

MARION COUNTY
MATERIALS MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
OTR Subcommittee Meeting Minutes



Date:
11 May 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	Not Present
Cindy Rogers	Not Present
Alyssa Lockwood	Present
Cory Swartwout	Present
Jim Row	Not Present
Erin Burt	Present
Julianah Douglas	Present
Travis Comfort	Present
Sarah Steen	Not Present
Guests	
Cat Rhoades – DEQ	Present
Jerry Nelzen	Present
Telicia Hixson – DEQ	Present

Quorum: Yes

Welcome & Introductions – Chair

Jenny called the meeting to order at 10:03 am

Administrative – Chair

- Agenda Changes:
 - Added E-Waste/Shred event discussion
- Approve April Meeting Minutes:
 - Approved without changes

- Public Comment:
 - None

OTR Quarterly Planning/Review – Chair/Cory

Website Updates

Cory reported that Marion County has removed the outdated commercial composting webpage because the information was no longer current and was not widely used. Jurisdictions agreed that directing businesses to local hauler websites is the most effective approach.

Additional website updates include:

- Adding residential composting information.
- Reviewing and removing outdated or broken links.
- Updating content to better reflect current programs.

Marion Sustainable Business Network

Cory shared that Marion County no longer has funding to support the Marion Sustainable Business Network. Juliana indicated that the City of Salem intends to continue elements of the program and work with Bring to renew the Green Business Tracker.

E-Waste and Shred Event Planning

Jenny opened the discussion for the possibility of hosting another e-waste and shredding event in Keizer, potentially at Keizer City Hall.

Key Discussion Points

- Last year's event was successful and benefited from in-kind support from the City of Keizer, Garten Services, and local haulers.
- Participants generally supported holding the event on a Saturday.
- Additional planning meetings will be scheduled outside of the subcommittee process.

Funding Considerations

Travis clarified that funding from Circular Action Alliance (CAA):

- Covers handling and disposal of shredded paper.
- Does not cover the cost of a shred truck or e-waste services.

Without dedicated funding, the event may not be financially feasible.

Action Items

- Jenny will follow up with Crystal Moore at CAA to clarify what funding is available.
- Cory will assist as needed and initiate planning meetings if funding is secured.

- Alyssa will send Cory contact information for Garten staff who should participate in planning.

Social Media and Web Campaigns – Chair

Quarter 2 Campaign Topic: Waste Reduction

The subcommittee confirmed that the Q2 campaign focus is waste reduction, with an emphasis on “upstream impacts” and consumer choices such as buying less and purchasing reusable or secondhand items.

- Members were encouraged to send outreach materials to Marion County for sharing on county social media channels.

RMA, OTR & General Updates - All

DEQ Update: Cat Rhoades and Telicia Hixson

- Compliance guidance related to OTR Waste Prevention Program Elements.

Waste Prevention Program #4

Because Marion County is no longer operating the Sustainable Business Program:

- Salem may continue using Program Element #4.
- Keizer, Silverton, and Woodburn should select Program Element #6 or #7 beginning with their 2026 OTR reports.

Other Updates

DEQ approved Mid-Valley Garbage & Recycling Association’s request for contamination reduction programming, including:

- A mobile outreach vehicle.
- Educational kiosks.

Marion County RMA Updates: Cory

- Marion County is finalizing an agreement addendum with CAA
- Approval is expected within the next one to two weeks.
- Erin shared a draft outline for a county newsletter article focused on waste reduction and upstream impacts.
 - Cat offered to review and provide feedback on Marion County’s draft newsletter article.
 - Alyssa suggested highlighting Garten’s used electronics sales as a “buy used” example.

Haulers/Organizations Updates:

- Mid-Valley Haulers – Kennedy Jantzi

- Continued industry chats at local schools
- Republic Services – Travis Comfort
 - Silverton collection event was successful
 - Stayton Collection event scheduled for May 30
- Garten Services – Alyssa Lockwood
 - Participation in upcoming outreach events
- Loren’s Sanitation – Marcus Gerber
 - Participation in upcoming Keizer community events, including Public Works Day and the KeizerFEST parade.

Cities/Agencies Updates:

- City of Keizer – Jenny Ammon
 - Learn to Fish event held at Keizer Rapids Park.
 - Public Works Day scheduled for June 17.
 - Outdoor School is underway with over 200 fifth-grade students.
 - Adopt-A-Street activities are active.
 - Trashy Tuesdays begins next month.
- City of Salem – Julianah Douglas
 - Salem Bike Month activities are underway
 - Public Works Day is scheduled for June 11
 - The Stormwater team is exploring a tire take-back event
- City of Silverton – Jerry Nelzen
 - Completion of budget meetings

Next MMAC Meeting: Wednesday, May 13 at Re:Source

Next MMAC OTR Subcommittee meeting: Monday, June 8, 2026 via Teams

Meeting Adjourned at 10:50 pm