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WASTE

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE January 31, 2019—Open House Meeting Notes

Attendees

- 55 (including staff and consultant team)

Questions

- How many trucks would leave Bend to haul garbage out of the County? (20 per day.)
- What is the cost differential between upfront money to build our own site compared to hauling over the long-term?
- For the alternative technology approaches, is it \$60 per ton per approach or for using all the approaches? (\$60 per approach.)
- Will the new landfill be financed through revenue bonds instead of a general obligation bond? (It will be funded through full-faith-in-credit bonds.)
- There hasn't been a new landfill sited in 25 years in Oregon. Have any of the attempts been in Central Oregon where it is drier? (No, no serious attempt.)
- What happens to Knott Landfill after it is full? (Potentially, it could be put to park type use—not ones that need irrigation. Another option is a solar panel field.)
- What happens to the transfer station? (It will stay on-site and continue to operate.)
- What is the future of recyclables? (DEQ is developing a list of approved recyclables. If it isn't on the list, it will need to go to the landfill.)
- When will the DEQ list come out? (The list should be ready by the end of 2019 but will then require legislative approval.)
- This project is exciting. What is the size and timeline for the project? (Needs 500 acres. It will be built to provide service for 100 years.)
- How many jobs does the County lose if the waste is hauled out of the County? (The County would lose some jobs but would need new positions to run the transfer station.)
- Where will compost go? (Still a question, but likely will stay at Knot Landfill.)
- Along with the plans for the future, will the County still have a campaign to reduce waste? (Yes.)
- Is there a thought of going bigger and bringing in waste from Klamath Falls? (Deschutes County is always open to working with its neighbors.)
- One advantage the County has siting a new landfill site is the excellent way Knott Landfill is run. It is proof that you do a good job.