

**MARION COUNTY
MATERIALS MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Meeting Minutes



Date:
13 May 2026



Time:
12:00 PM – 1:30 pm



Location:
Re:Source

Meeting Called to Order at 12:03 pm

Attendance	
Name	Present/Absent
Members	
Kevin Cameron (Chair)	Present
Daniel Kohler	Present
Jenny Ammon	Present
Linda Nishioka	Present
Ryan Zink	Present
Frank Lonergan (Vice-Chair)	Present
Jim Row	Present
Walter Wick	Present
Marie Traeger	Present
Jordan Ohrt	Not Present
Brian Asher	Present
Walter Perry	Not Present
Ken Hector	Not Present
Michele Tesdal	Present – Via Teams
Treva Gambs	Present
Duane West	Present
Shane Kuenzi	Present
Mark Lowery	Not Present
Sarah Steen	Not Present
Staff	
Brian May	Present
Cory Swartwout	Present
Whitney Ned	Present
Erin Burt	Present
Guests	
Cat Rhoades (DEQ)	Present
Marcus Gerber (Lorens Sanitation)	Present – Via Teams
Kennedy Jantzi (MVHA)	Present
Derek Neliton (D&O and MVHA)	Present
Kathy Rogers	Present – Via Teams
Emilie Krecklow (City of Eugene)	Present – Via Teams
Josh Landis (Republic Services)	Present
Deanie Anderson	Present

Quorum: Yes

Welcome & Introductions – Kevin Cameron

Vice Chair Frank Lonergan called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm.

Administrative

- Agenda Changes:
 - None
- Approval of April 2026 Meeting Minutes – **Action:**
 - Motion: Dan moved to approve the April 2026 minutes.
 - Second: Duane seconded.
 - Vote: Motion passed unanimously.
- Public Comment:
 - None

Multi-Family Discussion - All

Emilie Krecklow, Waste Prevention Program RMA analyst with City of Eugene’s Waste Reduction Program, presented Eugene’s multi-family contamination reduction efforts.

Program Components

1. **Tenant-Level Mailers**
 - Direct mail to multifamily residents.
 - Initial mailing sent in summer 2025.
 - Future mailers will emphasize contamination-specific messaging.
2. **Signage and Labels**
 - Standardized labels and posters installed in multifamily enclosures.
 - Developed in partnership with haulers.
3. **Internal Recycling Tote Bags**
 - Bilingual (English/Spanish) reusable bags for residents.
 - Distributed through Eugene Housing Authority and outreach events.
4. **Media Campaign**
 - Features owl mascot “Vida.”
 - Focuses on six common contaminants and explains why they should not be recycled.

Planned Future Projects

- Partnership with The Recycling Partnership (TRP) to:
 - Develop a color-coordinated container system.
 - Conduct enclosure assessments and provide technical support.
- Online resource portal for property managers.

- Use route-specific contamination data from Circular Action Alliance (CAA).

Lessons Learned

- Remain flexible as programs evolve.
- Build strong partnerships with haulers, nonprofits, and neighboring jurisdictions.
- Maintain regular communication with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality.
- Continue monitoring emerging best practices.

Discussion Highlights

Members asked questions regarding:

- Staffing levels and funding.
- Contracting with TRP.
- Baseline contamination data.
- Outreach event participation.
- Mailing frequency.
- University of Oregon student housing outreach.
- Methods for measuring success.

Members discussed the 2018 DEQ report on multi-tenant recycling.

Key Observations

- Convenience strongly influences participation.
- Multifamily residents often have high turnover.
- Consistency in container color and placement is important.
- Pilot projects may be an effective way to test strategies locally.

The Council agreed that single-family contamination reduction remains the primary focus, while small multifamily pilot efforts may be pursued if funding allows.

Recycle Or Not? – All

Members engaged in an informal discussion on commonly misunderstood recyclable items, including:

- Milk and broth cartons.
- Yogurt containers and lids.
- Pill bottles.
- Metal lids.
- Frozen food boxes.
- Shredded paper.
- Corrugated plastic signs.

- Glass and large window panes.

Key Clarifications

- Refrigerated cartons are recyclable; frozen food boxes are not.
- Screw-on plastic lids may remain attached to plastic bottles.
- Snap-on lids should be discarded.
- Shredded paper should not be placed in curbside recycling.
- Small metal lids should be taken to a metal recycling depot if possible.
- Large glass panes should be disposed of as garbage.

Members also discussed the Mid-Valley Waste Wizard and mobile app as tools for residents to search disposal options and collection schedules.

OTR Subcommittee - Jenny

Subcommittee Chair Jenny shared the following from the last two subcommittee meetings:

- Billing inserts with DEQ-approved contamination reduction messages were distributed.
- Q2 outreach theme is waste prevention and upstream reduction.
- Planning continues for a possible summer e-waste and shred event.
- Marion County Sustainable Business Network is no longer operating; City of Salem will maintain a local business sustainability program.

Updates/Announcements - All

Republic Services – Josh

- June MMAC meeting will be held at the Salem Recycling Center.
- Following the meeting, members will tour the Salem Recycling Center and Bio Clean facility.

City of Woodburn – Jim Row

- Renewed its franchise agreement with Republic Services for five years.

City of Keizer – Jenny

- Public Works Day scheduled for June 17, 2026.
- Soggy Day in the Park at Keizer Rapids on May 23, 2026.

City of Salem – Linda and Ryan

- Public Works Day scheduled for June 11, 2026.
- Contamination reduction plan was approved by the Board of Commissioners.
- Received approval to purchase of a mobile contamination reduction outreach vehicle.

Haulers

- Derek offered hauler support for community events.

Upcoming Meetings

- Next MMAC meeting is on Wednesday, June 10 at Salem Recycle Center.
 - Start with lunch and official business then break to tour Salem facility, followed by Bio Clean tour.
- Members discussed the possibility of canceling the July meeting due to summer schedules.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:35 pm