

**SWMAC Backyard Burning Subcommittee Meeting
November 22, 2006**

Subcommittee Members Present:

Bob Anderson, Chair
Nora Schliske
Glenn Zimmerman
Susy Riches

Subcommittee Members Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Jeff Bickford

Public Present:

Dan Fox, DEQ

Meeting called to order at 2:05 pm by Chair Bob Anderson.

The group discussed the direction that they wanted to pursue. This included two primary issues. The first included looking at banning all backyard burning within the UGB of certain cities, and the second was enforcement of illegal burning of solid waste within all of the county.

The reasoning behind the group was that most everyone agrees that backyard burning, whether in a barrel or pile, is low-temperature, inefficient combustion that has a tendency to be very polluting.

After discussion of which communities had curbside collection of yard debris within their UGB's, along with which cities had an outright ban on backyard burning, it was decided that the group would pursue a possible recommendation on all backyard burning within the Salem/Keizer UGB only, at this time.

Glenn made a motion that the Subcommittee make the proposal to the full SWMAC that the Council make a recommendation to the Marion County Board of Commissioners to implement a backyard burning ban within the Salem-Keizer UGB. The motion was seconded by Nora. The motion passed unanimously.

The discussion then focused on the enforcement of illegal burning (burning of solid waste). Dan Fox of DEQ mentioned that there is some potential that DEQ may make changes in their operations so that he would then have the power to issue citations, which he does not currently have the ability to do.

The group agreed that as far as illegal burning enforcement goes at this time, they felt that it would be prudent to provide support and encouragement to DEQ to allow Dan to be able to issue citations.

It was also mentioned that there needs to be an educational component to the recommendations, which was agreed to.

Lastly, it was clarified that Bob would present the meeting review and proposed recommendation to the full SWMAC at the November meeting. Members felt that while it will be discussed at the November meeting, it would be best if any final decision on the recommendation be held off until the January SWMAC meeting.

Susy made a motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by Nora.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 pm.

Minutes prepared by Jeff Bickford, Marion County

Note: For full details of the meeting, a taped recording was made and is available to be listened to in the Environmental Services office.