



	<b>Committee Members:</b>				
	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
	<b>Consultant(s):</b>				
✓C	Dwight Miller Parametrix, Inc.	✓C	Ryan Rudnick Parametrix, Inc.	✓C	Susanna Julber Barney & Worth, Inc.
	<b>Staff:</b>				
✓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		
	<b>Elected Official(s):</b>				
E					
	<b>Guest(s):</b>	✓G	<b>18</b>	*G	<b>29</b>
✓	<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. Introductions/Welcome:** Chad Centola

Chad Centola reviewed the list of Committee members in attendance. He explained to the group that Jake Obrist is no longer with the City of La Pine, and Bill Duerden is not representing Redmond any longer. Additionally, the SWAC representative for Republic Services has left their employment. The County will work with the cities and Republic to

fill the vacancies, which requires BOCC approval. Additionally, the use of Board-approved proxies will be explored for the local government and franchise representatives to cover absences.

**2. Review/Approve Minutes:** Chad Centola

Chad Centola asked for comments on the minutes from the November 15, 2022 meeting. Robin Vora submitted written comments to reflect “Robin brought up potential wildlife impacts. Most of the sites are within mule deer habitat. He recommended talking to Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) about which areas are more important than others for mule deer. He noted that a landfill near existing or potential sage-grouse habitat will attract far ranging avian predators of sage-grouse and so impact sage-grouse core habitat that may be several miles from a landfill. He commented that this will be an issue with U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFW) and ODFW, especially the easterly sites near Hampton. He said the Millican area is presently degraded sage-grouse habitat that could be restored.”

Action: Robin Vora made the motion and Erwin Swetnam seconded to approve the minutes from the prior meeting with the inclusion of Robin Vora’s comment. The committee unanimously approved the minutes as written.

Action: Keith Kessarlis moved to place the public comment at the end of the agenda, Mike Riley seconded.

**3. Broad Area Screening Results (Presentation):** Dwight Miller and Ryan Rudnick

Dwight Miller summarized the siting process to date. The team has developed siting criteria, evaluated the exclusionary criteria, developed areas of interest, and applied the criteria to develop candidate sites for the application of Broad Area Screening – which was applied to 31 sites. The list has now been pared down to 12 sites for Focused Area Screening. Dwight reminded the group that the Solid Waste Management Facility will be multi-faceted, not only for a landfill, but also extended recycling and other amenities. The facility will be limited access and closed to public.

An audience member asked about the number of trips/ traffic generation. Dwight replied that 25-50 range per day, but Chad noted that it depends on where the facility would be located. For example, if near an existing transfer station location, less traffic would be expected.

An audience member asked about the existing transfer stations. Chad/ Dwight clarified that if it was a piece of property that met the siting criteria, it was included, but not only because there was an existing transfer station on the property.

Dwight explained how the team narrowed the list of sites from 31 to 12. Many sites had fatal flaws (shallow groundwater, distance to private wells, steep slopes, proximity to Holocene faults, etc.) and practical flaws (size, odd shape, an owner not desiring to be included for site consideration).

Robin asked about the scoring and if a really low score eliminated any sites. Dwight clarified that only fatal flaws and practical flaws have eliminated sites, not scoring. At this stage, the project team will conduct focused area screening on these 12 sites.

Ryan Rudnick went through the summary of the scoring for each of the 12 sites.

- 151300: Negus Transfer Station site. Bordered to the east by BLM, just to the east of UGB Redmond but within Redmond Urban Reserve. County-owned property, which had been burned at some point. Performed well with natural environment but not as well with land use.

- 181300: 873 acres, with developable area of 416 acres, away from adjacent wells. Owned by COID. No functional irrigation canal.  
Tom Diamond asked if the scoring included dollars for acquisition. Ryan noted the acquisition potential is one of the criteria.  
Timm asked about a private well within a quarter mile, and if that would eliminate the site. Ryan and Dwight answered yes- but more the footprint and distance to well since some of the sites are so large.
- 181315: Total acreage 683, owned by County, off Rickard Road. Lower score with land use.
- 191499-200: Moon Pit, existing gravel/ surface mine located east of Badlands Wilderness Area and west of Dry Canyon. Not as great of a score with Natural Environment but higher with Land Use. Adjacent all sides to federal land, allowing for use of more of the property.
- 191400-2400: Golden Basin, on west side of Horse Ridge. Smaller property, but developable area in a slight bowl so wouldn't be visible from Hwy 20. Two parcels, privately owned. Performs well in engineering criteria.
- 191400-3300: 646 acres, 405-acre developable area, some owned by BLM. 5 parcels- just NW of Pine Mountain.
- 191600: Private owner, north of Hwy 20, scores highest in land use. Surrounded by federal land. East of George Millican Road.
- 201500-300: South of Hwy 20, north of Pine Mtn and south of Hwy 20. Large, scores well with site characteristics and engineering.
- 211900: State of Oregon, a mile south of Hwy 20.
- 212000: Also owned by the State of Oregon, north of Hwy 20. Large site, room for lots of configurations. Mike Riley asked about the process for acquiring. At this time, the State has not responded to the letter that was sent to them.
- 222200-200: GI Ranch ownership. Large site- near Glass Buttes Road, and Hwy 20.
- 222200-400: Also owned by GI Ranch, but closer to natural resources. Just south of county line.

