

Deschutes County Department of Solid Waste
Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)
August 16, 2022
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.



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	Committee Members:				
*	Paul Bertagna City of Sisters	✓	Jared Black Citizen at Large	*	Bill Duerden City of Redmond
✓	Luke Dynes Citizen at Large	*	Keith Kessarlis Citizen at Large		Cassie Lacy City of Bend
	Jake Obrist City of La Pine	✓	Chris Ogren Citizen at Large	✓	Mike Riley The Environmental Center
*	Ron Shearer Republic Services	✓	Erwin Swetnam Cascade Disposal		Robin Vora Citizen at Large
	Consultant(s):				
✓C	Dwight Miller Parametrix, Inc.	✓C	Ryan Rudnick Parametrix, Inc.	✓C	Susanna Julber Barney & Worth, Inc.
	Staff:				
✓S	Tim Brownell Solid Waste Incoming Director	✓S	Chad Centola Solid Waste Director	*S	Sue Monette SW Management Analyst
✓S	Kristie Bollinger County Property Manager	*S	Shad Campbell IT Applications Manager	*S	Peter Gutowsky Community Development Director
*S	Nick Lelack County Administrator	✓S	Stephanie Marshall Legal Counsel Assistant	S	Lee Randall Facilities Director
✓S	Kimberly Riley Legal Counsel Assistant	*S	Joe Sadony IT Director		
	Elected Official(s):				
*E	Tony DeBone County Commissioner				
	Guest(s):	✓G	2	*G	6
✓	<i>Present at meeting</i>	*	<i>Videoconference</i>	C	<i>Consultant</i>
E	<i>Elected Official</i>	G	<i>Guest</i>	S	<i>Staff</i>

Decisions/Actions Taken by the Committee in Blue
 Items Requiring Follow-up in Red

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Chad Centola, Deschutes County Solid Waste Director.

1. Review/Approve Minutes: Chad Centola

Chad Centola asked for comments on the minutes from the June 21, 2022 meeting. **Action:** Mike Riley made the motion and Erwin Swetnam seconded to approve the minutes from the prior meeting. The committee unanimously approved the minutes as written.

2. Public Comment: Chad Centola

No public comment was provided.

3. Criteria Update: Second Board meeting and final Technical Memorandum (sent to SWAC in July): Chad Centola

- Chad referenced the recent meeting with the Board of Commissioners to discuss the draft siting criteria. He noted there was one change requested by Commissioner Chang to increase the ‘distance to waste centroid’ weighting criteria. That change was included and the engineering weighting was decreased.
- The Board held a second board meeting to review and approve the criteria and weighting on June 22, 2022.

4. Application of Fatal Flaw Criteria – Identify Exclusionary Areas (presentation): Dwight Miller

- Dwight shared the GIS work that the project team is undertaking to identify exclusionary areas within the County and begin to narrow the locations available for the new solid waste management facility.
- Fatal flaw (off-limits areas) include those areas of the County characterized by: City Limits, Urban Growth Boundaries (UGB), Unincorporated Communities, Urban Reserve Areas, Airport Buffers (not private airports), Wetlands, FEMA designated 100-year floodplains, Sage Grouse Core Area Habitat, Metolius Area of Critical Statewide Concern (ACSC), Holocene Fault Buffers, and Steep Slopes as described in the Criteria Technical Memorandum.
- Member Keith Kessarlis noted that some of the wetlands near Sunriver weren’t shown on the map.
Action: Dwight and Ryan will verify the National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) information.
- Dwight discussed the exclusion of federal lands because of the difficulty in acquiring federal property but some federal properties may be suitable as neighbors because they may provide large public land buffers to a landfill. Chad is in communications with the BLM about potential disposal properties.
- Member Mike Riley asked about the update of the Wildlife Combining Zone and process of the County pushing the update to the Code out to next year. These may be areas of concern to some of the environmental community, and it would be good to coordinate with ODFW about known high habitat areas. Dwight noted that these are not so much exclusionary areas but areas we need to look more closely at. Community Development Director Peter Gutowsky noted that the current code doesn’t preclude development within a Wildlife Combining Zone, but a developer may be required to provide mitigation. Currently, a landfill is considered a Conditional Use in the zone. Commissioner Tony DeBone noted that the Mule Deer migration routes have been identified by ODFW and it would be good to proactively touch base with the agency on these.
Action: Dwight and Ryan will consult with ODFW on identified Mule Deer migration routes.
- Dwight discussed the importance of the process to evaluate already-developed and impacted properties. Next steps may involve looking at the parcels zoned and used for Surface Mining because they are already impacted and need a reclamation plan, which the new solid waste management facility could provide. The group discussed the complexity of landfills being a permitted use in EFU zones, and the challenge of rezoning a site with Surface Mining (SM) zoning being rezoned to EFU. Instead, maybe a better possibility is to look at an amendment to the SM Zoning District to allow landfills and waste management facilities, as these sites have already been impacted if used for mining where the resource has been exhausted.
- County Administrator Nick Lelack clarified that the Wildlife Combining Zone doesn’t cover the Sage Grouse Combining Zones. The Sage Grouse Combining Zone includes 3 different sub-categories – General, Low, and Core – which each require varying degrees of mitigation. Peter recommended avoiding the core and low density habitat because mitigation is very difficult. ODFW doesn’t have a template for a large-scale development project. It would be very difficult and unknown to negotiate the process.

- Dwight mentioned the next step is to begin Broad Area Screening to start to narrow the potential areas where the landfill could be sited. Some of the criteria will be applied to narrow the potential areas and begin to evaluate at the parcel level – high value farmland, for example.
- Shad Campbell, Deschutes County IT Applications Manager, asked a question about the criteria used for the aircraft buffer. Dwight believes 10,000 ft. from jet aircraft airports and 5,000 ft. from other public access runways, but will confirm.

Action: The consultants will reconfirm FAA rules and buffer criteria for airports.

5. Communications Plan Update: Susanna Julber

- Susanna Julber summarized recent outreach activities. Communications will be ongoing and targeted to different populations as the sites are narrowed.
- SWAC meetings in September and December 2022, and March 2023 are key meetings where sites will likely be shown and additional communications will occur.
- An open house is planned in April 2023, when finalist sites will be shared.
- Udara Abeysekara, from the Environmental Center, asked about specific outreach to groups that represent diverse populations. Susanna discussed reaching out to those diverse groups who represent marginalized populations along the way and will follow up.

Action: Chad will follow up with Whitney to see if a Tribe contact is available and Susanna will reach out to diverse groups for targeted outreach.

Action: SWAC members can recommend interest groups to contact, present to, and engage on the project.

Summary of Action Items:

- Consultant team will verify the NWI inventory information.
- Consult with ODFW on identified Mule Deer migration corridors/ routes.
- Reconfirm FAA rules and buffer criteria for airports.
- Communications Plan related follow up: reach out to diverse groups for targeted outreach.
- SWAC members can recommend interest groups to contact, present to, and engage on the project.

6. Wrap up/adjourn: Chad Centola

Next Committee Meeting: SWAC Advisory Group meetings will be held the 3rd Tuesday of each month virtually or at the Deschutes County Road Department (61150 SE 27th St., Bend, OR 97702) from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. The next Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting is **September 20, 2022 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.**

Meeting Adjourned: 10:10 a.m.