

Deschutes County Department of Solid Waste

Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)

June 20, 2023

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., Open House 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



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	Committee Members:				
*	Paul Bertagna Jackson Dumanch, Alternate City of Sisters	✓	Jared Black Citizen at Large		Luke Dynes Citizen at Large
	Ed Fitch John Roberts, Alternate City of Redmond		Keith Kessarlis Citizen at Large	*	Cassie Lacy Robyn Jones, Alternate City of Bend
✓	Erica Lindberg Ron Shearer, Alternate Republic Services	✓	Chris Ogren Citizen at Large	✓	Mike Riley The Environmental Center
✓	Erwin Swetnam Roman Guffy, Alternate Cascade Disposal	✓	Robin Vora Citizen at Large		
	Consultant(s):				
✓C	Dwight Miller Parametrix, Inc.	✓C	Ryan Rudnick Parametrix, Inc.	✓C	Susanna Julber Conсор
	Staff:				
✓S	Tim Brownell Solid Waste Incoming Director	✓S	Chad Centola Solid Waste Director	S	Jeff Merwin Solid Waste Manager
✓S	Sue Monette SW Management Analyst	S	Kristie Bollinger County Property Manager	S	Shad Campbell IT Applications Manager
S	Peter Gutowsky CDD Director	S	Nick Lelack County Administrator	S	Stephanie Marshall Legal Counsel Assistant
✓S	Lee Randall Facilities Director	✓S	Kimberly Riley Legal Counsel Assistant		
	Elected Official(s):				
✓E	Tony DeBone County Commissioner				
	Guest(s):	✓G	6	*G	10
✓	<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. Welcome: Chad Centola

Chad Centola welcomed the group and reviewed the list of Committee members in attendance.

2. Review/Approve Minutes: Chad Centola

Chad Centola asked for comments on the minutes from the May 16, 2023 meeting.

[Action: Chris Ogren made the motion and Erwin Swetnam seconded to approve the minutes from the prior meeting. The committee unanimously approved the minutes as written.](#)

3. Public Comment: Chad Centola

No members of the public in attendance provided public comment.

4. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Site Consideration Update: Chad Centola

Chad Centola updated the committee on the potential for acquiring a site managed by the BLM. Representative Lori Chavez-DeRemer has indicated interest in a congressional process to acquire a site, which would take roughly one year. Before deciding on moving forward with one of the two potential BLM sites identified, the County will take roughly three months to do some viability analysis on both the Highway 20 and Powell Butte Highway sites. The analysis would be part of the more detailed Phase 2 work scope the project team will be undergoing for the Moon Pit and Roth East sites, but a less-extensive process.

Robin Vora noted that the Powell Butte Highway site was preferable in terms of anticipated environmental and wildlife impacts, compared to the Highway 20 (Stokey Road) site and inquired about additional property attributes of each of the BLM sites. Chad Centola explained that the BLM sites will be evaluated through a similar process as the team provided on all of the potential sites in Phase 1.

Another committee member inquired about the Congressional districts and process.

5. Phase 2 Screening Update: Dwight Miller

Chad Centola commented that the Phase 2 procurement process is taking place right now, with the Board of County Commissioners considering the sole source procurement authorization and contract next week.

Dwight Miller explained the siting process Phase 2, and highlighted major differentiators for the sites:

- Master Plan and preliminary engineering
- Capital and Operational Costs
- Site Development and Permitting assessment (land use and environmental)
- Geology/ Hydrogeology assessment
- Geotechnical investigations
- Natural resources assessment
- Archeology and cultural heritage assessments

Dwight Miller continued to explain that the site differentiators may be varied depending on the site and will have different costs. As part of the Phase 2 work, the County will take up to 3 months to evaluate the BLM sites and see if either is viable to move forward with the congressional process.

Robin Vora mentioned using some of the dirt from the private and state pits farther east on Horse Ridge Frontage Road for operations at the Highway 20 site. Robin Vora also inquired about a field trip in the future, and Chad Centola said the project team will likely do some evaluation first, and then conduct a field trip at a later date.

A landowner in Millican noted that there are wind impacts – consistent wind velocity in the Millican area – that is not advantageous for the Roth East site. Dwight Miller clarified that wind will be evaluated as part of Phase 2.

Another guest in attendance recommended visiting the site in early morning or evening because of the varying wind impacts.

6. **Communications Update:** Susanna Julber

Susanna Julber provided an update of project communications and there was group discussion on meeting dates.

Discussion:

- The group discussed outreach for the BLM sites, and the County would like to do some analysis on the two BLM sites to determine that they are potentially viable, prior to September, before conducting formal outreach to the surrounding property owners.
- The group also discussed future SWAC meeting schedules. Because of the Phase 2 work that will be beginning, the SWAC will be skipping the July SWAC meeting, and the team will hold a meeting in August for an update on preliminary outcomes of the upcoming investigation phase. Following, the SWAC will meet in October to review public feedback from the September 11 Open House, and then in 2024 in January, April, and May for SWAC input on the finalist sites.
- Mike Riley mentioned the importance of outreach prior to September 11 on the BLM sites, and Chad Centola concurred, and noted that ultimately only one BLM site will move forward through a congressional process.
- A guest spoke about the Powell Butte site and concerns about impacting Crook County residents, impacts to wells, recommending a 1-mile radius buffer from wells, and discussed and intersection impacts for the haul route. He recommended we start informing people early on.
- Jared Black asked to have a one-pager monthly update when we aren't going to be meeting.
Action: Susanna Julber will prepare a monthly summary for distribution to the SWAC on the months when no meetings are held.
- A member of the audience asked about the Hwy 20 BLM site and what the visibility impact would be from Hwy. 20. Chad Centola commented that Phase 2 will include a visual analysis, and that the visibility impacts for the site should be minimal. For the Powell Butte Highway BLM site, because the property is flat, there may be visibility impacts.
- The same guest asked about the number of people the facility will employ. Chad Centola remarked probably 8-12 people, operating 7 days/ week. Tim Brownell noted with benefits the salaries are roughly \$100,000 annually. The guest remarked that it would be advantageous to keep jobs in Deschutes County, instead of people from Prineville or other locations in Crook County. He would like tax dollars kept in the County and jobs kept in the County too. Chad Centola clarified that they hire people from all counties, it is not a requirement for the job to live in the County.
- The same audience member noted not only wind, but thermal activity is substantial in the Millican area. He inquired about transportation impacts on arterials/ collectors vs. local roads. Another guest commented on the Horse Ridge summit grade and impacts of trucks on the grade.

7. **Adjourn:** Chad Centola

Next Committee Meeting: The next SWAC Advisory Group meeting is scheduled virtually or at the Deschutes Services Building (1300 NW Wall St., Bend, OR 97703) on **August 15, 2023 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.**

Meeting Adjourned: 10:08 a.m.

Public Open House Event till Noon