

MARION COUNTY
MATERIALS MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
OTR Subcommittee Meeting Minutes



Date:
13 Apr. 2026



Time:
10 AM – 11 AM



Location:
Via Microsoft Teams

Meeting Called to Order at 10:03 am

Attendance	
Name	Present/Absent
Members	
Jenny Ammon - Chair	Present
Kennedy Jantzi	Present
Marcus Gerber	Present
Stacey Perry	Not Present
Brian May	Not Present
Greg Dittman	Present
Cindy Rogers	Present
Alyssa Lockwood	Present
Cory Swartwout	Present
Jim Row	Not Present
Erin Burt	Present
Julianah Douglas	Present
Travis Comfort	Present
Sarah Steen	Present
Guests	
Cat Rhoades - DEQ	Present
Jerry Nelzen	Present

Quorum: Yes

Welcome & Introductions – Chair

Cory called the meeting to order at 10:03 am

Administrative – Chair

- Agenda Changes:
 - None
- Public Comment:
 - None

OTR Quarterly Planning/Review - Chair

Q1 Review

- Billing inserts: Waste reduction messaging distributed via city utility bills (Keizer and others).
- Hauler coordination: Quarterly messaging aligned across haulers; updates approved and implemented.
- Advertising: Ads placed in Keizer Times
- Social media and outreach: Library-themed post reached ~10,000 people and Salem newsletter waste reduction post achieved high engagement and will be reused.
- Website updates: Ongoing updates to support messaging

Q1 efforts met expectations and requirements.

Commercial Composting Discussion:

- Limited availability across jurisdictions (primarily Salem and Keizer).
- DEQ clarified:
 - Requirement is to inform generators how the system works, not expand programs.
 - Existing outreach by haulers and cities is sufficient for compliance.
- Decision: No additional countywide newsletter focus needed for commercial composting; target outreach (e.g. business communications) remains appropriate.

Q2 Planning

- Primary theme: Waste prevention (upstream reduction).
- County newsletter:
 - Focus on general waste prevention messaging.
 - Draft due mid-May, final target early June.
- Public Works Day (June 17 at Keizer Rapids Park): Opportunity for in-person outreach and education.
- Quarterly messaging: Haulers already implementing Q2 messaging; alignment remains important.

Looking Ahead to Q3

- E-waste and shred event planned for later in the year as funding is currently uncertain.
 - Cory to contact MRM (Ally) regarding potential funding.
- Event Coordination: Potential to form a smaller working group or continue within subcommittee; will address at next MMAC meeting.
- Potential to partner with CAA for funding - Crystal Moore

Social Media and Web Campaigns – Chair

- Limited activity among partners
 - Helpful to have shared content for partners to share for Q1-Q4
- Travis to share materials for Silverton Bulky Waste Event for county promotion.

RMA, OTR & General Updates - All

DEQ Update: Cat Rhoades

- OTR reports approved for all jurisdictions.
- Upcoming updates (late May/early June):
 - Contamination Reduction Program goals and elements.
 - Messaging guidance document.

County Updates: Cory

- Contamination Reduction Funding
 - Application under legal review.
 - Expected approval timeline: late May/early June.
 - Funds must be spent by end of June.
- Planned expenditures
 - Printed materials
 - Outreach supplies
 - Equipment

Haulers/Organizations Updates:

- Mid-Valley Haulers – Kennedy Jantzi
 - Facility tours ongoing
 - Participation in career fairs
- Republic Services – Travis Comfort
 - Preparing annual reports
 - Hosting Bulky Waste Event (May 9) with partners (CAA,MRC) in Silverton
- Garten Services – Alyssa Lockwood
 - Attending Oregon Garden Earth Day event
 - Promoting Oregon -cycles program
 - Launching online reuse store
- Loren's Sanitation – Marcus Gerber
 - Contamination Reduction Funding Authorizations
 - Working with City of Donald - pending approval
 - City of Saint Paul - approved
- Salem Recycling Center – Sarah Steen
 - Developing contamination reduction education video

Cities/Agencies Updates:

- City of Keizer – Jenny Ammon
 - Earth Day cleanup at Wallace House Park on April 25
 - Our River outreach campaign Learning to Fish event on May 9

- City of Salem – Julianah Douglas
 - Successful youth clothing swap
 - Clean & Green event upcoming
 - Planning Energy & Resource Fair (June)
 - When planning events - the location does matter for requirements within jurisdictions (i.e. Salem hosts repair fair that meets Salem's requirement)

- City of Silverton – Jerry Nelzen
 - New Public Works Director introduced

Meeting Adjourned at 11:03 pm