Mike Riley asked about input on screening by the native community. Susanna Julber replied that letters were sent to the Tribal Councils of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs (CTWS), the Klamath Tribes, and Burns Paiute Tribes, with the natural resource and cultural resources staff for each tribe copied via emailed letters. No responses have been received yet, but the team plans to reach out to them individually.

Timm asked about the haul distance to waste centroid as a criterion. Dwight noted that sites that were closer to the waste centroid scored higher, and that criterion will be considered in greater detail in operations analysis. At the direction of the Solid Waste Management Plan, 30 miles was the cutoff for a potential site. Dwight said that part of the Focused Area Screening will be economic analysis, as haul distance fees may be impactful. Keith Kessar discussed the environmental carbon footprint impacts too.

Robin inquired about the scoring. He wondered if the criteria really told us much about the site. Bald eagles, mule deer, sage grouse declines in habitat are significant, and those scores don't really reflect that. He expressed concern

that all of the sites from Millican Plateau east will be problematic. He wonders about the State-owned lands and BLM owned parcels being controversial and asked if we could take the sites near Hampton out of consideration now.

Chad reminded the group that the Site Selection Criteria Memorandum was developed and approved by both the SWAC and BOCC as the guiding document for site screening and selection. It is important that the process follow this for both site elimination and selection.

Emily Wilder, USFS in Bend, recommended coordinating with the USFW, ODFW, etc. on the focused sites. ODFW will be redrawing core sage grouse boundaries, probably coming out in March 2023.

Cat O'Connor had a concern about the COID property as there is an active eagle's nest on Bear Creek and Hwy 20, and an active osprey nest at Tenn Bar and Hwy 20, as well as snowy owls.

Mike recommended the project team receive input from the CTWS prior to figuring out the 3-5 sites.

Mike mentioned the drawbacks of the eastern sites, but at this point would rather leave the sites on for the time being before just eliminating them. It will likely be more complicated with sage grouse and other considerations, etc. Cassie Lacy agreed that we should still go through a process instead of eliminating.

Keith noted that following the process is key, as Chad had mentioned.

#### **4. Communications Update: Susanna Julber**

- Recent Communications News – Chad discussed recent media contracts and interviews.
- Susanna explained that prior to this SWAC meeting, we provided notice to property owners of the 13 sites, all owners adjacent to the sites, and also the 3 tribes that may have interest in the siting process- CTWS, Klamath, and Burns-Paiute Councils and Natural Resources/Cultural Resources staff.
- Chad is continuing to meet with folks interested in the process
- Story Map should be live by the next SWAC meeting
- Starting newsletter updates
- Comments from Interested Persons to SWAC – A summary and comments will be provided to the SWAC.
- BOCC update early next year, an Open House is scheduled April 6, 2023

#### **5. Next Steps: Dwight Miller**

Dwight highlighted the next steps outlined in the presentation slide.

- Focused screening of 12 candidate SWMF sites
  - Gather additional data and score according to focused siting criteria
  - Operations & Cost evaluation
- March 2023: 3-5 sites identified for which more extensive evaluation and analysis will be conducted over the following year
- Spring 2024: SWAC recommends preferred SWMF site for BOCC consideration
- Community outreach (near-term)
  - SWAC Meeting January 17 – focused screening updates and public comments
  - SWAC Meeting February 21 – focused screening updates and public comments
  - SWAC Meeting March 21 – focused screening results
  - Open House on April 6

#### **6. Public Comment: Chad Centola**

Public comments are available in the meeting recording. Following is a list of individuals that provided verbal comments.

- Dr. Andrew Aasen
- Johnathan Ashworth
- Thomas Wisdom
- Daniel Baca
- James Bouziane
- Leroy Cabana
- Rick Christin
- Harrison Ruffin
- Linda Swearingen
- Shellie Boyd
- Steve Wright
- Matthew Hyman
- Johnathan Ashworth
- Sarah Palmer Antoniou
- David Givans
- Daniel Baca

**7. Adjourn:** Chad Centola

**Next Committee Meeting:** SWAC Advisory Group meetings will be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month virtually or at the Deschutes County Road Department (61150 SE 27<sup>th</sup> St., Bend, OR 97702) from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. The next Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting is **January 17, 2023 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.**

**Meeting Adjourned:** 11:08 a.m.