: [REDICK Daniel](#); [NICHOLS Darren](#)
Subject: Retirement
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2023 9:55:56 AM

SWAC/DSAC Members,

I'm writing to let you know that I will be retiring from Benton County on June 1st. Darren, Daniel and I are coordinating closely regarding this transition, including oversight of the solid waste program. Daniel will continue to be your point of contact with the department.

Thank you for your continuing service to the community. I wish you the best in the endeavors ahead.

-Greg

Greg Verret

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Cc: [Marge Popp](#); [Joel Geier](#); [Mark Yeager](#); [Brent Pawlowski](#); [Chuck Gilbert \(crgilbert@comcast.net\)](#); [Macnab, Ian](#); [Deborah Gile](#)
Subject: RE: I'm proposing a "regular" DSAC/SWAC meeting on Weds May 31
Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2023 5:07:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

Hi Ken,

The Board of Commissioners has directed staff, the Planning Commission, and SWAC/DSAC, not to engage in solid waste discussions until the Board instructs each group to do so. The Board of Commissioners has not directed SWAC or DSAC to have meetings, so there will not be a meeting on May 31. There will not be any SWAC or DSAC meetings until the Board of Commissioners directs SWAC or DSAC to meet.

I will not respond to further emails about scheduling SWAC or DSAC meetings until the Board of Commissioners directs SWAC or DSAC to have meetings. Staff will communicate with SWAC and DSAC members about any directives from the Board of Commissioners.

Best,



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Sent: Monday, May 22, 2023 4:43 PM
To: REDICK Daniel <daniel.redick@bentoncountyor.gov>
Cc: Marge Popp <marge@jyo.com>; Joel Geier <clearwater@peak.org>; Mark Yeager <mayeager@gmail.com>; Brent Pawlowski <brentpawlowski@gmail.com>; Chuck Gilbert (crgilbert@comcast.net) <crgilbert@comcast.net>; Macnab, Ian <IMacnab@republicservices.com>; Deborah Gile <deborah.gile@gmail.com>
Subject: I'm proposing a "regular" DSAC/SWAC meeting on Weds May 31

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Hi Daniel, and everyone,

As I understand it, the BCTT process concludes this Friday May 26 – so I’m proposing that we initiate a return to normal meetings by having our May meeting on Weds May 31, at 6 pm as usual – see attached agenda.

I understand from Darren that things that involve the BoC are still delayed, but our meetings don’t involve the BoC, so I’m hoping they can move forward.

Let me (and everyone) know if this can happen, or what the situation is?

All best,

Ken



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To: [Ken Eklund](#)
Cc: [REDICK Daniel](#); [Brent Pawlowski](#); [Deborah Gile](#); [Charles Gilbert](#); [Joel Geier](#); [Marge Popp](#); [Macnab, Ian](#); [Mark Yeager](#); [HOFFMAN Suzanne](#); [MALONE Patrick](#); [AUGEROT Xanthippe](#); [WYSE Nancy](#)
Subject: RE: Formal call for SWAC/DSAC to resume regularly scheduled meetings, beginning next Thursday, June 29
Date: Thursday, June 22, 2023 8:27:10 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[DSACSWAC Agenda June 2023.pdf](#)
[DSAC Agenda June 2023.pdf](#)

Good morning Ken,

Thank you for your message – I am passing this along to the Board of Commissioners for their information as well.

SWAC and DSAC serve at the pleasure of the County Board, which has substantial deference and express flexibility in how the Board chooses to meet its statutory requirements under ORS 459.320(2). The Board has chosen to focus County solid waste discussions at BCTT and with the Board itself following the delivery of the BCTT report.

The Board of Commissioners will provide additional direction to the SWAC and DSAC when it is ready to do so. Until then, neither SWAC members nor staff are authorized to resume SWAC or DSAC meetings.

Thanks again,
Darren

From: Ken Eklund <futureeverything@writerguy.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2023 11:29 AM
To: NICHOLS Darren <darren.nichols@bentoncountyor.gov>
Cc: REDICK Daniel <daniel.redick@bentoncountyor.gov>; Brent Pawlowski <brentpawlowski@gmail.com>; Deborah Gile <deborah.gile@gmail.com>; Charles Gilbert <crgilbert@outlook.com>; Joel Geier <clearwater@peak.org>; Marge Popp <marge@jyo.com>; Macnab, Ian <IMacnab@republicservices.com>; Mark Yeager <mayeager@gmail.com>
Subject: Formal call for SWAC/DSAC to resume regularly scheduled meetings, beginning next Thursday, June 29

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Hi Darren, and everyone,

As Chair of SWAC and DSAC, I am calling for those groups to resume regularly scheduled meetings, beginning next Thursday, June 29. To that end I have attached an agenda for that meeting.

I am aware the Board of Commissioners responded to my call for meeting last month, in brief saying to wait for them to finish their deliberations on the BCTT report (“Don’t call us, we’ll call you”). I believe Nancy Wyse said that will take “some little time.” SWAC and DSAC, however, are legally

responsible to uphold the law as pertains to those organizations, and I especially so as Chair. The lengthy suspension of our normal meetings has had a severe impact on our ability to uphold the responsibilities given to us by that law, and further suspension just increases that impairment. In particular, the prolonged suspension of normal meetings has severely compromised our ability to engage with the public – a core mission of SWAC and DSAC. To uphold our responsibilities, therefore, on behalf of the groups I am impelled to call again to resume regular meetings, and trust you will take this request to the BoC and seek their timely approval.

Failing that, as Chair of DSAC, I am calling for that Committee to resume its regularly scheduled meetings, beginning next Thursday, June 29. To that end I have attached an agenda for that meeting.

As you are aware, DSAC's operations are mandated by state law, and that law requires the County to assist DSAC to meet.

In upcoming meetings, SWAC and DSAC will want to see the community comments and complaints received by the County and by Republic Services about the landfill for the years 2021 and 2022, so this is a request to staff to compile those and provide to the members for preview before the meeting. I'll just note here that SWAC and DSAC have a sizable backlog, and staff help is going to be necessary to get us through it.

Respectfully,

Ken



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From: [Joel Geier](#)
To: [REDICK Daniel](#); [NICHOLS Darren](#)
Cc: [Erin Bradley](#)
Subject: Re: Industrial/drilling activity on Coffin Butte landfill forest buffer lands?
Date: Thursday, July 27, 2023 11:38:10 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Hi Daniel and Darren,

A follow-up is that we are not hearing those noises today. So the activity causing the noise must have stopped shortly after I brought it to the attention first of DEQ, then you and the Board of Commissioners.

I see that Erin sent you a note giving more specifics regarding the impacts on her clients and volunteers.

Please include my complaint and Erin's in the materials for DSAC, whenever the county's suspension of SWAC and DSAC comes to an end, and DSAC is allowed to resume work on its mandatory annual reporting to DEQ.

Thanks,
Joel

From: "Joel Geier" <clearwater@peak.org>
To: "REDICK Daniel" <daniel.redick@bentoncountyor.gov>
Cc: "NICHOLS Darren" <darren.nichols@bentoncountyor.gov>, "Erin Bradley" <bitbybithorsetherapy@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2023 4:59:35 PM
Subject: Re: Industrial/drilling activity on Coffin Butte landfill forest buffer lands?

Hi Daniel,

Thanks for your quick reply.

This activity is not visible from the public roads (I tried driving around along Hwy 99W and Coffin Butte Road to see if I could spot the source), so I cannot provide any photos.

We and our neighbors the Bradleys have been hearing it every day this week (so 7/24, 7/25, and 7/26), usually in the morning hours starting around 8 am, and continuing intermittently until early afternoon. The banging usually lasts for a few seconds, with up to half a dozen "clangs," then it goes quiet again for periods of 15 or more minutes. The irregular and intermittent occurrence is part of the problem, since it starts abruptly without any warning.

Erin Bradley (copied here) might be able to add more details, as it's closer to where she works with horses and clients daily.

By triangulation on the direction of the sound, it seems to be coming from about 200 to 250 m back in the forest behind the Bradleys' barn, roughly in the area where Republic had proposed to locate at least one borehole (BH-13 on the attached map) in their "Development Area Hydrogeologic and Geotechnical Characterization Workplan" that their consultant (Tuppan) submitted to DEQ in July of 2021.

From past explorations (back when Brian May was the landfill site manager and I got permission from him to go in there and spray some of the scotch broom and other invasives that were spreading toward our properties on what was then Allied Waste land) I know that there is an old access road in that area. My impression is that the noise is coming from or near to that old road.

I'm glad to hear that you've started to monitor the landfill operation on a routine basis.

While out there, you might want to check on the permit status of the road that they bulldozed through native oak savanna habitat on the hillside just south of the landfill office (the northwesternmost peak of Tampico Ridge, historically known as Schulmerich Hill), also zoned as Forest Conservation, back in 2021 when they jumped the gun on development for their CUP application.

Thanks,
Joel

From: "REDICK Daniel" <daniel.redick@bentoncountyor.gov>
To: "Joel Geier" <clearwater@peak.org>
Cc: "NICHOLS Darren" <darren.nichols@bentoncountyor.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2023 3:49:10 PM
Subject: RE: Industrial/drilling activity on Coffin Butte landfill forest buffer lands?

Hi Joel,

County staff have not received a new application from Republic Services and have not been in discussion with Republic Services about a new landfill expansion application.

We are scheduling a routine site investigation. Do you have any additional information that might help us investigate this complaint, including photos, time and dates of the noise occurrences, or approximate location?

Thank you,

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Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2023 1:03 PM

To: REDICK Daniel <daniel.redick@bentoncountyor.gov>; NICHOLS Darren <darren.nichols@bentoncountyor.gov>

Cc: MALONE Patrick <Pat.Malone@bentoncountyor.gov>; AUGEROT Xanthippe <Xanthippe.Augerot@bentoncountyor.gov>; WYSE Nancy <nancy.wyse@bentoncountyor.gov>

Subject: Fwd: Industrial/drilling activity on Coffin Butte landfill forest buffer lands?

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Dear Daniel and Darren:

We and our neighbors are hearing what sounds like drilling activities in the Forest Conservation (FC) zoned buffer lands south of Coffin Butte Landfill, similar to what we heard in July-August of 2021, when Republic Services started work in preparation for the landfill expansion that was eventually rejected by the Planning Commission.

You can read my description below, in my note to Hugh Gao at Oregon DEQ.

I just got a call back from Hugh and he told me that there is no new permit application on file with DEQ that would authorize this activity. However he said that the landfill operators at Coffin Butte had told him that they were in discussions with Benton County about a permit application for a landfill expansion, already about a month ago.

So here are a couple of questions:

1) Have there been any discussions within the past month between Republic Services (or their agents) and County staff, regarding a pending permit application for landfill expansion?

2) Has Republic Services filed with the County for any conditional use permit that would allow them to conduct drilling on FC zoned land?

If no such permit has been issued, then please consider this as a complaint from adjacent landowners who are being impacted by what may be unpermitted activities on FC zoned land. Our neighbor, Erin Bradley, notes that these noises coming from the forest are causing stress for clients riding at the Bit By Bit horse therapy non-profit. As you may recall, this facility serves clients with a variety of special needs, some of whom are highly sensitive to abrupt loud noises.

Since that forest is also a very dense "dog-hair" stand with many dead branches, and this is fire season, the possibility that mechanized activities in the forest could spark a wildfire is also a very real concern to us and our neighbors.

I will appreciate your prompt attention to this problem.

Sincerely,
Joel Geier

From: "Joel Geier" <clearwater@peak.org>
To: "Hugh Gao" <Hugh.GAO@deq.oregon.gov>
Cc: "Erin Bradley" <bitbybithorsetherapy@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2023 10:45:48 AM
Subject: Industrial/drilling activity on Coffin Butte landfill forest buffer lands?

Dear Mr. Gao:

As residents living near Coffin Butte Landfill in Benton County, recently my neighbors and I have been hearing very loud metallic banging noises up in a forested area that is supposed to be a buffer between industrial operations on the landfill site, and nearby residential areas.

The noises are intermittent and sometimes loud enough to be disturbing to us as human residents, as well as livestock and pets.

Are you aware of any DEQ permitted activity on those lands that would be making such noises? Such as perhaps soil penetration tests using an autohammer, or percussion drilling?

The last time we heard noises like this up in the forested areas, we later learned that the landfill operators were drilling boreholes according to a "Development Area Hydrogeologic and Geotechnical Characterization Workplan" that was filed with DEQ in July of 2021, in connection with a plan for expanding the landfill southward into the buffer lands.

Have you or your department received any new work plans from the landfill operators or their agents for such activities in that area? If so, I would appreciate if you could share a copy of those plans and the schedule for these operations.

I'm cc:ing our neighbor Erin Bradley who has also noticed these noises, and has previously expressed concern about how these noises may impact equine therapy clients on the adjacent property.

Thank you,

Joel Geier

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From: [Ken Eklund](#)
To: [Marge Popp](#); [Joel Geier](#); [Chuck Gilbert](#); [Deborah Gile](#); [Brent Pawlowski](#)
Cc: [NICHOLS Darren](#); [REDICK Daniel](#)
Subject: Re: Benton County staff to recommend dissolution of SWAC tomorrow morn to BoC
Date: Monday, August 14, 2023 9:53:56 PM
Attachments: [writerguy-cube2.png](#)

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Hello again all,

Update on the update:

Link to the BoC packet is here:

https://www.co.benton.or.us/sites/default/files/fileattachments/board_of_commissioners_office/meeting/8438/230815_tu_packet.pdf

As I said below, the relevant information begins on page 72 of 107.

All best,

Ken



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On Aug 14, 2023, at 9:44 PM, Ken Eklund <futureeverything@writerguy.com> wrote:

Hello all,

Info update:

I see I forgot to include the appropriate link to the BoC packet:

https://www.co.benton.or.us/sites/default/files/fileattachments/board_of_commissioners_office/meeting/8438/230815a_tu.pdf

This agenda PDF also contains the Zoom link.

And I am mistaken about the start time: it's **11 am**, not 9 am tomorrow.

