

MARION COUNTY

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes



Date:
09 Sept 2026



Time:
12:00 – 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
Melissa Wood	Present
Frank Lonergan (Vice-Chair)	Present
Jim Row	Not Present
Walter Wick	Present
Marie Traeger	Present
Stephen Sims	Present
Brian Asher	Present
Walter Perry	Not Present
Michele Tesdal	Present – Via Teams
Treva Gambs	Present
Duane West	Present – Via Teams
Shane Kuenzi	Present
Mark Lowery	Not Present
Sarah Steen	Present
Staff	
Brian May	Present
Cory Swartwout	Not Present
Whitney Ned	Present
Toni Whitler	Present – Via Teams
Erin Burt	Present
Guests	
Jan Kailuweit (Applicant)	Present
Cat Rhoades (DEQ)	Present
Kennedy Jantzi (Haulers)	Present
Josh Landis (Republic)	Present
Marcus Gerber (Loren's Sanitation)	Present
Ryan Willis (Valley Recycling)	Present
Greg Dittman (Valley Recycling)	Present – Via Teams
Kathy Rogers	Present – Via Teams

Quorum: Yes

Welcome & Introductions – Kevin Cameron

Chair Kevin Cameron welcomed Council members, staff, and guests. New members were introduced and welcomed to the Council.

- Steve Sims was welcomed as a new member representing Stayton.
- Melissa Wood was welcomed following her official appointment.
- Jan Kailuweit attended as a guest and prospective Urban Citizen representative.

Administrative

- Agenda Changes:
 - None
- Approval of August 2026 Meeting Minutes – **Action:**
 - A correction was made to the city affiliation for Julianah Douglas.
 - Motion: Dan moved to approve August 2026 minutes.
 - Second: Walt seconded.
 - Vote: Motion passed unanimously.
- Public Comment:
 - None

Single Family Contamination - Shane

Contamination Reduction Program Update

The Council received an update on implementation of the countywide recycling contamination reduction program.

- Participating jurisdictions previously agreed to pool available per-capita funding to support a coordinated program.
- Program components include:
 - Educational magnets.
 - Recycling cart tags.
 - Replacement of Silverton's red recycling carts with standardized blue carts.
- Magnets have been produced and are awaiting completion of the current fiscal-year funding process before mailing.
- Hauler representatives participated in training on identifying, documenting, and communicating recycling contamination.
- Haulers will provide additional internal training to drivers and office staff.

- Target implementation date for contamination tagging is October 1, 2026.
- Initial efforts will focus on significant contamination, including:
 - Garbage bags.
 - Plastic bags.
 - Food contamination.
 - Diapers.
 - Other obvious garbage.
- Customers receiving an initial contamination tag from the driver will receive a second communication from their hauler within five days.
- After a third contamination occurrence within a six-month period:
 - Recycling collection may be temporarily skipped.
 - The customer will receive additional recycling education before service resumes.
- Cart tags include QR codes linking customers to:
 - Information about acceptable recycling materials.
 - Information explaining the contamination reduction program.

The Council discussed providing customers with solutions in addition to education and enforcement.

- Hauler staff may inform customers about larger garbage-container options when inadequate garbage capacity contributes to recycling contamination.
- Members emphasized proactive communication before the contamination program begins.

Contamination Reduction Outreach

The Council discussed developing a coordinated public-information campaign about the program.

- Potential outreach could include:
 - Social media.
 - Public service announcements.
 - Existing jurisdiction newsletters.
 - Existing DEQ educational materials.
- A regional approach would allow consistent messaging throughout Marion County.
- Available contamination-reduction funding may be eligible for media outreach.

Direction:

- Begin developing a proposal for a coordinated media/public-service campaign.
- Obtain cost estimates for consideration with future funding requests.
- Utilize existing educational resources where appropriate.

Recycling Education/Outreach

City of Salem's funding from last year was spent on contamination-reduction outreach resources.

- A recycling education/outreach van has been developed.
- Portable recycling/education equipment will be used at:
 - Schools.
 - Community events.
 - The Oregon State Fair.
 - Other outreach opportunities.
- The equipment is intended to provide hands-on recycling education throughout the community.

