



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Board Session Agenda Review Form

Meeting date: 4/8/2026

Department: Public Works

Title: Appoint Sarah Steen to the Materials Management Advisory Council (MMAC)

Management Update/Work Session Date: 3/31/2026 Audio/Visual aids [ ]

Time Required: 0 minutes Contact: Cory Swartwout Phone: 503-566-4160

Requested Action: Appoint Sarah Steen to represent the Marion County Recycling Industry position on the Materials Management Advisory Council (MMAC).

Issue, Description & Background: The Materials Management Advisory Council (MMAC) advises the Board of Commissioners on policies, programs, and initiatives related to waste reduction, recycling, and sustainable materials management. Sarah Steen serves as the Western Oregon Municipal Manager at Republic Services and regularly attends MMAC meetings as a guest.

Financial Impacts: N/A

Impacts to Department & External Agencies: N/A

List of attachments: Board Order, MMAC Roster, Application

Presenter: Sherry Lintner

Department Head Signature: Brian Nicholas Digitally signed by Brian Nicholas Date: 2026.03.25 06:24:51 -07'00'

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MARION COUNTY, OREGON

In the matter of the appointment of )  
Sarah Steen to the Materials ) Department of Public Works  
Management Advisory Council )

O R D E R #: \_\_\_\_\_

This matter came before the Marion County Board of Commissioners at its regularly scheduled public meeting on April 8, 2026, to appoint Sarah Steen to the Marion County Materials Management Advisory Council with a term beginning April 8, 2026, and ending on April 8, 2030.

IT APPEARING that the Board of Commissioners has established the Materials Management Advisory Council.

IT FURTHER APPEARING that in the planning, coordination, and implementation of a materials management system, the Board may give consideration to the concerns of interested citizens and representatives of affected communities, agencies, and organizations. After due consideration, the Board hereby enters the following order:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Board appoint Sarah Steen, representing the Recycling Industry of Marion County, to the Marion County Materials Management Advisory Council.

This appointment shall be for a term beginning April 8, 2026 and ending on April 8, 2030. The appointed members are to serve at the pleasure of the Marion County Board of Commissioners.

DATED at Salem, Oregon, this 8th day of April, 2026.

MARION COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Commissioner

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Commissioner

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**MARION COUNTY**  
**MATERIALS MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**Roster**

Council Member	Position	Term End Date
<b>Voting Members</b>		
<b>Kevin Cameron</b>	Marion County – Elected Official, <b>Chair</b>	01/14/2030
<b>Daniel Kohler</b>	City of Keizer – Elected Official	07/31/2029
<b>Jenny Ammon</b>	City of Keizer – Staff	07/31/2029
<b>Linda Nishioka</b>	City of Salem – Elected Official	07/31/2029
<b>Ryan Zink</b>	City of Salem – Staff	07/31/2029
<b>Frank Lonergan</b>	City of Woodburn – Elected Official, <b>Vice-Chair</b>	07/31/2029
<b>Jim Row</b>	City of Woodburn – Staff	07/31/2029
<b>Walter Wick</b>	City of Aumsville – Elected Official	07/31/2029
<b>Marie Traeger</b>	City of Silverton – Elected Official	08/31/2029
<b>Jordan Ohrt</b>	City of Stayton – Elected Official	07/31/2029
<b>Brian Asher</b>	City of Aurora – Elected Official	07/31/2029
<b>Walter Perry</b>	City of Jefferson – Elected Official	07/31/2029
<b>Ken Hector</b>	Marion County Citizen – Urban	10/29/2029
<b>Michele Tesdal</b>	Marion County Citizen – Rural	10/29/2029
<b>Treva Gambs</b>	Food Service/Grocery Industry	07/31/2029
<b>Duane West</b>	Home Builders Association	07/31/2029
<b>Non-Voting Members</b>		
<b>Shane Kuenzi</b>	Materials Management Industry	07/31/2029
<b>Mark Lowery</b>	Community Organization	03/25/2030
<i>Vacant</i>	Recycling Industry	

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# Advisory Board Application

Applicant's Name: **Sarah Steen**

Adv. Board: **Materials Management Adv. Council**

MMAC Position: **Recycling Industry – Non Voting**

City of Residence: **Albany** Zip Code: **97322**

Occupation: **Municipal Manager for Wester Oregon, Republic Services**

Completed application Rcd: **03/05/2026**

Has this applicant served as an appointed volunteer for Marion County before? **No**

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## The reason I am applying:

I would welcome the opportunity to serve on the Materials Management Advisory Board. I bring many years of experience working through solution-based challenges and collaborating with diverse stakeholders. I'm a strong listener, I follow through on commitments, and I value practical, results-driven discussions.

More about my personal and professional interests:

My interest in applying for the Materials Management Advisory Board comes naturally through my role as Western Oregon Municipal Manager for Republic Services. This position allows me to work closely with communities, partners, and stakeholders on waste management and environmental solutions, and I believe serving on this advisory board would be a great opportunity to further collaborate, share information, and support regional efforts.

I was also encouraged to apply by my colleague Julie Jackson, who spoke highly of the advisory board and its impact. Her confidence that I would be a good fit meant a great deal to me, and it further motivated me to put my name forward.

## Tell us more about your community involvement:

Most of my community involvement has been centered in Linn and Benton counties. I currently serve on the Board of Directors for the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce and will complete my six-year term this June. During my time with the Chamber, I have also participated on several committees supporting local business and community initiatives.

I am actively involved with United Way of Linn and Benton Counties and have been a Rotarian for nearly 14 years, serving in various leadership roles throughout that time. In addition, I support local nonprofits such as Furniture Share, which has expanded its impact into Marion County, particularly during wildfire recovery efforts.

Beyond these roles, I regularly volunteer in a variety of ways—from helping with community clean-up efforts along local roads to supporting organizations like the Boys & Girls Club. Community involvement has always been an important part of who I am, and I believe in showing up where help is needed and contributing in meaningful ways.

## Previous board service at Marion County:

No



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## Qualifications and Skills:

While I am relatively new to the environmental solutions side of waste management and recycling, I am certainly not new to problem-solving, seeing initiatives through, and working collaboratively to find solutions. I pride myself on listening to understand, providing thoughtful feedback, and stepping in where I can help move things forward.

Yes, I may be “green” in this particular space, but I am committed to learning, putting in the work, and contributing in meaningful ways. I would welcome the opportunity to help make this advisory board something we can all be proud of while supporting solutions that benefit our communities and the industry as a whole.

## More about yourself and why you are applying:

The reason I am applying for this position is because a colleague of mine, who will be retiring within the next month, spoke very highly of the Materials Management Advisory Board and the meaningful role it has played in her work. She shared how rewarding it has been to contribute and felt that I would be a strong person to step in and continue that work.

While I am new to this specific area, I am eager to learn, contribute, and engage in the work that supports thoughtful and practical solutions. I look forward to the opportunity to collaborate with our partners in Marion County. At the end of the day, we are all working toward solutions, and I would be honored to be part of those conversations and efforts if selected.

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## References:

Julie Jackson, Republic Services, Western Oregon Municipal Manager (Current MMAC member)

Darren Fast, Republic Services, Operations Manager

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## Signature

### Agreement Statement:

I give my permission for the named references to be contacted, either verbally or in writing. All the information on this application is true to the best of my knowledge and I understand I am applying for a volunteer position with Marion County.

I understand that appointed members of a Marion County advisory board, commission, committee, or council are considered public officials under Oregon law. Marion County will provide orientation and more information upon appointment.



I Agree \*