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Ken

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<futureeverything@writerguy.com> wrote:

Hello fellow SWACians and DSACians,

This is to let you know that at the Board of Commissioners meeting tomorrow morning, Darren Nichols and Daniel Redick plan to recommend to the BoC that SWAC be dissolved, effective immediately. The dissolution would last through the SMMP process, whereupon SWAC might be reconstituted again in some form.

Here's the relevant snippet:

Recommended Action 3:

Recognizing that the Board will benefit from a specialized committee to advise on the creation of a first-ever Sustainable Materials Management Plan and recognizing the limited capacity of the Board and staff to support multiple committees, staff recommends that the Board leave in place its statutorily defined disposal site advisory committee and dissolve its

existing solid waste advisory committee for the duration of the sustainable materials management planning process.

Staff further recommends that the Board assign any duties of the previous solid waste advisory council to the newly formed ad hoc committee and direct staff to develop a formal charge for the ad hoc committee that is consistent with the roles of the solid waste advisory committee and the disposal site advisory committee. Finally, staff recommends that, at its September 5, 2023, meeting, the Board provide specific direction to the disposal site advisory committee for resuming and fulfilling its role.

Proposed Motion 3:

“I move to dissolve the Benton County solid waste advisory committee effective immediately and direct staff to develop a committee charge consistent with the roles of the solid waste advisory council and the disposal site advisory committee.”

The BoC packet can be found here; the material begins on page 72 of 107, the snippet comes from page 73.

You'll see there is a public comment period on the agenda for tomorrow's BoC meeting, early on at 9 am, if you wanted to speak about this recommendation from staff. The item itself is near the end of the agenda. I don't see any provision for any public comment on this action, and as you know, staff did not inform us (I found this out through my own channels).

For reference I'm attaching a PDF of Benton County Code, chapter 23; the sections relevant to SWAC begin at 23.010.

This is an announcement and FYI only, please do not reply-all.

All best,

Ken

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Cc: [NICHOLS Darren](#); [MCGUIRE Sean](#); [HOFFMAN Suzanne](#); [WYSE Nancy](#); [MALONE Patrick](#); [AUGEROT Xanthippe](#)
Subject: BOC changes to SWAC structure and function during SMMP
Date: Wednesday, August 16, 2023 3:15:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Greetings,

As the Benton County Board of Commissioners looks ahead to the unique needs of a long range sustainable materials management planning project, the Board is taking several steps to learn and grow into the new regional role(s) that will expand Benton County's capacity to collaboratively engage Oregon counties and state agencies in a future-looking plan for sustainable materials.

Yesterday, the Board took the first of those steps:

- The Board accepted a revised draft request for proposal, with special thanks to the work of a temporary committee;
- The Board dissolved the Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC) in its current form and authorized the creation of a new ad hoc sustainable materials management advisory group. The newly authorized ad hoc committee will be structured specifically to advise the consulting team, staff and the Board for the duration of the sustainable materials management planning process;
- The Board directed staff to develop a charge for the ad hoc committee that is consistent with the County code and existing charges for SWAC and DSAC, and meets the needs of the sustainable materials management planning project; and
- The Board asked staff to develop a proposal for a "listening session" for community feedback into the sustainable materials management planning process (to be held in September or October 2023).

These changes will help address the County's need for a specialized advisory committee for sustainable materials management planning, and recognizes staff's limited capacity to support multiple committees. The Board will develop a formal charge and consider appointing members to the ad hoc committee in the coming weeks – current SWAC members and BCTT members will be included in consideration for participation on the newly authorized ad hoc sustainable materials management planning committee. We will send you all more information once the board establishes a selection process for committee members.

Please note that the statutorily mandated Disposal Site Advisory Committee (DSAC) will remain in place, and the Board is expected to provide more specific direction to DSAC during its upcoming meetings, including at its next meeting on September 5, 2023.

We appreciate you all for volunteering with SWAC/DSAC and we look forward to working with you at future DSAC meetings.

Thank you,

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From: [Joel Geier](#)
To: [REDICK Daniel](#)
Cc: [Erin Bradley](#)
Subject: Landfill noise complaint: followup and request for corrective action
Date: Wednesday, September 6, 2023 9:18:19 AM

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Dear Daniel:

Based on my own independent investigation and information from third parties, I eventually figured out the source of the disturbingly loud industrial noises that caused disturbance for us, our neighbors, and their clients, as I reported to you back in July.

The source of the noise turns out to have been a drilling rig that was operating intermittently during that time period, very high up on the east part of the landfill, to drill more methane capture wells. This action was apparently being carried out in response to excessive methane emissions that were detected in the same part of the landfill, during a US Environmental Protection Agency inspection in June of 2022.

Since the top of the landfill has now reached an elevation close to 500 feet (with the mast of the drilling rig adding another 20 feet to that) there is now a direct path for noise to travel from that part of the landfill the nearby residential yards (elevation around 310 ft). There is only a small hilltop (elevation around 380 feet) in between, which is partly forested but (according to Google Earth images from 2022) with large gaps including in a topographic saddle where the sound funnels through.

The attached satellite image from shows the situation, with the direct line of noise propagation indicated as a white line from the SE corner of the top lift of the landfill, through the mostly unforested topographic saddle, right through our neighbors' barn, and on through our back yard and those of our neighbors to the south.

In other words, the problem appears to be inadequate screening to protect neighboring residences from excessive noise caused by landfill operations, counter to the conditions of approval for past Conditional Use Permits.

Please register this as a complaint about an apparent violation of county conditions of approval for this landfill operation. I am asking you to bring this promptly to the attention of the county's code compliance officer to investigate, and to enforce past conditions of approval as appropriate.

Please also share this complaint with the state-mandated Disposal Site Advisory Committee so that it can be addressed by the company's representative at the next DSAC meeting, and included in DSAC's annual report for 2023.

Finding a remedy to this situation is the responsibility of the landfill operator. One immediate remedy would be for the operators to cease all operations on the east half

of the uppermost lift of the landfill, until effective sound barriers can be put in place. Planting trees in the gaps that are visible on the satellite image could be a solution in the long term, but will require many years to be effective.

If particular emergency situations arise (such as the hazardous levels of methane found by the US EPA inspector last summer), at the very least the landfill operators should be notifying neighbors in advance of the potential service.

We regularly receive notifications from Knife River Corp. ahead of their blasting operations, and appreciate their efforts to be a good neighbor. Valley Landfills could be doing the same, if there are emergency situations where they cannot avoid causing similar disturbance.

Yours sincerely,
Joel Geier

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Subject: Re: Disposal Site Advisory Committee (DSAC) Meeting - 11/16/23
Date: Thursday, September 14, 2023 5:40:19 PM

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P.S. At this late date, you could consider running a Doodle poll to check on our availability, rather than just flat-out proposing these irregular dates for Nov and Dec.

Thanks,
Joel

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Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2023 5:23:33 PM
Subject: Re: Disposal Site Advisory Committee (DSAC) Meeting - 11/16/23

Daniel,

I'm glad to see that the Board of Commissioners are now interested, at last, in having DSAC "catch up" on our statutory duties, after basically flouting state law for over a year. I brought this violation of state law to their attention last December.

It is not our responsibility to make up the gap that has been created by the county.

I have been keeping "the 4th Wednesday of each month" reserved nearly every month since last August, despite the nearly complete lack of communication from the county.

Your proposed schedule for October fits with that schedule. Your proposed dates for November and December do not.

Please propose some other dates for November and December.

Thanks,
Joel

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Cc: "NICHOLS Darren" <darren.nichols@bentoncountyor.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2023 4:54:07 PM

Subject: Disposal Site Advisory Committee (DSAC) Meeting - 11/16/23

Greetings, Disposal Site Advisory Committee members.

The Board of Commissioners directed staff to schedule monthly DSAC meetings, and create meeting agendas to fulfill Benton County's statutory responsibilities, in October, November, and December 2023. Please see the information for this meeting below:

When: Nov 16, 2023 06:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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Thank you,

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Subject: Re: Disposal Site Advisory Committee (DSAC) Meeting - 10/25/23
Date: Friday, September 15, 2023 4:14:07 PM
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Hi Daniel,

Thanks for this, but you haven't answered my request for information. Allow me to state it more formally:

I'm looking for any and all guidance you've received, or any discussion you were part of, with the Board of Commissioners or others regarding the hiatus of DSAC meetings and/or the restarting of DSAC meetings, from the beginning of 2023 to the present moment, in whatever form it might be in.

I can't speak for all of DSAC (and please no members reply to this email) but I would like to have a better idea about how the framing of the committee's restart came about.

Thanks,

Ken



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Date: Monday, September 25, 2023 12:57:47 PM

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Hi Daniel,

From what information you've provided us so far, I see that the Board of Commissioners is allowing us to meet again, and they wish for us to have meetings in October, November and December. We're all on the same page about that.

The Board of Commissioners has not directed when those meetings will occur – they left that for staff to coordinate. There has been pushback with the dates you propose, so let's look for some different dates. It's important to everyone that we don't run into any quorum issues.

It's also important, given the state-mandated mission of the committee, that we give consideration to public involvement. Since regular meetings have not occurred for over a year, I would say that it's up to us to rebuild the public expectation of regularity for these meetings in the best way possible, as a priority.

So I'm putting forward that we begin having our regular meetings on the second Wednesday of every month, beginning in October, and then predictably so as DSAC moves forward. That way we avoid the conflicts with holidays such as Thanksgiving and Christmas. That would be Weds 11 October, Weds 8 Nov, and Weds 13 December.

I'm saying "Wednesdays" here because we have traditionally met on Wednesdays, but after a year I think that has also lost value as a public expectation. So we can look for another day of the week if Wednesdays prove problematic to the Committee.

If that seems OK to you, you can set up a Doodle poll or equivalent so that we can make sure we've got buy-in for these dates, or I can do that when I get back in my office this Friday. Whichever way is fine.

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From: [Joel Geier](#)
To: [REDICK Daniel](#)
Subject: Re: Coffin Butte landfill: EPA report on leaks in methane capture system, need to consider in SMMP
Date: Monday, September 25, 2023 10:11:01 AM
Attachments: [Coffin Butte 6.23.22.EPA_InspRep_Corrected.pdf](#)

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Good morning Daniel,

As a followup, I suggest that the EPA inspector's report should be added to the "Document Library" for materials management in Benton County.

Also, please share the EPA inspector's report with DSAC ahead of the October meeting. I've attached it again here, for your convenience.

Did you receive a copy of this directly either from EPA or from DEQ? I note that DEQ had an air quality inspector who participated in both the on-site inspection and the follow-up teleconference.

Thanks,
Joel

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Sent: Monday, September 25, 2023 7:26:00 AM
Subject: Coffin Butte landfill: EPA report on leaks in methane capture system, need to consider in SMMP

Dear Commissioners:

Apparently there will be no DSAC meeting in September, despite the concerns and suggestions that I shared with you on September 15th. With DSAC still unavailable, I am bringing one of the most urgent issues directly to your attention.

A US EPA inspection on June 23, 2022 (report attached) found that the methane collection system at Coffin Butte Landfill is leaking in many places. In one area the

methane concentration was over 7%.

Methane is a very potent, fast-acting greenhouse gas, with more than 80 times the impact of carbon dioxide in terms of effects over a time span of 10 years, and roughly 30 times the impact over a time span of 100 years.

Landfills in other states have been found to be major sources of atmospheric carbon emissions, greatly in excess of what the landfill operators had estimated. This EPA report indicates that we likely have a similar situation in Benton County.

The measured concentrations of up to 7% are also in the potentially explosive range for methane. This poses a safety risk for landfill workers, for example, if a pocket of gas collects under equipment which then throws a spark. You may be aware that union mechanics at the landfill are currently on strike, and in news reports have mentioned hazardous workplace conditions as among their concerns.

Methane and other gases leaking from the landfill in such quantities also pose a health risk for nearby residents. I understand that the county has received numerous complaints about landfill odors over the past year, though DSAC has not had an opportunity to discuss how those complaints are being addressed by the landfill operators and/or the county.

The information from this EPA inspection was known to the landfill operators at the start of the Benton County Talks Trash (BCTT) process but, so far as I know, was never shared with the BCTT workgroup. During the BCTT tour on September 24, 2022, landfill operators were given a chance to state their own claims about the effectiveness of the methane capture system. There was no acknowledgement that EPA inspectors had found contradictory evidence, just 3 months earlier.

Looking forward, Benton County will soon be evaluating bids on the RFP for a Sustainable Materials Management Plan (SMMP). The stated ambition has been for the SMMP to account for climate impacts of the full material cycle, including disposal systems. That will only be possible if you have a good handle on how much methane is leaking out of Coffin Butte.

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Regrettably the RFP issued by the county does not specify any need for contractors to obtain this type of data (it didn't even mention methane, in the drafts I've seen). You may still have an opportunity to communicate such a need to the potential bidders, at the RFP meeting on September 27th, but otherwise it may need to be done separately.

Considering the information in this EPA inspector's report, I urge you to take advantage of the opportunity to communicate this need to potential bidders, or

alternatively, to prepare a separate RFP for the purpose of obtaining these key data that will be needed for an SMMP.

I am also sharing this with members of the ad hoc SMMP RFP committee so that they'll have this information for any further deliberations.

Yours sincerely,
Joel Geier, Ph.D.

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To: [Joel Geier](#)
Cc: [NICHOLS Darren](#); [GROGAN Cory](#)
Subject: RE: Who is writing the DSAC reports to be "presented" in the October/November meetings?
Date: Thursday, September 28, 2023 2:04:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Could you please clarify who is writing these reports?

The minutes of DSAC's last meeting (July 2022) and its continuation (August 2022) are still missing from the county website. However, my recollection is that DSAC chair Ken Eklund was planning to prepare a draft of the 2021 report for discussion at our meeting that was scheduled for October 26, 2022 meeting. DSAC members agreed to this plan.

Is that still the plan, or are county staff now producing your own reports to "present" to DSAC for approval at these meetings? That seems to be the implication from the wording.

