

Deschutes County Department of Solid Waste
Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)
September 20, 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	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	1	*G	4
✓	<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 9:05 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 August 18, 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. Exclusionary Areas Update (Revised for airports and wetlands): Dwight Miller

- Dwight shared the meeting slideshow and explained the progress to date and where the siting process is going in the future. The project team has developed the siting criteria, and is now getting into the siting process itself, and has identified Countywide exclusionary areas.
- Today's intent is to show the application of first layer of criteria and exclusionary criteria across the whole county. The team incorporated the revised data set and added the National Wetland Inventory (NWI) data and the airport overlay layers, which includes the Sunriver Airport.
- Dwight showed the Consolidated Exclusionary Areas map – the Metolius Area of Critical State Concern, Core Sage Grouse, Badlands Wilderness Areas all excluded and shown in pink.
- Mike Riley inquired about the differing levels of Sage Grouse protection: general, low and core areas. Dwight noted that Core Areas are the only ones excluded, because the others- general and low- have parcel-level screenings and on a very large parcel, the entire parcel wouldn't be automatically excluded from consideration. Another example is a steep slope on a large parcel – which wouldn't necessarily exclude the entire parcel.

4. Identification of Broad Site Screening Areas of Interest (Presentation): Dwight Miller

- Dwight explained the identification of areas of interest, outside of the exclusionary areas.
- Purple areas, as identified, do not fall within Exclusionary Areas, and appear to be areas that match up with the criteria.
- Green areas may be acceptable but are under federal ownership and may take a long time to acquire. At the same time, they may provide a buffer as a neighbor to a new landfill. These may have assemblages of property that may have 200+ acres, with the smallest ones at 150-200 acres. Kristie Bollinger noted her contact and BLM resources.
- Dwight explained that now the team will begin looking at specific assemblages of parcels and use GIS to define sites further. Steep slopes, wildlife habitats, additional criteria as identified by the SWAC and outlined in the Siting Criteria Technical Memorandum will be used to begin the Broad Site Screening and come back to SWAC in December with 12-15 sites for consideration.
- Dwight asked for SWAC input on the map and exclusionary areas.
- Jared Black asked about the impact of transportation costs for sites that are far out. Chad clarified that distance from waste centroid is part of the more focused screening so will be evaluated then. Robin Vora had same comment and suggested that maybe a quick analysis on the Hampton area to see if transportation costs and greenhouse gas emissions may be excessive.
- Tim Schimke noted that it may be appropriate to identify the purple areas that are surrounded by federal lands.
- Laurie Gordon, DEQ, brought up transportation challenges with Highway 20 in the winter and noted the hills can have black ice. Chad noted the SWAC looked at that in the development of the SWMP.
- Mike Riley asked about area adjacent in Crook County, and Robin asked if we will be using the county line as a boundary or looking beyond into different counties. Tim Schimke noted that the County has had discussions with Crook County about using some of their landfill, but not about siting the Deschutes landfill in Crook County. Dwight clarified they will look on the other side of the area of interest lines in their analysis for buffer opportunities.

5. Communications Update: Dwight Miller

- Communications more intensive as site selection narrows.

- Beginning more targeted outreach as focused area screening occurs in early 2023.
- Continuing to identify outreach opportunities to share Solid Waste Dept. information.
- Open House in April 2023, following March SWAC meeting when finalist sites are shared.

6. Next Steps: Dwight Miller

- The team will be evaluating the County for potential sites with more specific criteria like evidence of endangered species, groundwater, and then the finer layer of criteria at the parcel size level.
- Because the team will be doing detailed work, there may be only minor updates to the group until December.
- The team will confirm a forum for the next SWAC meeting- it may only be a brief check in, possibly virtual only.

Summary of Action Items:

- Dwight/ Team will confirm meeting format for the October 18th SWAC meeting.
- November SWAC meeting may be opportunity for a check-in on the work-in-progress.

7. 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 **October 18, 2022 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.**

Meeting Adjourned: 10:04 a.m.