

Deschutes County Department of Solid Waste
Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)
August 15, 2023
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.



	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 Kessariss 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 Director	✓S	Chad Centola SW Senior Advisor	*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	Patti Adair County Commissioner				
	Guest(s):	✓G	47	*G	36
✓	<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 9:06 a.m. by Tim Brownell, Deschutes County Solid Waste Director.

1. Welcome: Tim Brownell

Tim Brownell welcomed the group and reviewed the list of Committee members in attendance.

2. Review/Approve Minutes: Tim Brownell

Tim Brownell asked for comments on the minutes from the June 20, 2023 meeting.

Action: Keith Kessarlis made the motion and Jared Black seconded to approve the minutes from the prior meeting. Chris Ogren abstained as he could not adequately hear the meeting virtually due to audio issues. The remaining committee members unanimously approved the minutes as written.

3. Final Site Evaluations – Progress Updates: Ryan Rudnick

Ryan Rudnick went over the agenda and began an overview of the process to arrive at two finalist sites – “Moon Pit” and “Roth East” – for consideration for the Solid Waste Management Facility. Drone surveys are complete and the team is beginning conceptual design and field work on the two sites including geophysical survey, geotechnical drilling, cultural resources field work, natural resources field work, and transportation assessments.

The field work will be beginning this fall, with reports and assessments following. Final site evaluation information will be presented in Spring 2024 to the Board of County Commissioners.

4. BLM Site Focused Screening Results: Ryan Rudnick

Ryan Rudnick acknowledged the amount of comments received concerning the two Bureau of Land Management (BLM) sites over the past month. Almost all of the comments concerned the Powell Butte site, and concerned potential environmental impacts, health and safety, aesthetic impacts, traffic, airport safety, proximity to residential areas, and impacts to property values. Ryan Rudnick reviewed the process of identifying these two sites, and their preliminary assessments for use as a solid waste management facility, and also compared their scoring to some of the sites previously considered for siting.

Initially, the County identified three potential BLM sites, at the request of Commissioner Phil Chang. Tim Brownell explained the process that would be required to acquire the sites through a congressional process. The BLM sites have been narrowed through a somewhat different process than the other privately-owned sites. The evaluation of sites has narrowed the list, as more information was gathered about each site. It was necessary to study the sites, prior to stopping or continuing with the lengthy congressional process to acquire BLM land. As the process unfolded, two remaining BLM sites – Hwy. 20 and Powell Butte Highway – remain, along with the privately-owned Roth East and Moon Pit sites.

(Committee member Mike Riley arrived at approximately 9:30 a.m.)

Ryan Rudnick explained the process of Focused Screening, which helped narrow the list from over 200, to 31, to 13, to the two finalist sites, and compared the scoring with some of the sites that had previously been removed with the two BLM sites, for context. The Powell Butte site is challenging because of nearby residences (roughly 10 within 1 mile, and 40 residences within 2 miles, along with two resort communities nearby), but scores relatively well in natural resources (lower potential impacts). The Hwy. 20 site is better in terms of impacts to residents (roughly 18 residences within 2 miles), but scores worse in terms of impacts to natural environment (higher potential impacts). Both these sites would be very challenging to develop as there is extensive rock, creating difficulties for excavation and meeting daily soil cover needs. Both sites would be expensive in terms of landfill development and operations.

Ryan Rudnick explained the three lenses to review each site: siting criteria scoring, comparative cost analysis, and residential proximity analysis (residences within 1 mile and 2 miles of the site).

Ryan Rudnick went through the scoring criteria results for the two BLM sites and compared these to the criteria scoring results for the two finalist sites (Moon Pit, Roth East). In the site characteristics and engineering category - both BLM sites scored low in comparison to the other finalist sites. Both BLM sites scored relatively higher in terms of natural environment- particularly the Powell Butte site, which is completely outside of an identified sage grouse impact zone. In terms of land use impacts, the Powell Butte and Hwy 20 BLM sites scored relatively equal to the two finalist privately-owned sites. Overall, the two remaining BLM sites scored lower than the Moon Pit and Roth East sites.

The comparative cost factor analysis showed that the two BLM sites scored low in this category, primarily in the operations and maintenance costs.

The two BLM sites scored relatively lower in residential proximity analysis, as the sites have more known residences within the 1 and 2-mile buffers than the Moon Pit and Roth East sites.

Tim Brownell explained the staff recommendation to remove both BLM sites from consideration, particularly because of the cost impacts to develop and operate the landfill on either the Powell Butte or the Hwy. 97 sites. Additionally, the congressional process has uncertainties and is a lengthy process.

5. Public Comment:

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

- Kevin Cornelius
- Jim Moss
- Roy Cogan
- Steve Negorski
- Harrison Ruffin
- Mike McClane
- Melissa Pearson
- Steve Bunch
- Janet Trucello
- Patricia Lucas
- John Vaughn
- Marcie O'Reilly
- Cindy Magnussen

Tim Brownell closed the public comment period and discussed the analysis that was conducted to prepare the Solid Waste Management Plan in 2018 and 2019. A comparison of different technologies, trucking or shipping, and siting a new facility within the County was completed, with siting within the County as the final recommendation. As part of the current siting process, the County will continue to evaluate alternatives, opportunities for diversion, and new technologies to continue to reduce and manage the waste.

6. SWAC Discussion: Tim Brownell

Chris Ogren asked about the proposal for a new incorporated City of Mountain View, and whether incorporation would prohibit development of a landfill within its boundaries. Stephanie Marshall stated that the Board of County Commissioners will be holding a public hearing on the proposal at the September 20 meeting. If the petition is approved by the County, the proposal would move to a vote at the next available election. Stephanie Marshall noted there is a long process to go through to incorporate and couldn't speak to the boundary.

Chris Ogren noted the importance of the boundary, and the impacts of the sites being within the boundary. Mike Riley asked about the sites within the boundary, and Tim Brownell noted that both Moon Pit and Roth East sites are within the boundary. Both BLM sites are also within the proposed City of Mountain View boundary. Stephanie Marshall offered to prepare a memorandum outlining the steps and process of incorporation.

Chris Ogren asked about keeping one of the two BLM sites. Tim Brownell noted that to date, the County has not heard any concerns about the Hwy. 20 site. Mike Riley noted that there are more residences near the Powell Butte site than the Hwy. 20 site. Mike Riley discussed that retaining the Hwy. 20 site may make sense, given that both Moon Pit and Roth East are within the draft City of Mountain View boundary. *Subsequent to the meeting, follow up research found that the Hwy. 20 BLM site is also within the City of Mountain View boundary, as drawn as of the August 15 Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting.*

Action: Mike Riley made a motion to remove the Powell Butte BLM site from consideration and retain the Hwy. 20 BLM site. Chris Ogren seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

7. Adjourn: Tim Brownell

Next Committee Meeting: The next SWAC Advisory Group meeting is scheduled virtually or at the Deschutes County Road Department (61150 SE 27th St., Bend, OR 97702) on **October 17, 2023 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.**

Open House Meeting: A public Open House will be held **Monday, September 11, 2023 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.** virtually or at the Deschutes Services Building (1300 NW Wall St., Bend, OR 97703).

Meeting Adjourned: 10:28 a.m.