State statute ORS 459.325(2) very clearly states:

"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. "

(my emphasis added in bold)

Please include my message here, and any response from the county, in the packet for DSAC members ahead of the October 25th meeting.

Also, the County PIO should also clarify that DSAC will also be taking public comments on issues arising from the landfill operation at these upcoming meetings, as part of our statutory duties. That information was missing from the county's announcement. Presumably this was just an oversight, but it is important for the public to be informed of the availability of this forum as mandated by state law.

Thanks,
Joel Geier

From: "Benton County" <pioinfo@co.benton.or.us>
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Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2023 12:02:54 PM
Subject: Benton County Solid Waste Schedule

Benton County Sanctioned Solid Waste Schedule



Sept. 22, 2022



Dear Community Members,

We have recently learned that a local community organization is hosting an event on September 28th centered around the Coffin Butte Landfill and the "Benton County Talks Trash" initiative. We appreciate the ongoing interest in solid waste issues within our community. However, it is important to clarify that this event is not officially sanctioned or organized by Benton County. We have not played a role in its planning or production.

The Board of Commissioners highly values the "Benton County Talks Trash" process and is actively engaged in advancing various next steps in response to the recommendations put forth by the work group. One of these steps involves initiating the development of a Sustainable Materials Management Plan.

To keep you informed and engaged, here is a schedule of upcoming events, significant dates, and opportunities for you to participate in Benton County's efforts toward a sustainable materials future:

Benton County Solid Waste Schedule: Fall 2023 → 2024 and Beyond
2023-2024 Schedule:

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- **November 30, 2023:** Ad Hoc Subcommittee Review/Recommendations.
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January 2024 (and Continuing): Sustainable Materials Management Planning effort continues, with community engagement opportunities to be announced as part of the

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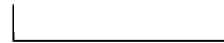
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<https://doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/dym8M0gd>

Please fill this out by next Monday, October 9. I can announce the results shortly thereafter. It's important that we coordinate on this before we resume meetings, so that we can begin to inform the public what regular meeting time they can expect, as they had before.

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On Sep 29, 2023, at 5:12 PM, REDICK Daniel
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Greetings,

In preparation for the upcoming DSAC meeting on 10/25/23, please review the attached memo, which includes important information to help the group prepare for the meeting, as well as an overview of where we left off, outstanding items, and next steps.

Please reach out to me and Darren Nichols (cc'd) if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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-----Original Appointment-----

From: REDICK Daniel

Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2023 4:54 PM

To: REDICK Daniel; Brent Pawlowski; Chuck Gilbert (crgilbert@comcast.net); deborah.gile@gmail.com; imacnab@republicservices.com; 'Joel Geier'; Ken Eklund; marge popp; 'Mark Yeager'

Cc: NICHOLS Darren; Charles Gilbert; RAY Linda; christopher.jacobs@corvallisoregon.gov

Subject: Disposal Site Advisory Committee (DSAC) Meeting - 10/25/23

When: Wednesday, October 25, 2023 6:00 PM-8:00 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada).

Where: Zoom

Greetings, Disposal Site Advisory Committee members.

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When: Oct 25, 2023 06:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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Please visit the following webpage, which will be updated prior to the meeting with more details, including the agenda and supporting materials:

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**Disposal Site Advisory Committee
AGENDA**

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

6 p.m.

Register in advance for this Zoom meeting (may take a few minutes):

[https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYqfuCraJlpH9RYkvib5idqH0l_lwn9g57x](https://us06web.zoom.us/join/zoom-join/https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYqfuCraJlpH9RYkvib5idqH0l_lwn9g57x)

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- I. 6:00 p.m., 5 Min – Call to Order Chair
- II. 6:05 p.m., 20 Min – Re-ground the Committee..... Chair
DSAC has not met in full session for over a year, and is reconvening in an environment that is much different in terms of staff support. Let's go over recent events, such as the dissolving of SWAC, and what they signify for the Committee going forward.
- III. 6:25 p.m., 15 Min – Community Complaints, Testimony, Questions and other Input Chair
Anyone in the community can use this time to bring up news, information, questions to discuss with the Committee, and to bring forward complaints, concerns or other comment about Coffin Butte Landfill. DSAC is charged by the State of Oregon to collect complaints and comment about the landfill, discuss them with the public, and report them to the Oregon Dept of Environmental Quality. We're opening up this time to hear these complaints and comment directly from the public, and to read comments we've received in written form.
- IV. 6:40 p.m., 20 Min – Edit and Approve Website Language Chair
The DSAC subsite on the Benton County website is the primary way that the public learns about us and what we do as volunteers for the County. Let's spend some time to edit the language that appears there, to more accurately reflect our purpose and goals. Action: approved language.
- V. 7:00 p.m., 5 Min – Break ---
- VI. 7:05 p.m., 15 Min – Community Concerns Annual Report (CCAR) 2021 Chair
This Committee is responsible for seeing that a report compiling the community concerns, complaints and other comments about Coffin Butte Landfill received by the County, Republic Services, etc. in 2021 be submitted to the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). This is a big job, as Republic's

application for expansion in 2021 generated a large amount of public comment. Let's get a status update on this effort. At the time of this writing, the process is in the hands of the DSAC Chair, who is awaiting County and Republic records. Action: support a report process.

- VII. 7:20 p.m., 10 Min – Establish a Regular Meeting Time Chair
We want to find a regular meeting time for DSAC, one that works better than the fourth Wednesday, which regularly conflicts with holidays in November and December. Let's use the Doodle poll hosted by the Chair to settle on a regular time for meetings going forward. Action: establish a regular meeting time.
- VIII. 7:30 p.m., 10 Min – Summarize Items to be included in the minutes..... Chair
Members: make notes of important points you want to be included in the minutes. We can recap them here to assist the county minutes-taking staff.
- IX. 7:40 p.m., 20 Min – Edit and Approve Meeting Minutes (July & August 2022) Chair
We have a backlog of over a year's worth of minutes. Let's whittle away at that backlog, starting with the minutes for our special meeting on July 11, and our last regular meetings in July and August, 2022. You can find their minutes in this meeting's packet, and their recordings [here](#) (use password: Benton2023!) We will take up further minutes of past meetings in subsequent meetings. Best to come prepared with specific language as we edit and add to these minutes. Action: edit and approve the meeting minutes for July 11, July 27 and August 24, 2022.
- X. 8:00 p.m., 15 Min – Member Requests Chair
Committee members use this time to make any requests of information from county staff, of the landfill via its Committee representative, and of each other.
- XI. 8:15 p.m., 5 Min – Request Agenda Items for next meeting..... Chair
- XII. 8:25 p.m., 5 Min – Wrap Up and Adjourn Chair

DSAC (next regular meeting tentatively scheduled for Thursday, November 16, 6 pm; this date may change)

Future items:

- Community Concerns: Public Feedback, continued
Session focused entirely on receiving public concerns about the disposal site.
- Community Concerns Report 2021
Review and approval of a compendium of community concerns/complaints about the landfill in 2021, to be submitted to Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) before year end.
- Community Concerns Report 2022

Review and approval of a compendium of community concerns/complaints about the landfill in 2022, to be submitted to Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) before year end.

- Community Concerns Reports, 2023 and beyond

The current process for compiling community concerns/complaints about the landfill has been problematic – what process should DSAC implement to replace it, to streamline the collection process and reinstate timely submittals to Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)?

From: [Patti Haggerty](#)
To: [Ken Eklund](#)
Cc: [REDICK Daniel](#)
Subject: Fwd: [VNEQS/Landfill] Making sure your voice gets heard (2021 edition)
Date: Friday, October 13, 2023 8:52:33 AM
Attachments: [writerguy-cube2.png](#)

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Hi Ken,

Here is a comment I sent to the PC, with some back and forth with Inga in between. It was at a time when locating messages on the county's file system was difficult. My message mainly concerned road access and safety as well as concerns about the removal of the limits on yearly quantity brought to the landfill.

Astounding that the county has not kept track of all this after so much effort by the public to make their concerns known and offer input to the Planning Commission. It's so hard to get our voices heard with all the impediments that the County is throwing up. Their statements about transparency appear to be a smokescreen.
Patti Haggerty

Begin forwarded message:

From: Ken Eklund <writerguy@writerguy.com>
Date: October 12, 2023 at 9:07:43 PM PDT
To: VNEQS Group <vneqs@googlegroups.com>
Subject: [VNEQS/Landfill] Making sure your voice gets heard (2021 edition)

Hello VNEQS:

If you gave input to the county or to Republic Services about the landfill in the last three years, I'm asking you to respond.

I know a (significant) number of you have lodged comments and complaints about Coffin Butte Landfill with the county over the past three years – you've called, you've written emails, you've spoken up at meetings, etc. Well, it's time for the volunteers on the Disposal Site Advisory Committee (DSAC) to gather up those public concerns and submit them to the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, to be entered into their permanent file about the landfill. This is an important step.

Right now DSAC is gathering up public comment made in 2021 – which is the year of Republic's Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application to expand the landfill. IMO this CUP application failed because of all the comments made and questions asked, so I think it's necessary that these become part of ODEQ's record about the landfill.

I have requested all this public comment from the county, but they seem to be dragging their feet on this request for public records. Meanwhile, I know it would be good to ask you all directly about the comments you made, because the county's records are not complete. I know this directly, because at least one complaint I sent to the county did not end up in their records.

To me at least, 2021 seems like an eternity ago, and I for one can remember that I made comments but can't remember much beyond that. But I was able to turn up evidence of my comments by searching my email. Maybe try these?

- Search for emails to/from Inga Williams Inga.Williams@Co.Benton.OR.US or Linda Ray Linda.Ray@Co.Benton.OR.US or Daniel Redick daniel.redick@Co.Benton.OR.US at the county in 2021.
- Search your email archives for "@Co.Benton.OR.US" to turn up emails to/from others at the County, such as the Board of Commissioners.
- Look back in your calendar for these dates in 2021: August 25, September 22, October 13, October 19 (SWAC meetings) and November 2 and November 16 (Planning Commission meetings). If you're like me, you may have a note there reminding you that you signed up to speak at the public meeting on that day.

OK to respond with very sketchy information.

DSAC is especially looking for the people who spoke before the Solid Waste Advisory Council on Wednesday September 22; the County seems to have deleted that video. Email us if that included you!

Here's the Public Notice of this request, which ran in the G-T today (Thursday 12 Oct), on page B9:

COMMUNITY CONCERNS ABOUT LANDFILL

The Benton County Community Development Department has asked the Chair of the Disposal Site Advisory Committee (DSAC) to move ahead with reports about community concerns with Coffin Butte Landfill, to be sent to the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality as required by state law.

The DSAC Chair is asking for any community

member that brought concerns about Coffin Butte Landfill to the County's attention since January 1, 2021, to respond to this bulletin, by emailing us at the addresses below. Likewise, if you brought concerns to the attention of the landfill owner, Republic Services, since January 1, 2021, please tell us. Our intention is to make sure that all the concerns expressed by the community are included in the report.

Your response should include your name, the approximate date you raised the concern, the nature of your concern, and how you expressed it (via a phone call, an email, oral testimony before a county body such as the Solid Waste Advisory Council, the Disposal Site Advisory Committee, the Planning Commission, the Board of Commissioners, etc.). If you can locate the email or testimony text of your concern, please attach it to your response.

Concerns about the landfill may include noise, odor, litter and roadside trash, visual impact, landfill gas emissions, leachate and other environmental impacts.

Please send your response to the Chair of DSAC, Ken Eklund, at futureeverything@writerguy.com and cc the county's Solid Waste Program Coordinator, Daniel Redick,

at daniel.redick@bentoncountyor.gov.

Thank you!

Thanks all,

Ken Eklund
Chair of DSAC



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From: [Benton Public Comment](#)
To: [NICHOLS Darren](#); [REDICK Daniel](#)
Subject: FW: Disposal Site Advisory Committee comment
Date: Monday, October 23, 2023 9:10:18 AM
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From: bellacd@peak.org <bellacd@peak.org>
Sent: Friday, October 20, 2023 4:55 PM
To: Benton Public Comment <PublicComment@bentoncountyor.gov>
Subject: Disposal Site Advisory Committee comment

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Dear Disposal Site Advisory Committee,

Thank you for your service on this committee. My husband, Dave Bella, is a retired OSU Environmental Engineering Professor. He is quite concerned with the damage and harm done by PFAS chemicals. These are “forever” chemicals that do not degrade over time. They are in almost everything currently, especially articles that are sold as “water proof”.

Please include consideration of these chemicals as you discern what requirements and mitigation are needed to keep Benton Co. residents safer.

Sincerely,

Cammie Bella

From: [Ken Eklund](#)
To: [NICHOLS Darren](#); [REDICK Daniel](#)
Cc: [Mark Yeager](#); [Marge Popp](#); [Joel Geier](#); imacnab@republicservices.com; [Deborah Gile](#); [Chuck Gilbert \(crgilbert@comcast.net\)](#); [Brent Pawlowski](#)
Subject: Re: Disposal Site Advisory Committee (DSAC) Meeting - 10/25/23
Date: Monday, October 23, 2023 2:27:10 PM
Attachments: [writerguy-cube2.png](#)

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Hello Darren and Daniel –

Just alerting you that the official calendar information for the upcoming DSAC meeting still lists the preliminary agenda prepared by staff. This agenda has been replaced by the one in my 10-17 email below, prepared by DSAC as per county code. Please correct this to avoid confusion with the public, thanks! Ken



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On Oct 17, 2023, at 4:48 PM, Ken Eklund <futureeverything@writerguy.com> wrote:

Hello fellow Committee members,

I've put together the agenda for our upcoming meeting on Wednesday October 25: it's attached as a PDF.

Daniel: please update the web record for this meeting with this agenda.

Some notes about it:

1. The preliminary agenda had “introducing Christopher Jacobs of EDO” on it, but I don't have any information about what that might be, so I've left it off this agenda.