RecycleOn Depots

The Council received an update regarding RecycleOn collection locations for materials that are recyclable but are not accepted in commingled recycling carts.

- Two RecycleOn depots are currently operating in Marion County.
- Locations include facilities associated with:
 - Loren's Sanitation.
 - Suburban Garbage.
- Depots have experienced:
 - High public use.
 - Significant contamination.
 - Collection and servicing challenges.
- Members discussed CAA convenience standards and requirements for depot locations.
- Additional education and on-site assistance may help reduce contamination.
- Depot use and contamination will continue to be monitored as the program develops.

Regional Task Force Update - Brian

The Council received an update on the Joint Task Force on Municipal Solid Waste in the Willamette Valley.

- The task force continues discussions involving jurisdictions throughout the seven-county region.
- Topics under consideration include:
 - Existing solid waste infrastructure.
 - Future infrastructure needs.
 - Hub-and-spoke systems.
 - Transportation.

- Transfer stations.
 - Regional collaboration.
- No final direction has been established.
- Marion County representatives planned to participate in an upcoming task force meeting and facility tour.
- The task force is expected to develop recommendations later in the year.

Members emphasized:

- The importance of public-private partnerships.
- Developing regional plans before major infrastructure funding is awarded.
- Pursuing funding for both planning and future infrastructure.
- Beginning long-term planning before Coffin Butte Landfill is no longer available as the region's primary disposal option.
- Including haulers and other private-sector partners in future planning.

Draft Definitions for Multifamily Recycling Requirement – Brian

The Council discussed DEQ's draft definitions and proposed requirements for multi-family recycling.

- DEQ is requesting stakeholder feedback by September 25, 2026.
- Council members were encouraged to:
 - Review the materials.
 - Discuss them with appropriate jurisdictional staff.
 - Submit comments to DEQ via online survey.
- Members noted that multi-family recycling involves multiple considerations, including:
 - Waste enclosure space.
 - Planning requirements.
 - Fire access.
 - Property-management operations.
 - Collection logistics.
- DEQ is considering extending implementation timelines to allow additional planning.
- Members were encouraged to participate in the rulemaking/public-comment process.

MMAC OTR Subcommittee Update - Jenny

The Council received an update from the Opportunity to Recycle (OTR) Subcommittee.

- Quarter 3 activities are focused on waste prevention.
- DEQ food-waste social media materials are available for jurisdictions to use.

- Using common materials will help provide consistent messaging throughout the region.
- Public Works Day was used as an outreach opportunity with participation from local haulers.

JE-Waste and Shred Event Recap:

- Approximately 260 attendees participated.
- 5,360 pounds of paper were collected.
- 3,271 pounds of electronics were collected.
- Participation increased by approximately 30 people compared with the previous year.
- The subcommittee discussed:
 - Traffic flow.
 - Event location.
 - Potential improvements for future events.

Funding and Materials:

- Funding and reimbursement needs were reviewed.
- Future funding requests are being developed.
- The subcommittee discussed container decals and signage.
- Concerns were raised regarding the quality and durability of previously supplied materials.
- Feedback regarding product quality will be provided to CAA.
- The next OTR Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2026.

CAA Funding

Staff provided an update regarding CAA funding.

- Funding paperwork and jurisdictional designations are being reviewed.
- Necessary corrections will be completed to facilitate funding through the Haulers Association.
- Existing program components have already received approval.
- Additional program elements will require:
 - Cost estimates.
 - Supporting documentation.
 - Submission for approval.
- The OTR Subcommittee may assist with portions of the funding process and multi-family recycling work.

Updates/Announcements - All

City of Salem – Leachate/PFAS

The Council received an update regarding discussion at the City of Salem Solid Waste Committee concerning landfill leachate and PFAS.

- Public testimony has raised concerns regarding leachate received from Coffin Butte Landfill.
- Members discussed:
 - PFAS concentrations.
 - Wastewater treatment limitations.
 - Potential treatment technologies.
 - Possible future regulatory requirements.
- Salem continues to monitor the issue and consider treatment options.

Council Member Updates

Members provided brief updates from their jurisdictions and organizations regarding local projects, recycling activities, community events, and other solid waste matters.

Upcoming Meetings

- October meeting location TBD

Meeting Adjourned at 12:59 pm