

Deschutes County Department of Solid Waste
Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) Special Meeting
February 7, 2023
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 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	Patti Adair County Commissioner				
	Guest(s):	✓G	5	*G	59
✓	<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 9:04 a.m. by Chad Centola, Deschutes County Solid Waste Director.

1. Introductions/Welcome: Chad Centola

Chad Centola welcomed the group and reviewed the list of Committee members in attendance. He went over the purpose of the meeting, explaining that this is a special meeting of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee to review

the recommendations from Federal Aviation Administration Circular 150/5200-33C, and make a recommendation to the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners regarding the removal of three potential sites under consideration.

- 2. Review of Federal Aviation Administration Recommendations and Impacts to Potential Sites:** Chad Centola
Chad Centola described FAA Advisory Circular 150/5200-33C, which provides recommendations on the siting of facilities that may attract wildlife near public use airports – which includes Redmond and Bend Municipal Airports.

Chad stated that Solid Waste staff discussed the Advisory’s 5-mile exclusion recommendation with Redmond Airport staff. Concerns about birds at a landfill facility as well as potential problems from bird migration to and from the facility were discussed. The City of Redmond Airport’s staff determined they could not support a landfill within 5 miles of the airport. The County also reached out to airport manager at Bend Airport, who similarly, could not support a landfill within the 5-mile airport radius.

There are two different points cited in the in the Advisory regarding where the 5-mile setback is to be measured from and Solid Waste recommends the more conservative measurement from the airport property boundary be used for determining the exclusion area.

The Advisory’s 5-mile radius would exclude the following candidate sites:

Site 151300

- Negus Transfer Station Property in Redmond
- Entire property falls in exclusion zone for Redmond Airport

Site 181300

- Central Oregon Irrigation District property off Bear Creek Road
- Usable acreage outside the 5-mile exclusion zone is about 210 acres

Site 181315

- Deschutes County property off Rickard Road
- Usable acreage outside the 5-mile exclusion zone is about 200 acres

- 3. Public Comments – Taken only on Agenda Topic:** Chad Centola

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

- Sheri Applebee
- Angie Dunham
- James Bouziane
- Daniel Baca
- Lisa Machnik
- Leroy Cabana
- Brenda Ackerson

A question was asked about private landing strips. These aren’t covered under FAA advisory. County legal counsel Stephanie Marshall clarified also that landing strips aren’t covered.

A question was asked about siting outside of the 5-mile radius, given the airports may expand in the future. Stephanie Marshall clarified that when you are going to construct/permit a use, it is based on the rules in effect at the time.

Chad Centola read an email from SWAC committee member Robin Vora which recommended the FAA advisory be used as a guideline and not an absolute requirement and not rule out sites for just that reason.

Mike Riley asked about the “Rose Pit” site and how the FAA rules would play into considering that site. Chad Centola explained that that property is less than 500 acres in area, there are groundwater wells that are adjacent to the property boundary, and the Bonneville Power Administration has an interstate electrical transmission power line that runs through the site, all of which create significant hurdles.

Mike Riley was wondering about the FAA rules and how it would apply to the site. Chad Centola said that the Rose Pit would be outside the 5-mile exclusion zone.

A question was asked about flights over landfills, specifically AirFlight servicing St. Charles. There aren’t guidance or restrictions about flights over a landfill.

A question was asked about clarifying the FAA circular advisory- there is one from 2020, Feb. 21, which recommends not siting a landfill within 6 miles of a public use airport. Chad Centola clarified that that advisory (150/5200-34A) only applies to airports that meet specific requirements for grant funding, type of passenger aircraft and number of enplanements from those aircraft. Neither the Bend nor Redmond Airports meet those requirements. The County inquired with the FAA about these requirements in 2021, and neither airport qualified under this Advisory. The County also re-confirmed this with the FAA recently.

Mike Riley asked to look at the map of the 5-mile radius again, and asked for clarification of where the radius is measured, and if it precludes other sites. Chad Centola explained that those radius buffers will not preclude additional sites. Mike Riley asked about additional potential BLM sites that may be precluded. Chad Centola said that it is too early to tell.

4. Action Item – SWAC Recommendation: Chad Centola

The Board of County Commissioners has requested the SWAC provide a recommendation relative to the implementation of FAA Advisory Circular 150/5200-33C.

Action: Erwin Swetnam made a motion to recognize the 5-mile radius, with Keith Kessar seconding. Mike Riley emphasized the safety issues of doing this, for today, but also for moving into the future and increasing safety hazards into the future. That is the main reason to support this- safety. SWAC Committee members voted unanimously to support the recommendation.

5. Adjourn: Chad Centola

Next Committee Meeting: SWAC Advisory Group meetings will be held the 3rd Tuesday of each month virtually or at the Deschutes Services Building (1300 NW Wall Street, Bend, OR 97703) from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. The next Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting is **February 21, 2023 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.**

Meeting Adjourned: 9:48 a.m.