2. Item IV is new language for our website – look for a draft proposal from me to come later this week.

3. Item VII is “establish a regular meeting time” – here is the summary of results from our Doodle poll on this subject:

First Monday of the month: ___NO
First Tuesday of the month: ___possible
First Wednesday of the month: ___possible
First Thursday of the month: ___possible

Second Monday of the month: ___NO
Second Tuesday of the month: ___possible

Second Thursday of the month: ___NO

Third Monday of the month: ___NO
Third Tuesday of the month: ___possible
Third Wednesday of the month: ___possible
Third Thursday of the month: ___NO

Fourth Monday of the month: ___NO
Fourth Tuesday of the month: ___not recommended
Fourth Wednesday of the month: ___not recommended
Fourth Thursday of the month: ___not recommended

4. Please note Item VIII: "summarize items to be included in the minutes." My idea here is that we take a few minutes toward the end of our meeting to go over the important items of the meeting, so as to make sure they are included in the minutes.

That’s all for now – thank you, Members, and see you next week.

All best,

Ken

<DSAC Agenda 25 October 2023.pdf>

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From: [Benton Public Comment](#)
To: [REDICK Daniel](#); [NICHOLS Darren](#)
Subject: FW: Written comment for DSAC 10-25-23 meeting
Date: Tuesday, October 24, 2023 8:22:59 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)



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From: Debbie P <dwingp@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 23, 2023 9:11 PM
To: Benton Public Comment <PublicComment@bentoncountyor.gov>
Subject: Written comment for DSAC 10-25-23 meeting

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Dear DSAC members,

I wish to make you aware of (and to get into the record) two recent news articles which are relevant to your purview. I believe that as members of this committee, you need to be made aware of information like this. The first article is specific to methane leaks at the Coffin Butte Landfill; the second is regarding hazards of exploding lithium batteries causing fires in Oregon landfills. As you can imagine, that would be a lethal combination: exploding batteries in a landfill that's leaking lots of methane...

In any event, I hope you will take the time to read these. I have included below both the article links and their content (in case the links don't work).

Thank you,
Debbie Palmer

PS - as a side note regarding batteries in the landfill - I expressly remember being informed by Republic Services staff at a hazardous waste recycling event a few years back that Republic was no longer accepting household batteries - and when I asked what I was supposed to do with them, I was told to "just put them in your garbage." I realize not all batteries are lithium - but many are. I found this very disturbing at the time... and now knowing about how explosive/flammable lithium batteries are in particular, I find it even more disturbing.

<> The first article is from the Oct 20th Salem Statesman Journal:

<https://statesmanjournal.com/story/news/local/2023/10/20/methane-leaks-republic-services-coffin-butte-landfill-benton-county-oregon/71210509007/>

Methane leaks at Coffin Butte Landfill in Oregon pose

'potential safety concern,' EPA says

Story by Tracy Loew, Salem Statesman Journal • 3d

Coffin Butte Landfill is leaking methane at levels that exceed state and federal limits and what the landfill has publicly reported, a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency inspection has found.

Landfills are among the nation's largest sources of methane, a greenhouse gas that's more potent than carbon dioxide and a major contributor to climate change, according to the EPA.

EPA measured methane exceeding regulatory limits 61 times during its June 2022 inspection of the landfill. Twenty-one of those exceedances measured at more than 10,000 parts per million, or 20 times the 500 ppm limit set by Oregon and the EPA.

In addition to contributing to climate change, the levels measured could cause health problems for neighbors, and in some cases were high enough to potentially cause an explosion and fire, said Lisa Arkin, of the Eugene-based environmental group [Beyond Toxics](#).

[The EPA did not publicly release its inspection report that found Coffin Butte Landfill is emitting dangerous levels of methane.](#)



The EPA did not publicly release its inspection report that found Coffin Butte Landfill is emitting dangerous levels of methane. © Abigail Dollins/Statesman Journal

Coffin Butte, located off Highway 99W north of Corvallis, is operated by [Republic Services](#), the second-largest waste disposal company in the U.S. The landfill is an integral part of Marion County's solid waste disposal system.

The [inspection report](#) noted there were so many exceedances that the inspector ran out of marking flags. In some cases, levels were so high instruments could not measure them. And multiple exceedances were measured several feet in the air, "indicating substantial landfill gas plumes," according to the report.

Coffin Butte and local Republic Services officials acknowledged an interview request from the Statesman Journal but did not respond to any questions.

"While we have differing perspectives on the testing protocols and analyses from the EPA's inspections in 2022, the EPA's observations were addressed," Melissa Quillard a spokeswoman for Republic Services' media relations office in Phoenix said in an emailed statement.

"The landfill was already in the process of expanding the gas collection system at the time of the EPA inspection, which has since been completed. We added additional cover soil in some areas, added soil along the edge of tarps, patched small holes in a liner system, and strengthened seals around gas collection piping," she said.

EPA did not publicly release its inspection findings. Beyond Toxics, working with the climate group [Industrious Labs](#), received a copy of the report in response to a request under the federal Freedom of Information Act.

The groups have since filed a complaint about the excessive methane emissions with EPA's environmental violations tip line. Their complaint included photos taken by neighbors living near the landfill of holes and tears in tarps covering the landfill, which can allow methane to leak.

The findings come as Republic Services is considering a [significant expansion](#) of the landfill, which currently is permitted for 178 acres.

Coffin Butte Landfill's role in Marion County's solid waste system

Much of Marion County's garbage is burned at the Covanta municipal waste incinerator in Brooks.

About a quarter of the garbage burned at Covanta ends up as ash, which is trucked to Coffin Butte, to be used as "alternative daily cover." Landfills are required to cover their active area at the end of each day to control vectors, fires, odors, blowing litter and scavenging.

About half of Coffin Butte's leachate — rainwater that trickles through the ash and garbage, picking up contaminants — then is trucked to the city of Salem's wastewater system, where it's treated and discharged to the Willamette River. The other half is treated by the city of Corvallis, which also discharges to the Willamette.

Salem began taking the landfill's leachate in 2012. During the three years between January 2020 and December 2022, the city was paid \$1.28 million to treat 42.6 million gallons of leachate from Coffin Butte, as well as a Republic Services' garbage transfer station in Benton County.

Salem also processes leachate from LRI Landfill in Graham, Washington, and Recology Organics compost facilities in Aumsville and North Plains.

Marion County garbage that doesn't go to Covanta is taken to Coffin Butte, as is garbage from West Salem residents, who live in Polk County.

According to the landfill's most recent [annual report](#), Coffin Butte accepts more waste from Marion County than from any other county it serves. In 2021, the landfill accepted 326,000 tons of waste from Marion County, 143,000 tons from Linn County, 115,000 tons each from Benton and Lincoln counties, and 73,000 tons from Polk County.

Oregon's new landfill rules strictest in nation

Coffin Butte, along with other landfills, operates a gas capture system for the methane, which is created as organic waste decomposes. The landfill partners with PNGC Power to generate 5.66 megawatts of power from gas collected on site, providing enough electricity for about 4,000 homes.

In October 2021, the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality Commission adopted [new rules](#) regulating landfill gas emissions. Oregon now has the strictest monitoring and methane reduction standards in the nation.

But landfill operators are basically on an honor system to test and report, said Katherine Blauvelt, of Industrious Labs.

"The landfill has to follow through and conduct effective monitoring," Blauvelt said. "That, in a nutshell is the real problem that this (EPA inspection report) is highlighting."

EPA questions Republic Services' monitoring

EPA environmental scientist Daniel Heins expressed concerns in the report about Republic Services' monitoring procedures. In its monitoring reports, the company reported finding a total of six methane exceedances. Some reports had zero exceedances.

That compares with the 61 exceedances the EPA inspector found, "with 26 exceedances at gas collection wells that Republic should have specifically been monitoring on a quarterly basis," Heins wrote.

"Many flagged exceedances represented clusters of exceedances at multiple points or broad areas of exceedances," he wrote.

Heins found an area where a tarp was visibly inflated with and leaking landfill gas.

"Along the top of this section of tarp ... every post or tarp hole Daniel Heins monitored exceeded the surface methane standard, with readings of up to 7% (methane) shown before the instrument maxed out," the report reads.

Heins noted "such an accumulation of flammable gas creates a potential safety concern."

Heins was accompanied by Republic Services environmental specialist Phil Caruso. Neither could identify any place where the wind could be lifting the tarps, but Republic officials later “disputed that the tarps were inflated with landfill gas, claiming that the wind has blown them up,” according to the report.

Heins also found methane exceedances in areas of the landfill that are supposed to be under final closure and sealed, so that nothing can escape.

The inspection was pre-scheduled, and EPA had offered Republic Services the opportunity to take its own readings to check EPA’s monitoring results. Republic officials responded that it was company policy not to do so, according to the report.

“Phil Caruso did not dispute any of the readings, though noted that he would not have checked many of the exceedance locations, that he would have spent less time monitoring, or that he would have considered a higher location to be ‘the ground’ when placing his probe 5 to 10 centimeters above the ground per the surface emissions monitoring regulations,” Heins wrote in the report.

Further action on monitoring methane

EPA requested additional information from the company, but it’s unclear what further action the agency has taken.

“EPA is still in the process of evaluating compliance at the Coffin Butte Landfill based, in part, on the inspection report you referenced,” EPA Region 10 spokesperson Sam Lovell said in an email to the Statesman Journal.

“EPA works closely with state and local Clean Air Act permitting agencies on these and other issues, and the agency will continue coordinating with Oregon DEQ regarding any next steps at this landfill,” Lovell said.

Blauvelt said she filed a FOIA request with the EPA for additional legal documents associated with the case and was told none were available.

DEQ spokesman Dylan Darling referred specific questions about the report’s findings to the EPA.

But, he said, “As part of DEQ’s new landfill rules and regulations, the company has indicated to DEQ that it is working on expanding its collection-and-control system. The company continues to provide monthly and semiannual reports to DEQ as required under their Title V air permit.”

Advocates say Oregon and the EPA should require better methane monitoring with off-the-shelf technology such as drones or satellites.

“You can deploy technology that will act as reconnaissance and spot these super-emitter events, significant methane leaks, and then fix them,” Blauvelt said.

“We can use technology to at least overcome this baseline issue, which is we have no way of knowing whether you’re living next to a landfill that has really significant issues,” she said.

<> The second article is an Oct 21 article on OPB's website:

<https://www.opb.org/article/2023/10/21/exploding-lithium-batteries-landfill-fires/>

Exploding lithium batteries are causing fires in Oregon’s landfills

By [Joni Auden Land](#) (OPB)

Oct. 21, 2023 6 a.m.

Exploding lithium-ion batteries are leading to more fires in Oregon’s landfills and recycling centers, prompting action from state and local governments.

Deschutes County Solid Waste Director Tim Brownell said his county’s landfill has seen 21 lithium-related fires in the past three months. Staff went from seeing battery fires once a month to multiple times a week.

“(Lithium batteries) are everywhere in the system,” Brownell said. “It’s a public safety concern and it’s a concern for the infrastructure that are taxpayer investments.”

Lithium batteries can be found in a variety of household objects, ranging from cars to power tools and from e-bikes to birthday cards that play music when opened. When run over by tractors or crushed in a trash compactor, they have the

potential to explode and catch fire.

Because of this, the batteries are considered hazardous and aren't allowed in the landfill. Many end up there anyway. Brownell said many people simply don't know that they shouldn't throw the batteries in the garbage.

In some cases, it's leading to potentially dangerous situations. On multiple occasions, garbage trucks have arrived at the Deschutes County landfill with a fire smoldering in the back, Brownell said.

It's unclear how many injuries these types of fires have caused in Oregon.

As for which objects are causing fires, Brownell has seen cellphones, tablets and large batteries found in e-bikes and cars. Those larger ones are of particular concern because the fires are bigger.

"You might get flames that are three or four feet up in the air," Brownell said. "Once you get flames like that, you start to get concerned about it starting to catch the adjacent materials around it."

Battery fires aren't a new issue.

The federal Environmental Protection Agency issued a [report in 2021](#) analyzing the impact of these batteries on fires in waste management facilities. The agency found 245 separate fires across 28 states, some of which led to entire buildings burning down. Recycling centers were at particular risk of fire damage.

The report mentioned Pacific Coast Shredding in Vancouver, Washington, which reported multiple lithium fires. In 2019, a car went through an automobile shredder and caught fire, causing tens of thousands of dollars in damage.

The problem appears to be worsening, which Brownell said could be related to lithium batteries appearing more widely in the marketplace. Reuters reported earlier this year that demand for lithium batteries is on the rise, with the market in the U.S. expected to rise six times by 2030.

State agencies have started taking notice. Earlier this year, the Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office started tracking fires stemming from lithium battery explosions, according to spokesperson Alison Green.

Green said it's still early to pull any findings from the data. The agency collects data on all structural fires in the state, and Green said the agency's hoping to understand how often lithium batteries are causing fires, what's causing them to explode and how that can be prevented.

At this early stage, it's still unclear how many fires lithium batteries are causing in Oregon. Brownell said more data is key to getting the public to understand the severity of the problem.

"If we're going to speak publicly about it, we have to get a better sense of how often it is happening," Brownell said.

Brownell said people looking to throw away lithium batteries should bring them directly to the landfill, where operators can discard them properly.

He said he hopes, in the future, "people who put (lithium batteries) into the marketplace bear some of the responsibility" for the fires.

From: [Benton Public Comment](#)
To: [REDICK Daniel](#)
Subject: FW: Written Comment for 10/25/23 Disposal Site Advisory Committee meeting.
Date: Wednesday, October 25, 2023 2:37:41 PM

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From: Jacob Stallings <jacob@IUOE701.com>
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The International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 701, represents the heavy equipment mechanics of Valley Landfills, Inc., a subsidiary of Republic Services Inc., located in Benton County in Corvallis, Oregon.

Republic Service's identifies itself as a company whose success is driven by its employees, the companies Ethics & Compliance statement identifies Republic Services as a company that is a "committed steward of the environment" and goes further to state that the values of the organization are to protect the livelihoods of your colleagues and communities. In that regard, the Union is writing to ensure that you are aware of the situation occurring at Valley Landfills, Inc., as their actions are antithetical to the values they profess, and we believe this may be of concern to you.

