

MARION COUNTY
MATERIALS MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes



Date:
14 Jan. 2026



Time:
12:00 PM – 1:30 pm



Location:
PW Willamette Room

Meeting Called to Order at 12:05 pm

Attendance	
Name	Present/Absent
Members	
Kevin Cameron (Chair)	Present
Daniel Kohler	Present – Via Teams
Jenny Ammon	Present
Linda Nishioka	Present
Ryan Zink	Not Present
Frank Lonergan (Vice-Chair)	Present
Jim Row	Present
Walter Wick	Present
Marie Traeger	Not Present
Jordan Ohrt	Not Present
Brian Asher	Present
Walter Perry	Present
Ken Hector	Present
Michele Tesdal	Not Present
Treva Gambs	Present
Duane West	Present
Shane Kuenzi	Present
Julie Jackson	Present
Staff	
Brian May	Present
Cory Swartwout	Not Present
Toni Whitler	Present – Via Teams
Whitney Ned	Present
Guests	
Cat Rhoades (DEQ)	Present
Derek Neliton (D&O and MVHA)	Present
Julianah Douglas (City of Salem)	Present – Via Teams
Deanie Anderson	Present – Via Teams
Kathy Rogers	Present – Via Teams
Travis Comfort (Republic Services)	Present

Sarah Steen (Republic Services)
Kennedy Jantzi (MVHA)

Present
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Quorum: Yes

Welcome & Introductions – Kevin Cameron

Chair Kevin Cameron opened the meeting at 12:05 PM, noting the official reappointment of his term as Chair, expiring on January 14, 2027. Members and guests introduced themselves.

Administrative

- **Agenda Changes - Action:**
 - No agenda changes were requested.
 - Motion: Linda Nishioka moved to approve the agenda.
 - Second: Duane West seconded.
 - Vote: Motion passed unanimously.
- **Approval of December 2025 Meeting Minutes – Action:**
 - Motion: Ken Hector moved to approve the December 2025 minutes.
 - Second: Frank Lonergan seconded.
 - Vote: Motion passed unanimously.
- **Public Comment:**
 - None.

Recycling Modernization Act – Brian May

Brian shared a short video on the RMA to provide a refresher on statewide recycling changes and presented the following information:

Contamination Reduction Strategy

- **Category A:** Standard color recycling containers, mailers, and cart tags.
 - Plan Estimate: \$200,000
- **Category B:** Documentation of contamination and direct notification to customers (mailers, texts, calls).
 - Plan Estimate: \$225,000
- **Category C:** Progressive enforcement and behavior change strategies (warnings, suspension of service, extra steps to resume service).
 - Plan Estimate: \$425,000
- **Estimated total cost:** \$900,000 (including \$50,000 of additional items/kiosks)

Funding Allocation Discussion

- Jurisdictions must formally designate whether their funds are allocated to Marion County, directly to haulers, or retained by the jurisdiction.
- CAA requires written confirmation via email from each jurisdiction specifying allocation choice.
- As of the meeting, approximately \$282,000 had been formally committed toward the estimated \$900,000 countywide plan.
- If sufficient commitments are not obtained, individual jurisdictions would be responsible for developing their own plans.

Next Steps

- A template email will be sent to jurisdictions requesting allocation confirmation.
- Jurisdictions are encouraged to allocate 100% to Marion County for this funding cycle to allow coordinated implementation. Haulers can then request reimbursement from Marion County.
- All allocations and plans must be finalized and approved by CAA as soon as possible, for utilization of first program period ending June 30, 2026.

OTR Reporting – Cat Rhoades

Cat Rhoades, with DEQ, provided a detailed walkthrough of the Opportunity To Recycle (OTR) reporting requirements and demonstrated a completed example using the City of Keizer’s 2025 form. Reports are used by DEQ to determine compliance with state recycling rules and are due February 28, 2026.

Solid Waste News – Brian May

Brian shared a list of local and industry-related publications and legislative items from the last year. There is a need for MMAC—as experts in the industry—to stay ahead of circulating news and provide accurate background information. Some members expressed interest in designating a portion of MMAC meetings to solid waste news and creating a space to ask questions and seek clarification.

Updates/Announcements - All

- Shared concerns for local economy
- Linda shared that Ryan Zink has taken a new position with City of Salem and will no longer be on the council.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:25 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 11, 2026 – 12 pm – Keizer Civic Center