The members of the unit at Valley Landfills, Inc. initially reached out to the Union because of grievous safety concerns at their facility, outdated PPE, broken or missing decontamination areas, and management that disregarded the company's own safety policies. Several complaints have been made against Republic Services and its Subsidiary over the years, but the reports have mostly ended up tangled in government bureaucracy. OSHA directs reports about the landfill to DEQ, the DEQ directs those reports to the EPA, the EPA directs the reports back to OSHA, and the circle continues. As such, Valley Landfills has been getting away with working people in extremely hazardous conditions mostly unchecked. The cherry on the top of this is that they have been paying exorbitant amounts of money out of their pocket for a healthcare plan that will no longer even be accepted by Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center in Corvallis, the only emergency hospital in their area.

The Union has videos and pictures from the Valley Landfills, Inc. landfill taken from just the past few weeks that the Union is happy to share with the committee, USB thumbdrives of the violations have already been mailed to the county Board of Commissioners earlier this week. The majority of these videos were submitted anonymously to the Union from the operations inside of the landfill and were not taken by Union members, the exception being a few pictures that were taken from outside of the landfill in order to show you the distance at which the clouds of contaminants can still be seen rising into the air. In these pictures and videos, you'll see truckloads full of bags of

cancerous silicate microglass fiber being dumped from the back of full truckloads with no wet-down procedures to prevent the cloud flareup, which can be seen from miles away. You'll see black smoke rising from the burner ash and blood vials and broken sharps containers with employees performing repairs on the ground just steps away with no ground mats. You'll see heavy equipment parked with its side at nearly a 45-degree angle on top of a hill of refuse, ready to tumble off and pull the truck it is hitched to with it. What you won't see in these videos is any supervision or oversight.

On top of the personal safety concerns of the people working in this environment, you'll see articles that have come out recently about this landfill in having methane gas emissions problems, the buildup of methane gas in landfills can and has caused literal explosions and Republic Services does not have the equipment to monitor these emissions and, to our knowledge, is doing nothing to mitigate the issue. Republic Services has a publicly verifiable track record of writing checks to settle violations but doing little to prevent the violations in the first place. A penalty fee cannot replace a life, Republic Services must be made to answer for its egregious safety violations for the good of the community and for the safety of its employees.

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2023.10.25 DSAC Meeting Transcript

00:20:32 Debi Gile: Debi

00:20:57 Debi Gile: I am unable to be present by my audio or video. I can hear you.

00:21:41 Mark Yeager: We see your messages Debi - thanks for letting us know!

00:30:51 Joel Geier: Hi all, the zoom phone link is not working. Requesting password in addition to passcode. Was not provided in email

00:31:25 Joel Geier: I'm going to have to try again after I get thru customs

00:35:16 Mark Yeager: Joel - I just re-sent you the original email from Daniel that allows you to register for the meeting - you might have to do that through your phone.

00:43:25 Joel Geier: Hi all here, I'm here and I'm voting in favor of the revised agenda.

00:47:20 Debi Gile: How can I comment as well?

00:47:41 Debi Gile: I am abstaining. I can not unmute myself.

00:48:03 Brent Pawlowski: Brent abstain

00:52:02 Debbie Palmer: Please if people could turn off their microphones so as not to create feedback

00:56:24 Debi Gile: I agree that everyone should be treated with respect.

00:56:47 Debi Gile: Perhaps you would like the assistant chair to take over?

00:58:56 Debi Gile: I agree DSAC should have access to this information. We could have Republic give us an update as well as EPA.

01:00:10 Benton County Community Development:Zoom information: Meeting ID 827 9934 9350
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01:02:22 Joel Geier: Replying to "Zoom information: Me..."

Thanks ... that's what I have, but it's not sufficient to get into the meeting, according to Zoom. I'm going to need to miss the rest of it, unless it runs past 9 PM. Good luck all ...

01:14:51 Debi Gile: Is this topic on the agenda at this time?

01:15:25 Mark Yeager: Yes, this is on the agenda now Debi

01:17:07 Debi Gile: Yes, I see. d

01:19:54 Debi Gile: I agree we should formally state our concern about BoC dissolving SWAC without any discussion.

01:28:55 Debi Gile: november 16
01:29:23 Debi Gile: That's a Thursday
01:30:32 Debi Gile: okay
01:31:34 Debi Gile: yes
01:42:46 Ken Eklund: My email is futureeverything@writerguy.com
01:50:14 Nancy Whitcombe: Linda Ray is awesome, everybody!
01:55:56 Debi Gile: I vote for 8:15
01:58:06 Debbie Palmer: Somebody has an open mic again
02:07:57 Debi Gile: I agree DSAC members need to see this information without being screened.
02:08:02 Brent Pawlowski: Signing off.

Sorry, have overseas phone conference at 8pm

02:08:24 Mark Yeager: Thanks Brent!
02:11:02 Debi Gile: I agree with what Ken said.
02:21:44 robert orton: My email is robertorton53@gmail.com

Republic Services will continue to disregard the health and safety of the environment and the community so long as the agencies mandated to address the issues continue to disregard their responsibilities Republic Services is not what they present themselves to be

02:22:00 Debi Gile: Please include the outcome of this topic on our next meeting. Thank you Mark, Darren, and Ken.
02:22:33 Debi Gile: agenda
02:23:10 Debi Gile: Goodnight all. Maybe the zoom will connect us better next meeting.
02:24:41 Debi Gile: second
02:25:10 Debi Gile: In favor

DSAC Scope and Goals Information

Planning DSAC Schedule for 2025

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Information about the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) and the Disposal Site Advisory Committee (DSAC)

Why are SWAC and DSAC separate advisory committees?

1. Membership: DSAC is required to include “employees of the permittee” (ORS 459.320). SWAC does not include an employee of the permittee as a voting member.
2. Advisory Committee Roles: The fundamental difference between the two committees is that the SWAC has a broader scope with a focus on the larger, regional solid waste system, while DSAC has a narrower focus on the landfill and its operations.
3. Separating Agenda Items: DSAC agenda items generally include disposal site-related items, while SWAC agenda items generally include other solid waste-related items. Many general solid waste topics are not directly related to the disposal site (waste prevention, recycling, outreach, planning, programs, events, illegal dumping, waste generation, etc.).
4. The DSAC is required by the State of Oregon, although the SWAC can fulfill this requirement. The SWAC is optional, although included in Benton County’s own code (23.035).

A Disposal Site Advisory Committee is required under ORS 459.320, which includes the following option:

“(4) If the board of county commissioners of a county in which a regional disposal site is located or is proposed to be located has already established a local citizens advisory committee for solid waste issues in general, that committee may serve to fulfill the duties specified in ORS 459.325 so long as the membership of the committee is consistent with this section. [1987 c.876 §9; subsection (4) enacted as 1987 c.876 §10; 1999 c.720 §1]”.

The Benton County Solid Waste Advisory Council is required by BCC Chapter 23:

“23.035 County Solid Waste Advisory Council Duties. The Council shall assist the Board in planning and implementation of solid waste management. First priority shall be given to those areas assigned by the Board including maintenance of County roads in the vicinity of Coffin Butte and to recycling and reuse and matters related to those areas. The County Solid Waste Advisory Council shall provide input or recommendations to the Board on the use of the host surcharge. [Ord. 1, adopted March 31, 1971; Ord. 23, adopted December 17, 1980; Ord. 85- 0023; Ord. 86-035; Ord. 2000-0165; Ord. 2003-0183]”

Examples of topics that are relevant to the DSAC and SWAC:

DSAC	SWAC
Community Concerns Annual Report	Educational initiatives
Make recommendations to the BOC regarding the Coffin Butte Landfill Annual Operational and Capacity Report	Waste prevention, recycling, composting and waste generation
Fire safety	Planning for future system improvements or programs
Odor complaints	Assessing existing programs and recommending new ones, such as food waste prevention
Comments on Coffin Butte permit applications (Title V (air), annual environmental reporting reports, water quality permits)	Providing input on annual reports, such as the Opportunity to Recycle Report
Seek community input about the operation of the Coffin Butte Landfill	Input on regional efforts, such as the Sustainable Materials Management Plan and the Plastics Pollution and Recycling Modernization Act
Landfill gas recovery and emissions	Provide input or recommendations to the Board on the use of the host surcharge
PFAS mitigation	Opportunities to prevent waste or recover more using regional facilities
Service issues at Coffin Butte (wait times, ideas for efficiencies, concerns about intake and annual inflow)	Assess the existing solid waste regional infrastructure and future needs. Provide guidance to a consultant and/or the SMMP Task Force.
Covered/secured loads campaign	Collection Franchisee's Annual Report
	Rate adjustments
	Review Annual Opportunity to Recycle Report
	Contamination reduction

ORS 459.320

The board of county commissioners of a county in which a regional disposal site is proposed to be located shall establish a local citizens advisory committee comprised of...

- (a) Residents residing near or adjacent to the regional disposal site
- (b) Persons who reside in or own real property within the county in which the regional disposal site is located
- (c) Employees of the permittee

From Chapter 23 of Benton County Code

One or two employees of Republic Services, Inc., are appointed to the Committee. It is the intent of the Board of Commissioners that these permittee members will assist DSAC in reviewing the regional disposal site, in responding to community comments, questions and concerns, and will assist in promoting a constructive forum for dialogue between the community, DSAC and the owner or operator of the regional disposal site.

The purpose of the Disposal Site Advisory Council (DSAC) is to advise the Board and support the County in fulfilling its mandates under ORS 459.320-330.

Specific Duties of the DSAC

- (1) Review the siting, operation, closure, and long-term monitoring of the Coffin Butte landfill; and
- (2) Provide a forum for community comments, questions and concerns about the regional disposal site and promote a dialogue between the community and Republic Services; and
- (3) Prepare an annual report summarizing the local community members' concerns and the manner in which Republic Services is addressing those concerns. The Community Development Department shall submit the report to the Oregon DEQ and the Benton County BOC.
- (4) DSAC may undertake other tasks and duties as directed by the Benton County Board of Commissioners.

What the Board of Commissioners expects:

- An advisory council attuned to the County's 2040 Thriving Communities Core Values and Focus Areas, helping move initiatives forward and providing reasoned recommendations on appropriate topics
- The Board expects committees to work cooperatively, be responsive to the public while also making progress on Board priorities

Approval of 2022 Coffin
Butte Landfill Community
Concerns Report

2022 Coffin Butte Landfill Community Member Concerns Annual Report

Prepared By: Bailey Payne

Preparation Date: November 26, 2024

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

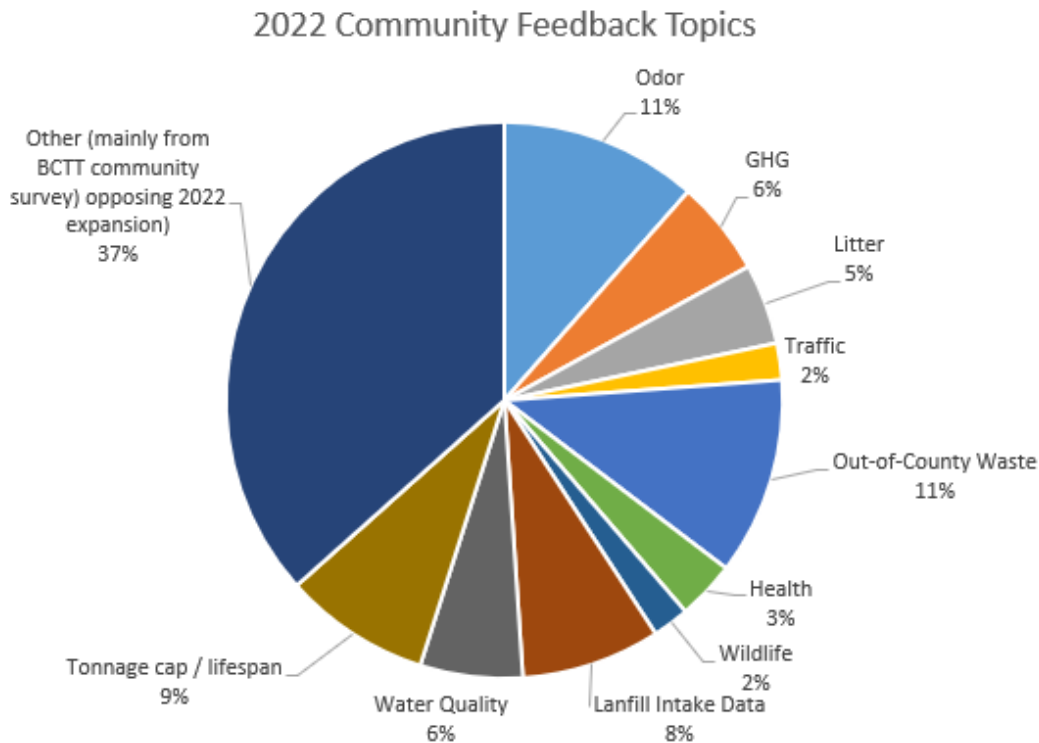


Table 1: Coffin Butte Landfill Community Concern Log 2022

#	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 these 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

Community Concerns Received Since Last Meeting

Date Received	Concern Summary	Received	Response
12/11/24	Letter sent (in 2025.01.08 DSAC Meeting Packet). Her concerns related to excessive truck traffic, wondering why Republic's fleet isn't electric, safety and litter	Email	Bailey apologized that the link to the DSAC meeting on 12/11/24 wasn't working and let her know that I'd pass along her concern to the DSAC (in the meeting packet on 1/8/25) and include it in the 2024 CCAR
12/11/24	Letter sent (in 2025.01.08 DSAC Meeting Packet). Her concerns related to odors and a need for technological sensors that don't rely on the human nose.	Email	Bailey apologized that the link to the DSAC meeting on 12/11/24 wasn't working and let her know that I'd pass along her concern to the DSAC (in the meeting packet on 1/8/25) and include it in the 2024 CCAR
10/8/24	Hi! I'm not very good at computers, so hope that you get this message. I believe that the Benton County land fill shouldn't be for numerous other counties (other than maybe a few adjoining ones like Linn which maybe should pay something for access to it) who don't want a landfill in their back yard and would rather we shoulder the environmental burden. If Republic wasn't taking all that other outside trash, the land fill would be able to function until the quarry is available for expansion. I have found Republic's service to be great, but they are being greedy for additional business at our expense. The new contract should restrict where the waste comes from.	Email	Bailey emailed her instructions on how to sign up for Coffin Butte permit application updates and how to provide public comment.
12/24/24	Letter in Gazette Times, "We Must do What we can to Stop Expansion" https://gazettetimes.com/news/local/corvallis-speaks-up-letters-to-the-editor-for-the-week-of-dec-27-2024/collection_a52e48b7-a3f2-5575-93f7-2046c2f847c3.html	Letter in Gazette Times	None
12/31/24	Letter in Gazette Times: Benton County Obscures Process https://gazettetimes.com/benton-county-obscures-process/article_1c5d0515-b578-5994-b5aa-ece6ac6ba8f8.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=user-share	Letter in Gazette Times	None

Public Comment for DSAC 12/11/24 Meeting – Please Distribute to All DSAC Members.

Republic Services has indicated that it will monitor air quality at the landfill by training two employees in odor detection.

I have the following concerns about this plan.

- 1) Republic Services has a vested interest in having low incidents** of bad air quality, methane leaks, etc.
- 2) Republic Services does not have a good track record for self-report accountability.** Just one example relevant to odor detection.

Laura McWhorter, PE, Permitting and Compliance Specialist – Air Quality, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) send an email to Ian Macnab, Republic Services Environmental Manager - Oregon to share a description of seven Coffin Butte odor complaints between 11.26.24 - 12.1.24 over the Thanksgiving holiday. <Quotes from that email.>

Tuesday 11/26/24: 9:30-11:30 a.m. – “Coffin Butte dump stench.”

Wednesday 11/27/24: 7:15 a.m. – “Went outside with my cup of coffee. Hit with the smell of the landfill.”

Ian Macnab's response: ***"Our odor patrols on the 26th and 27th did not detect anything. I drove through the area on my way to Corvallis on the 29th and also did not smell anything. All systems were operating as normal last week."***

- 3) Republic Services employees doing odor patrols on Coffin Butte landfill property, are, by definition, not recording air quality for the entire community.** The odor complaints appear for Adair Village, Soap Creek Valley, and beyond. Winds, temperature, cloud/fog cover, inversion layers, elevation, location, etc, all impact **where the odor is noticeable**. For example, I live at lower elevations, and I don't always smell what my neighbors who live at higher elevations report.

Saturday 11/30/24: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – **(7 miles S of landfill)** *“Sitting at my desk, when I started to smell it. It lasted for about 3 hours.”*

Saturday 11/30/24: 12:00 p.m. – *“Passing by the Coffin Butte landfill on Saturday afternoon, there was a terrible odor that we could smell from our car for about **a mile north and south of the landfill.**”*

Sunday 12/1/24: 11:52 a.m. – *“Coffin Butte landfill toxic gases are **flowing south to many houses in Soap Creek Valley, trapped by fog and stagnant air.**”*

- 4) Republic Services' plan to train employees to monitor air quality also has some physiological issues that aren't being taken into account:**

Olfactory fatigue - also known as **odor fatigue, odor habituation, olfactory adaptation, or noseblindness** - is the temporary and normal inability to distinguish a particular odor after a **prolonged exposure to that airborne compound.**

This term is commonly used in **wine tasting**, where one loses the ability to smell and distinguish wine bouquet after sniffing at wine(s) continuously for an extended period of time.

The term is also used in the study of **indoor air quality**, for example, in the perception of odors from people, tobacco, and cleaning agents.

Since odor detection may be an indicator that exposure to certain chemicals is occurring, **olfactory fatigue can also reduce one's awareness about chemical hazard exposure.**

Olfactory fatigue is an example of neural adaptation. The **body becomes desensitized to stimuli** to prevent the overloading of the nervous system, thus allowing it to respond to new stimuli that are 'out of the ordinary'.

Individuals experiencing olfactory fatigue may find it challenging to notice a smell they were initially sensitive to, even if the odor concentration remains constant. **This is particularly concerning when the smell is associated with potential dangers of toxic materials or leaks.**

Nose blindness develops faster in response to unpleasant smells.

Based on the way bodies function, there is **no way to prevent nose blindness.**

To reduce olfactory fatigue for Republic Services Employees, the following must occur.

- Remove the source of the odor (*not possible to remove the source of the landfill odor*),
- Limit the duration of exposure (*not possible for onsite employees*), or
- Allow the affected individual to spend time in a different environment to help reset the person's olfactory receptors. Avoiding strong smells can alleviate the symptoms to regain sensitivity to a specific odor (*not possible for onsite employees*).

Although not related to Olfactory Fatigue, Anosmia occurs when a person's overall sense of smell is greatly reduced or even lost. This is a long-term condition. There is no way to know if this condition is a factor for landfill employees.

Resources: Healthline, Wikipedia

5) Bottom line:

To measure air quality around Coffin Butte landfill, appropriate equipment sensors, not human noses, must be set up in various locations at Coffin Butte Landfill and surrounding areas of Adair Village, Soap Creek Valley, and Corvallis at different elevations.

Continuous data needs to be reported directly to a trained, neutral party for recording and providing an easy way for the public to see data that has been collected.

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STOP THE LANDFILL EXPANSION

I've read up on all the facts and the negative impact on the Coffin Butte expansion. I present to you an alternative direction that could solve this challenging problem. Transporting trash is nothing new. The state of Washington currently has two major contracts to transport nearly all of that state's trash to either Arlington, Oregon or Roosevelt, Washington via the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) or Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway (BNSF) for over 30 years via containers on intermodal rail cars. Trash could still be received at Coffin Butte serving as a receiving station, but then transferred by truck to one of two trans load rail facilities. One facility at Millersburg (see below) would be a 16-mile, 26-minute distance; or to a closer rail head at Wellsdale on the Portland & Western Railroad within Camp Adair, a distance of about 1 mile. (The Camp Adair facility would have to be developed to accept container railcar loading.) Travel time to the latter location would be much shorter. The facility at Millersburg is currently vacant (see article below for the details). The transfer of all kinds of waste would solve Benton County's dilemma at Coffin Butte. The two sites listed below would address all the current issues that threaten the health and safety of everyone within Benton County and beyond, such as the high volume of methane and other harmful gases that leak out at Coffin Butte and millions of gallons of toxic leachate that leach into the Willamette River. Coffin Butte landfill is also a greenhouse gas emitter that threatens our environment. The bigger the dump gets, the bigger the problem grows. The time to act is now. Stop the Coffin Butte expansion now before it stops us. *COFFIN* Butte: the name alone is deadly.

Fact sheet for REPUBLIC SERVICES of Roosevelt, Washington

The largest private landfill in the state, Roosevelt covers an area of 2,545 acres, has a 120 million ton capacity, and a 40 year expected trash-receiving life. Ninety-seven percent of the trash arrives in shipping containers, mostly via rail from the Seattle area, to an intermodal yard in Roosevelt (owned by the same privately held waste company - Republic Services). Containers are loaded onto trucks for the haul up the hill to the landfill, and then emptied by tilting lifts that upend the container/trailer assembly. Trash also arrives from a network of nine intermodal yards that connect the landfill to sources as far away as California, Idaho, and British Columbia. Trash also comes from Alaska on barges. Empty trash trains take fruit and other goods from eastern Washington back to Seattle (in different containers). The site is also home to a power plant, which uses the methane gas produced by the decaying garbage, to produce up to 37 megawatts (enough to power 30,000 houses) annually.

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Fact sheet for WASTE MANAGEMENT at Arlington, Oregon

Located in Arlington, Oregon, this facility provides cost-effective services to customers in the states of Washington, Oregon, Montana, Idaho, Utah, Wyoming, Hawaii, Alaska and provinces of Western Canada. CWM Arlington also offers services nationally through Waste Management's (WM) extensive rail transportation network. In operation since 1976, this award-winning, environmentally safe hazardous waste facility boasts a stellar safety record and an unmatched technical service team with more than 20 years experience per representative. CWM Arlington adheres to strict regulations administered and overseen by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region X and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ). This facility is positioned on a 1288-acre site (with 320 acres permitted for disposal operations). The site is buffered by over 11,000 acres of undeveloped property owned by Waste Management. One of the most secure treatment and disposal facilities in the world, this remote operation is built on top of layers of basalt from various

formations. The disposal cells meet very strict EPA and state guidelines, and are constructed of 60 mil High Density Polyethylene (HDPE). Additional security measures include a sophisticated leachate collection system, monitoring wells, and a state-of-the-art leak detection system.

TREATMENT AND SERVICE OPTIONS

Asbestos disposal Drum collection, treatment and transshipment Fuels blending Hazardous waste transportation Macroencapsulation Microencapsulation Non-hazardous disposal RCRA landfill disposal Rail transportation Stabilization Solidification Storage and transfer for recycling and thermal treatment Thermal desorption.

Retrieved 12/23/24 from: <https://www.wmsolutions.com/locations/details/id/247>

FACT ARTICLE REGARDING THE MID-WILLAMETTE VALLEY INTERMODAL FACILITY

Retrieved from <https://oregoncapitalchronicle.com/2024/01/16/behind-schedule-over-budget-state-backed-rail-projects-costing-70-million-sit-idle/> on 12/23/24

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Five years ago, the state Legislature approved \$51 million for two rail shipping centers in the Willamette Valley and eastern Oregon that promised to reduce truck emissions, boost agricultural exports and save farmers money.

Today, the money's been spent and neither the public, nor farmers, have benefited. The centers, essentially truck-to-rail transfer stations that were supposed to deliver onions, hay and grass seed to seaports in Seattle and Tacoma, and to major cities in the Midwest and the East Coast, sit unoccupied. Not a single truck has been taken off the road, and not a single pound of cargo has been shipped. Two companies that initially agreed to run the depots have both walked, and no one has stepped in to replace them.

Experts warned that the projects could fail. The Willamette Valley depot was not well located, and would struggle to get necessary shipping containers. Key agreements ensuring demand, rates and logistics from both rail centers were not in place.

Nevertheless, the Legislature funded the projects in 2017, with the backing of a state representative who went on to make hundreds of thousands of dollars as a consultant on the projects. The Oregon Transportation Commission, charged with reviewing project proposals, released the state funds in 2021. Since 2017, more than \$70 million in public money has been spent or committed to the projects, and the experts' warnings have been borne out.

In Millersburg, the Mid-Willamette Valley Intermodal Center off Interstate 5 promised to move hay and grass seed to ports in Seattle and Tacoma via rail, taking up to 150 semi-trucks off I-5 each day. It was finished in November of 2022 – 10 months late and \$10 million over budget – but it sits idle next to the thrumming interstate.

The Treasure Valley Reload Center in Nyssa, which was supposed to save onion growers \$2 million per year in transportation costs to Midwest and East Coast cities, has gone \$18 million over budget, fallen more than two years behind schedule and is still incomplete, the [Malheur Enterprise reported](#). State officials earlier this year stopped work on the site and are assessing if it is still viable.

Experts told the transportation commission that Millersburg wasn't far enough from Washington seaports to make rail cost-effective and that it would need the cooperation of two major railroad companies to ensure deliveries and a steady supply of empty containers to transport agricultural goods.

In Nyssa, experts said the railroad would need to move more than just onions to be financially stable, that the volume of produce projected to move through the facility was inflated and that to be successful, Union Pacific would need to commit to an export schedule it was reluctant to offer.

In the end, the facility operators and project managers could not secure all of the necessary agreements and schedules with rail operators. In Millersburg, a lack of containers needed to move agricultural goods continues to keep the facility shuttered.

State Rep. Greg Smith, R-Heppner, urged the Legislature to fund the projects through a state grant program, then economic development groups supported by both Linn and Malheur counties hired Smith to manage the projects.

He told the Capital Chronicle that he knew from the start that the Millersburg facility would face insurmountable challenges. Despite the warnings and years of revised plans, those who backed and built the Mid-Willamette Valley Intermodal Center blamed setbacks on one another, as well as volatile market forces and a lack of better information.

"All I could do is bring them the best information I had available, and they had to make decisions," Smith said of his clients in Linn County.

An Oregon Department of Transportation official blamed the failure to get the facilities running on inexperience.

"These were new facilities, and ODOT does not have and did not have a lot of experience with these kinds of facilities," said Erik Havig, statewide policy and planning manager at the transportation department. "We did the best we could with the information we had."

The centers are the first of their kind in Oregon.

Many of the officials who've been involved for years with the Willamette Valley project say they've learned a lot since it was approved. They insist the project was not a mistake and continue to promise that it will boost agriculture exports and reduce truck emissions.

"We are not happy with how things have gone thus far, but we are determined to put this property to productive use as soon as possible," Jon Kloor, chair of the Mid-Willamette Valley Intermodal Center Board and the Linn County Economic Development Group Board, said in an email. "The basic premise that led to the Department of Transportation supporting this project and a similar project in eastern Oregon remains true today."

Three of the five transportation commission members who voted to approve the projects did not respond to Capital Chronicle emails or calls requesting an interview. Two commissioners who voted to release funding for the projects and who continue to serve on the commission today responded after the story was published. Commissioner Sharon Smith declined to comment. Chair Julie Brown said in an emailed statement that the projects were a new approach for the state and came with some risk.

"The Oregon Legislature and Oregon Transportation Commission both felt they were worth investing in," she wrote. "I believe that we are still early in the story of both of these projects. I look forward to seeing how the projects' sponsors and partners will find ways to fully realize the investment the state has made in them."

There is no plan or timeline for getting either rail center operational. The state transportation department, which distributed the funds to build both, has no practical way to recoup all the money, according to [the Malheur Enterprise](#).

Years in the making



The Mid-Willamette Valley Intermodal Center was funded with a \$25 million Connect Oregon grant from the state. Recipients must show that their project can reduce transportation costs for Oregon businesses and connect elements of the state’s transportation system to boost efficiency. (Alex Baumhardt/Oregon Capital Chronicle)

The idea for an intermodal center in the Willamette Valley gained steam in a [2016 report](#) from the Portland-based economic consultancy ECONorthwest. Analysts found that a strategically located truck-to-rail center could help hay and grass-seed growers transport their products to ports in Seattle and Tacoma at rates competitive with truck shipping and take up to 150 semi-trucks per day off I-5. The report noted that moving freight by rail instead of truck reduces greenhouse gas emissions by 75%.

A year later, the Legislature approved \$25 million for a Willamette Valley rail center and \$26 million for one in eastern Oregon through [House Bill 2017](#), a \$5.3 billion package of taxes and fees to fund transportation over the next decade. The bill allocated the money through a grant program called Connect Oregon, overseen by the state transportation department. To receive a Connect Oregon grant, applicants must show that their project can reduce transportation costs for Oregon businesses and connect elements of the state’s transportation system to boost efficiency. In comparison, with \$51 million, the state could have invested in more than 120 electric buses or 1,200 rapid charging stations for electric vehicles, based on average prices from the U.S. Department of Energy and the [West Coast Electric Highway](#).

Twelve of the 14 members of the Legislature’s Joint Committee on Transportation Preservation and Modernization, including Smith, supported the state’s investment in the projects.

Soon after the Legislature approved the funding, Linn and Malheur counties contracted Smith and his consultancy, Gregory Smith & Company, to help their nonprofit economic development groups pitch projects for those Connect Oregon grants. Smith was already working as Malheur County's economic development director during the time he advocated funding the projects at the Capitol. The county paid Smith an additional \$6,000 per month to manage the Treasure Valley Reload Center project.

According to the Oregon Government Ethics Commission and Oregon law, Smith did not violate any laws by working as an elected official to direct state money to projects he was eventually hired to manage as a private consultant.

A location problem

The Oregon Transportation Commission, which sets state transportation policy, was responsible for vetting plans for the projects. From 2017 to 2021, its members heard from a variety of rail and freight experts who repeatedly said the Mid-Willamette Valley project would only work if it fulfilled key requirements. Among the earliest requirements was securing the cooperation of two railroad giants – Union Pacific and BNSF – which control different sections of track needed to move goods from Millersburg to Seattle and Tacoma. Both railroads would also be needed to get a steady stream of empty containers from Chicago, Kansas City, Denver, Salt Lake City and coastal ports to Millersburg.

In the final proposal for the Mid-Willamette Valley facility, Keith Leavitt, chief trade and economic development officer for Port of Portland, wrote:

“The active participation and cooperation of both Class I railroads (Union Pacific and BNSF) is equally critical to the success of the Mid-Valley Intermodal Facility as both railroads control different segments of the mainline between the Valley and Seattle. The railroads will need to provide heavy-haul rail cars capable of handling the agricultural export loads that are generated out of the Valley from the facility.”

By the time the Mid-Willamette Valley facility was approved, only Union Pacific was signed on to run trains through the facility, and there was no certainty the company would be able to get empty containers from the Midwest or the coast to Millersburg. Any mention of BNSF as a partner was eventually dropped from the project following its approval by the commission.

Despite Union Pacific getting exclusive access to the publicly funded rail project, the rate and track agreements between the company and the operators at the Mid-Willamette Valley center are confidential, according to the state transportation department.

The center also faced a location problem, as the California-based freight consultancy Tioga Group noted in an analysis in 2019 for the commission. Rail is usually only cost-effective when goods are transported 500 or more miles, according to supply chain [experts](#). Millersburg and Seattle are 230 miles apart. That meant that trucks would remain a cheaper option for Willamette Valley farmers, the analysis said. Smith, who had helped pitch and refine the plans for Millersburg from late 2017 to the summer of 2019, said this was a concern he had flagged to the project's supporters in Linn County.

“I knew that the distance issue between Millersburg and (Seattle and Tacoma), economically, was going to be very, very hard to overcome,” he told the Capital Chronicle. “After that, I mean, I didn't have anything to do with the design, I didn't have anything to do with the negotiations or contracts.”

John Pascone, president of the economic development group in Linn County, refuted Smith's claim that he had expressed concerns about the location.

“Greg Smith was always high on the project and to my knowledge never expressed any doubts about its viability,” Pascone said in an email to the Capital Chronicle. “He was an energetic and supportive project manager during his involvement.”

Smith's work with the county officially ended in July, 2019. He pocketed between \$150,000 and \$200,000, according to Pascone, and his contract was not renewed. Kloor, of the Mid-Willamette Valley Intermodal Center Board, would not comment on cutting ties with Smith, while Smith said he chose to leave the Millersburg project to dedicate more time to the one in Nyssa.

'Necessary milestones'

In January 2021, the director of the Oregon Department of Transportation, Kris Strickler, recommended that the commission release the necessary funds to finish building the projects.

"At present, both project sponsors have submitted to the department documentation that demonstrates that they have met all of the necessary milestones," Strickler wrote.

A day later, two Tioga group analysts wrote a "[confidential memorandum](#)" to John Boren, the manager of the department's freight program, saying again that the Willamette Valley project lacked critical components for success.

"It appears that successful operation of the Mid-Willamette Valley Intermodal Center terminal and intermodal rail service between Millersburg and the ports of Seattle and Tacoma depends on a series of assumptions that have yet been verified," said Daniel Smith and Frank Harder. "Project success thus rests on factors that are still unresolved."

That warning did not dissuade the commission from moving forward, according to Havig of the transportation department.

"We don't remember anything from Tioga saying: 'This project or any of these projects are going to completely fail,'" Havig said.

Kevin Glenn, the department's communications director, told the Capital Chronicle that the Tioga analysts were merely highlighting challenges each facility would face and how best to address those challenges.

"They never stated that if these challenges were addressed that the facility would absolutely be successful, nor that if these challenges were not completely addressed that the proposed facility would absolutely fail," he wrote in an email.

The transportation department had over the years reimbursed the project developers periodically for money spent, but on Jan. 21, 2021, the commission agreed to release what was left of the \$51 million to build the centers.

Construction on the Mid-Willamette Valley Intermodal Center took 10 months longer than anticipated and cost \$10 million more than the \$25 million initially approved. Linn County leaders attribute this to inflation and delays caused by COVID and used federal COVID relief dollars to pay the difference. To pay for maintenance, operations and fees on the land and buildings, Linn County leaders have used nearly \$2 million from its annual economic development money from the state lottery.

Lack of responsibility



Many of the warnings that the Mid-Willamette Valley Intermodal Center could fail have been borne out. (Alex Baumhardt/Oregon Capital Chronicle)

Every warning about the Mid-Willamette Valley Intermodal Center remains valid today. There is no guaranteed supply of shipping containers. The railroad is still at a distance from seaports that makes truck shipment less costly, and the facility does not have agreements to move any Willamette Valley produce.

Two companies hired to operate each of the rail centers, including managing negotiations with the railroads, the shipping container suppliers and area agricultural producers, dropped out of their contracts to run the facilities in 2023, and no one else has stepped in to replace them.

Both the Willamette Valley and Treasure Valley projects don't make economic sense, critics say. Yet no one appears to have accepted responsibility for the projects running over budget and failing to function.

The consultants who promoted the projects have been paid. So have most of the developers. The Malheur County Development Corporation, the Linn County Economic Development Group and the board of the Mid-Willamette Valley Intermodal Center are responsible for ensuring the projects are finished and functional one day.

Linn County commissioners did not respond to a question about why they continued to support the Mid-Willamette Valley project and the economic development group, despite the projects' red flags and the extra costs, or what they plan to do now.

"That question might best be answered by the Mid-Willamette Valley Intermodal Center board of directors, but we believe this is a valuable long-term asset for the mid-valley and it will take time to roll up," spokesman Alex Paul said in an email on behalf of the commissioners.

The intermodal board's chair referred questions about why the project continued to move forward and receive funding despite the warnings to the county and the state.

“We believe Linn County and the Oregon Transportation Commission are the appropriate parties to respond to this question,” Kloor, the board chair, said in an email. “That said, we believe it is way too early to declare this project a failure.”

Officials with the state’s transportation department and the transportation commission take some responsibility.

“The ultimate decision to move forward and to construct the facility was with the (transportation) commission,” Havig of the transportation department said of the Willamette Valley center. “But I would also point out that there were clear expectations in House Bill 2017 and from the Legislature that this was a project that was strongly supported. So there was a lot of political support behind it as well.”

Smith, who is in the unique position of bearing at least partial responsibility for the projects at the legislative level and orchestrating the financing of the projects in both counties, only acknowledges responsibility for some mistakes at the Nyssa center.

His consultancy took in \$15,000 a month from 2018 to 2022 for economic development work in Malheur County and for managing the Treasure Valley Project. He said if he could do it over again, he would have characterized the \$26 million budget he pitched for the center as “seed money,” rather than the full cost. He abruptly resigned from his work with Malheur County last February, right before the county’s third request to the Legislature for financial help to finish the project.

Smith said he bears no responsibility for promoting a flawed plan in Millersburg.

“That was all managed by a board. It was all managed by elected officials,” he said. “I had no decision making in Millersburg.”

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Public Comment for DSAC Meeting

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Submitted by Virginia Scott, Citizen of Benton County Oregon

I am concerned about the truck traffic to and from the Coffin Butte Landfill for several reasons.

As self-reported by Republic Services, there are 256,000 trash truck trips to and from the Coffin Butte Landfill per year. This does not include the 20+ trips per day, 5-6 days a week, which haul the leachate from the landfill to inadequately “process” it prior to dumping this leachate in the Willamette River.

All of these truck trips produce diesel exhaust, contributing to greenhouse gases and global warming. What is Republic Service’s plan to convert these trucks to an all-electric fleet in keeping with Oregon’s Climate Protection Program (CPP) adopted by the Environmental Quality Commission on November 21, 2024 to reduce fossil fuel use by moving commercial trucking from diesel to electric?

What is Republic Service’s plan to mitigate the wear and tear on our Oregon roads from this excessive truck traffic?

These 256,000 trash truck trips per year are producing an enormous amount of roadside garbage. Roadside garbage pollutes the waterways, creeks, streams and rivers along our Oregon roads. If you traveled highway 99, between the landfill and Monmouth, in the past few weeks you may have observed the giant yellow bags of trash that were distributed every 30 to 50 feet on both sides of the highway for 14 miles, which is roughly 4,928 commercial sized bags of garbage. This is garbage that flew off the trucks on this one stretch of road. Now consider how much more is lining the other miles of Oregon roads and highway that these trucks travel as they collect the bulk of Oregon’s garbage for delivery to the Coffin Butte Landfill.

What is Republic Service’s plan to prevent future, and clean up past roadside garbage pollution that their 256,000 trash truck trips per year deposit?

I would like us to also consider the risk posed to other traffic, pedestrians, and bicyclists by the 256,000 trash truck trips per year and the approximate 6,240 leachate truck trips per year crisscrossing our state.

What is Republic Service’s plan to mitigate these risks to our citizenry?

Relevant News Articles Since Last Meeting

11/29/2024	Corvallis Advocate	https://www.corvalisadvocate.com/2024/government-catchup-black-friday-and-the-benton-landfill-expansion-city-fee-increases-flag-freakout-imagining-a-civic-campus/	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Government Catchup: Black Friday and the Benton Landfill Expansion
12/5/2024	Statesman Journal	https://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/news/local/2024/12/05/brooks-oregon-reworld-incinerator-waste-garbage-services/76736917007/	Covanta & Coffin Butte	Brooks incinerator to stop taking garbage from Marion County soon. What happens next?
12/10/2024	Corvallis Advocate	https://gazettetimes.com/eedition/page-a1/page_1d8bc879-111e-5e28-8a2d-4ce1294358ff.html	Coffin Butte - Title V Air Permit	Coffin Butte: Tougher Standards - Landfill seeks expanded federal air pollution permit
12/10/2024	Waste Dive	https://www.wastedive.com/news/landfill-methane-satellites-ghgsat-carbon-mapper-launch/734953/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Issue:%202024-12-10%20Waste%20Dive%20Newsletter%	Landfill - Satellites	GHGSat and Carbon Mapper satellites take flight as landfill gas monitoring tech matures

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12/16/2024	Statesman Journal	https://www.oregonlive.com/environment/2024/12/brooks-incinerator-to-close-dec-31-sending-salems-trash-to-coffin-butte-landfill-for-now.html	Covanta & Coffin Butte	Brooks incinerator to close Dec. 31, sending Salem's trash to Coffin Butte Landfill for now
12/18/2024	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/news/local/government-politics/coffin-butte-title-application-input-extended/article_3904c5c6-9116-50e7-a0a9-cc5ef13b360c.html#tncms-source=login	Coffin Butte	Thoughts about air pollution at Coffin Butte Landfill? Still time to express them
12/20/2024	Salem Reporter	https://www.salemreporter.com/2024/12/20/marion-county-commissioners-extend-contract-for-brooks-incinerator-through-june-increase-garbage-rates/	Covanta / Reworld	Marion County Commissioners extend contract for Brooks incinerator through June, increase garbage rates
12/21/2024	Statesman Journal	https://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/news/local/2024/12/21/brooks-incinerator-has-six-months-to-finish-burning-trash/77113867007/	Covanta / Reworld	Marion County approves increased garbage collection prices, incinerator extension

7/9/2024	Waste Dive	https://www.waste-dive.com/news/landfill-methane-satellite-flyover-epa-wm-ghg/719796/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=issue:%202024-12-27%20Top%20Waste%20Trends%20%5Bissue:68914%5D&utm_term=Waste%20Dive%20-%20All%20Subscribers%20%2B%20Weekender	Landfill - Satellites	Satellite and flyover tech advances for landfill methane as industry seeks more clarity
12/24/2024	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/news/local/corvallis-speaks-up-letters-to-the-editor-for-the-week-of-dec-27-2024/collection_a52e48b7-a3f2-5575-93f7-2046c2f847c3.html	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Letter to Editor: We must do what we can to stop expansion
12/31/2024	Gazette Times	https://gazettetimes.com/benton-county-obscures-process/article_1c5d0515-b578-5994-b5aa-ece6ac6ba8f8.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=user-share	Coffin Butte - Expansion	Benton County obscures process

Benton County, Republic Services Continue Dialogue About Conditional Use Permit Application

CORVALLIS, Ore. – Republic Services, parent company of Valley Landfills Inc., continues to work toward Completion on a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application for its Coffin Butte landfill. Company representatives met this week with planning officials from Benton County to discuss the application.

Republic first submitted the CUP application to Benton County on July 19, 2024. In reviewing it, the Planning Division of Benton County Community Development determined that more detailed technical reports and a broader spatial analysis were required to assess the existing conditions and potential impacts of landfill operations. The application was deemed Incomplete.

A revised application was submitted on Oct. 30, 2024. It contains substantial additional information, but some points still require clarification. The County and Republic Services came together in a virtual Zoom meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 11, to discuss additional narrative detail to support the application.

The County believes Completeness will be reached within the 180 days from initial application date that are provided by Benton County Code 51.535. See the timeline below for more information.

APPLICATION TIMELINE

July 19, 2024 Republic Services submits a CUP application, starting the clock on the 180 days allowed to reach Complete status by Benton County Code 51.535. This sets the ultimate deadline for a Complete application as Jan. 15, 2025.

After submission, Benton County has 30 days to respond to the applicant.

Aug. 16, 2024 After careful review by the Benton County Planning Division and an independent consultant, the County sends an Incompleteness Letter to Republic Services. It explains the deficiencies in the application.

Oct. 30, 2024 Republic Services submits a revised CUP that contains substantial additional information, including technical reports and analysis.

Dec. 11, 2024 After careful review by the Benton County Planning Division and an independent consultant, the County meets with Republic Services through

Zoom to discuss the application, requesting additional narrative detail about some of the exhibits submitted.

Jan. 15, 2025 Deadline for Republic Services to supply the requested information to Benton County in order to satisfy application requirements.

If the application is deemed Complete, the County will provide a timeline of the process for review, public input, and application consideration.

Complete applications go before the Benton County Planning Commission — an appointed body that approves how landowners use their property and advises County officials on complex decisions.

If the application is still Incomplete on this date, Republic Services will have to start over with an entirely new application.

WHAT IS A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT?

A Conditional Use Permit requires discretionary approval from a municipality. It is a zoning exception that allows property to be used in a way not typically permitted within the designated zone. This permit ensures that proposed developments align with the community's zoning regulations and land use plan.

The CUP requested by Republic Services would allow the company to build additional landfill cells on land the company owns. Modern landfills are divided into multiple cells within the larger landfill property. The “working face” of the Coffin Butte landfill – the actual area where waste is being disposed – is less than ½ acre at any given time. As a cell fills it is capped, and the working face moves to a new cell.

Unrelated to the CUP application, Republic applied to the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality to renew an air quality permit. This permit sets a limit on the output of greenhouse gasses – like carbon dioxide and methane – that are allowed. A [virtual public hearing](#) about the proposed renewal of the Title V air permit will be held on Jan. 6, 2025 (Please note: Benton County has been informed that the public hearing is being postponed from Dec. 17, 2024, but as of this writing the DEQ website had not yet been updated to reflect the change).

How to get updates on the Coffin Butte Landfill Expansion

- 1) Visit the [Land Use Applications in Review page](#)
- 2) Scroll to the bottom of the page and look for Item F:



Application File Number: LU-24-027 (*Coffin Butte Landfill Expansion*)

Address or Map and Tax Lot number: 28972 Coffin Butte Rd, Corvallis, OR 97330

Nature of Application: Application to expand the Coffin Butte landfill

Public Comment Period: TBA

Application Type: Quasi-Judicial Review

Sign me up as an Interested Party

Written Testimony Date Opening - TBA

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- 3) [Sign me up as an Interested Party](#) -

Click on this if you'd like to be notified of updates regarding the landfill expansion application.

- 4) Written Testimony Date Opening - TBA - This link will be activated when the public comment period has opened. By signing up in the link in step 3 above, you'll be notified as soon as the public comment period has opened.

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Hello Committee Members,

I have four responses for you to consider: One and Two follow up on topics that came up in our December meeting and Three and Four concern topics in the January meeting.

ONE

Bret Davis indicated that Republic was not aware of any enforcement action against the landfill.

To me this means very little, because I don't expect to get either the full or a straight story about an investigation from the entity being investigated.

Let's listen to what Senator Jeff Merkley and head of EPA Mike Regan had to say earlier this year, at the US Senate hearing on budget appropriations for the Environmental Protection Agency:

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JM: [In my] home state: Coffin Butte Landfill. In June of 2022 the EPA sent out a team to measure the methane coming out of it, because of local concerns. The inspection resulted in recording 61 leaks, including three measurements that maxed out the instrumentation that was being used, at 70,000 parts per million. So: can you give me a short version of what action the EPA is taking? This is now 23 months ago that the field inspection occurred. If we need a longer discussion, I'd like to follow up with you to make sure that there is going to be action regarding landfills like this that are out of compliance.

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MR: Well, I will say that our enforcement arm has been very aggressive at looking at these methane leaks and opportunities here. This is one that as you said was discovered in 2022. Unfortunately it is an active enforcement situation, so I can't speak to that without betraying the confidence or the legal obligations that I have. But I can tell you that we are coordinating with the State of Oregon – it's an active case, and we are laser-focused on this case.

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JM: Great, because if you have a landfill which maxes out the instrumentation – which is I think quite rare? – it should probably rise to the top of the list of places to act on. I’ll convey to the folks in Corvallis and nearby that you are on the case.

Jeff Merkley and Michael Regan, May 1, 2024

<https://www.appropriations.senate.gov/hearings/a-review-of-the-presidents-fiscal-year-2025-budget-request-for-the-environmental-protection-agency>

TWO

“All landfills emit methane.”

We should distinguish here between normal operational landfill emissions and those that result from the failure of some system. I’ll call these “background” and “catastrophic” emissions, respectively.

The Committee was looking at the emissions data from Carbon Mapper, which is all catastrophic emissions: Carbon Mapper’s focus is entirely on super-emissions (above 100kg/hr methane) with an identifiable point of origin. Not all landfills have catastrophic emissions: Carbon Mapper has overflowed Columbia Ridge Landfill, near Arlington, 12 times and seven of those surveys detected no methane plume there at all. (Columbia Ridge Landfill is three times the size of Coffin Butte Landfill.) In contrast, Coffin Butte Landfill shows sizable plumes of catastrophic emissions every time that Carbon Mapper has surveyed it.

The EPA estimate for the background emissions rate at Coffin Butte Landfill is roughly 2.4 metric tons of methane per day. The Carbon Mapper data for Coffin Butte Landfill show catastrophic emissions of 2.4 metric tons every 90 minutes.

Carbon Mapper is overflying Coffin Butte Landfill as part of a national survey of landfills; prior to that, they had done a statewide survey of methane emitters in California. Both of these large-scale surveys found a relatively small number of problematic landfills which have both large-volume leaks and high persistence, and this small number of super-super-emitters generate a high proportion of the nation’s climate damage from landfills. The Forward Landfill, near Stockton, California, is one such example. In over 7 years of surveying, the Forward Landfill’s mean catastrophic emissions rate is 1.2 metric tons of methane an hour and it has a 90% persistence rate. In plain language: for seven years, on the average the Forward Landfill has been a super-emitter 12 times over and nine out of ten times it’s been surveyed, measurable levels of catastrophic super-emissions can be seen. Forward Landfill is owned and operated by Republic Services.

THREE

DSAC Scope and Goals (Section 3 of packet)

The Committee's packet omits a critical element of the Committee’s scope and goals: the state law that gives the Committee its duties, ORS 459.325:

ORS 459.325

Duties of regional disposal site advisory committee

The duties of the local citizens advisory committee established under [ORS 459.320 \(Regional disposal site advisory committee\)](#) shall include but need not be limited to:

(1)

Reviewing with the permittee, the regional disposal site including but not limited to siting, operation, closure and long-term monitoring of the regional disposal site; **and**

(2)

Providing a forum for citizen comments, questions and concerns about the regional disposal site and promoting a dialogue between the community in which the regional disposal site is to be located and the owner or operator of the regional disposal site. 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. The report shall be considered by the Department of Environmental Quality in issuing and renewing a solid waste permit under [ORS 459.245 \(Issuance of permits\)](#).
[1987 c.876 §11]

*Source: Section 459.325 – Duties of regional disposal site advisory committee,
https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills_laws/ors/ors459.html.*

This is state law, and so stands above county law or policy as the ultimate source as to the Committee's scope and goals. Counties have the authority to create their own laws as long as they do not conflict with state laws.

The three state statutes ORS 459.320, ORS 459.325 and ORS 459.330 lay out what is to happen and who is to do what. In simple terms, they say:

- The County is to host and support a Disposal Site Advisory Committee (ORS 459.320),
- That Committee is to provide a forum for community comments and dialogue with the landfill operator (ORS 459.325),
- The landfill operator is to keep the Committee informed about proposed changes to its permitted status (ORS 459.330).

The above is how I read the statutes. I think it's important for each Committee member to read these statutes for themselves when thinking about and prioritizing the Committee's scope and goals.

[ORS 459.320](#) **Regional disposal site advisory committee**

[ORS 459.325](#) **Duties of regional disposal site advisory committee**

ORS 459.330. Notification of advisory committee by regional disposal site permittee

FOUR

DSAC Scope and Goals via the County's Comprehensive Plan

The Comprehensive Plan is the County's official policy guide for decisions about growth, development, services, and resource management in Benton County, and the policies of the Comprehensive Plan serve as the basis for developing the regulations of the Development Code. In Section 6.5.f, Benton County's Comprehensive Plan says:

6.5.f The Coffin Butte Landfill is currently in compliance with permits and is heavily monitored by the County.

The Disposal Site Advisory Committee is the primary mechanism that County government relies on to ensure the landfill's compliance with permits and to monitor landfill impacts.

We have a salient example: when the County received notice that the landfill had filed a renewal application for its Title V Air Quality permit, and a Significant Permit Modification application to increase its allowance for non-methane organic compound emissions, Bailey included that notice in DSAC's October packet. The County took no other action, as far as I know (you can check with Bailey on this) – it has not followed up, held any hearing, developed any recommendation, etc. This has been typical during my time with the Committee: County government looks to DSAC to assess reports and data about landfill operations and generate recommendations as appropriate based on reports, data, news articles, public comments, the Committee's own research and other sources. It does not do any such assessments on its own.

I hope this is helpful.

All best,

Ken Eklund
Past Chair, DSAC



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Hi all,

Three action items for me:

- adjust top of the October 25, 2023 meeting minutes (Ken/Bailey)

This was resolved in a separate branch of this email thread. The “prepare and attach transcripts” plan described below will not work for the Oct 25 meeting, as a significant part of it was not recorded.

- write a caveat to put at the top of those minutes (Ken, can you take that?)

Sure! First, here is what I feel must be placed at the top of each set of minutes for the "Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC) & Disposal Site Advisory Committee (DSAC) Joint Work Sessions" for October 26, November 16, and December 7, 2022, and January 18, February 8, and March 15, 2023:

Irregular meeting

Citing a directive from the Board of Commissioners, staff restricted this meeting to one subject only: liaison between Members and their ambassadors to the Benton County Talks Trash Workgroup on Workgroup business. Staff further disallowed public comment and limited the meeting duration to one hour.

I think this accurately describes the extraordinary conditions in which those particular meetings were held, which is important to note in the record.

IIRC, the Committee’s operating idea was to attach the transcripts to the minutes and approve them without further Committee review, but conditionally upon having the transcripts included as part of the minutes. If so, we can place the note below at the top of the sets of minutes that DSAC declines to review, which presumably will be all of them save for the

October 25, 2023, meeting, which has been covered elsewhere: July 11, July 27, August 11, October 26, November 16, and December 7, 2022, and January 18, February 8, and March 15, 2023.

Meeting transcript attached to these Minutes; Caution

In 2024 the Committee was presented with a burden: through no fault of its own, the minutes of 9 past Committee meetings were unapproved. Given their history, the Committee was unwilling to approve the minutes without reviewing them, but also unable in conscience to divert as much effort as would be required to review them. The Committee therefore decided to direct staff to (1) prepare transcripts of each past meeting and (2) attach it to each Minutes for that meeting, and (3) to preface each Minutes with a Caution that the Minutes themselves are unreviewed and directing readers to also consult the transcripts for relevant information about the meeting.

- I was also thinking it would be good to see if we could get a representative of ENRC to attend the January meeting and talk with the committee about what ENRC is doing and how DSAC could be of assistance. Bailey and/or Ken is that something you could get going?

I'd be happy to try. I'll get back to you before Jan 8 on what I have been able to do. I'll note here that Jason Schindler of ENRAC has been inquiring in their meetings about DSAC and its expertise, so he may be good for you to approach as well, since you're the current Chair.
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Happy new year, y'all!

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On Dec 12, 2024, at 8:17 AM, Rachel Purcell <rcp.corvallis@fastmail.com> wrote:

Hi Bailey, Ken, and David,

Just writing this all out while my notes are still fresh. For action items, I've got:

- check on making transcripts of the meetings (Bailey)
- adjust top of the October 25, 2023 meeting minutes (Ken/Bailey)
- request that county make transcripts of all 2022/2023 meetings with unapproved minutes (Bailey)
- write a caveat to put at the top of those minutes (Ken, can you take that?)
- try adding line numbers to our Dec 11 meeting for easier edit requests (Bailey)
- work on getting answers on committee methane questions (Bret)
- I was also thinking it would be good to see if we could get a representative of ENRC to attend the January meeting and talk with the committee about what ENRC is doing and how DSAC could be of assistance. Bailey and/or Ken is that something you could get going?

And then agenda items for January:

- conversation about DSAC's scope/goals
- methane emissions / gas plant numbers conversation
- check in on expansion proposal status
- conversation with ENRC
- possibly approve old 2022/2023 minutes if they're ready

How does all that sound?

Rachel