

MARION COUNTY

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

OTR Subcommittee Meeting Minutes



Date:
10 August 2026



Time:
10 AM – 11 AM



Location:
Via Microsoft Teams

Meeting Called to Order at 10:02 am

Attendance	
Name	Present/Absent
Members	
Jenny Ammon - Chair	Present
Kennedy Jantzi	Present
Marcus Gerber	Present
Stacey Perry	Present
Brian May	Not Present
Greg Dittman	Present
Cindy Rogers	Present
Alyssa Lockwood	Not Present
Cory Swartwout	Present
Jim Row	Not Present
Erin Burt	Present
Julianah Douglas	Present
Travis Comfort	Present
Sarah Steen	Not Present
Guests	
Josh Landis – Republic Services	Present

Quorum: Yes

Welcome & Introductions – Chair

Jenny called the meeting to order at 10:02 am, welcomed participants and invited them to introduce themselves.

Administrative – Chair

- Agenda Changes: None
- Approve June Meeting Minutes - Action
 - Cory motioned and Jenny seconded. Approved without changes.
- Public Comment: None

Quarter 2 - Review

The group reviewed the previous quarter's waste-prevention messaging, which focused on preventing waste by using less stuff.

Messaging was distributed through:

- Hauler bills
- Public Works Day outreach
- Other outreach efforts

Quarter 3 (July – September) – Food Waste Prevention

The group discussed the third quarter focus on food waste prevention. The proposed messaging encourages residents to save money and resources by planning ahead, reducing food waste, and composting as a final option.

- Oregon DEQ has prepared food waste prevention social media materials that partners can use.
- Members discussed sharing consistent messaging across jurisdictions and haulers.
- Food waste messaging will not be included in the current County quarterly newsletter.
- Social media and other outreach will be used to supplement the newsletter.

July 2026– Collection Event Review

Jenny provided a recap of the July 25th collection event. The event had approximately:

- 260 attendees
- 5,360 pounds of paper collected
- 3,271 pounds of electronics collected

Attendance increased by 30 people compared to the previous year. Paper collection decreased slightly compared with the prior year, while electronics collection increased substantially.

Discussion Included:

- Considering a larger or less confusing event location.
- Reviewing traffic flow for future events.
- Revising survey questions to collect more useful information.
- Continuing battery recycling education.
- Considering Friday or weekday events.

- Considering hours that include lunch or before/after work access.
- Evaluating whether summer is the best time of year.

Cory agreed to provide the survey analytics to the group for additional review.

Social Media & Web Campaigns

Members discussed cross-promoting OTR and waste-reduction information.

- Partners were encouraged to:
 - Follow Re:Source's new social media accounts.
 - Share available content.
 - Coordinate messaging across the region.

RMA, OTR & General Updates - All

Funding and Reimbursements

Cory reported that funding associated with previously approved products had not yet been received.

- County staff are following up regarding reimbursement timing.
- Magnets have been received but have not been mailed out.
- Mailing costs are expected to be requested in the next funding round.
- Cart tags have been received and are being distributed to haulers.
- The mobile contamination recycling unit is nearly complete and awaiting its vehicle wrap.
- Republic Services reported receiving carts but have not started distribution.

Future Funding Requests

Kennedy reported receiving inquiries from haulers regarding potential funding for items such as RMA advertising, truck-mounted AI cameras, and equipment for depots.

- These requests will be brought to MMAC for discussion.
- Cory will follow up with Kat regarding required documentation and funding procedures.
- Members agreed that earlier planning is needed during the current funding period.

Container Decals and Signage

The group discussed availability and durability of container decals and depot signage.

- Some signage can be ordered through the applicable portal.
- Concerns were raised that previous signs:
 - Did not hold up well outdoors.

- Were damaged by rain and sun.
- Did not adhere well to textured container surfaces.

Kennedy agreed to provide feedback to CAA and explore more durable alternatives.

Multifamily Recycling and Development Standards

Members discussed upcoming multifamily recycling requirements and the need for adequate space and accessibility when designing garbage and recycling enclosures.

Concerns included:

- Adequate space for collection vehicles and container servicing.
- Appropriate turnaround and access areas
- Accessibility requirements
- Clear standards for developers and engineers
- The need for municipalities and haulers to coordinate during the planning process

Salem's existing enclosure and approach specifications were discussed as possible starting point.

- Members suggested MMAC could help develop more consistent regional guidance.
- Future discussions may include planning, community development, engineering and code staff.

Cory reminded participants that MMAC meetings include a public comment section and encouraged haulers and other interested parties to participate or provide comments through their representatives.

Grant Opportunity

Cory shared information regarding approximately \$28 million in Oregon funding for food waste processing.

Funding opportunities include:

- Community composting drop-off sites
- Collection pilot programs
- Composting infrastructure
- Anaerobic digestion expansion
- Transfer and processing equipment

An informational webinar was scheduled, and Cory offered to forward the information to interested participants.

Haulers/Organizations Updates:

- Republic Services – Travis Comfort
 - Aumsville Corn Festival
 - Fiesta Mexicana in Woodburn
 - Mount Angel cleanup
 - Aurora electronic waste event

Cindy will help track OTR-related MMAC discussions for Republic Services.

- Marion County – Cory Swartwout
 - County continues to support community repair activities.
 - Current MMAC Urban Resident vacancy after Ken Hector's passing.
 - Interested individuals may apply through Marion County's Materials Management or volunteer application process.

Cities/Agencies Updates:

- City of Keizer – Stacey Perry
 - Upcoming Trashy Tuesday litter cleanup events were announced.
 - Additional cleanup events are planned for September and October.
- City of Salem – Julianah Douglas
 - Salem received a Youth Climate Action Fund grant.
 - Youth ages 15–24 may apply for climate projects, including materials and waste projects.
 - Salem's solid waste reduction policy was scheduled for City Council consideration.
 - Staffing Update:
 - Melissa Wood was identified as the new City of Salem Franchise Administrator.
 - New social media staff member, Tommy.

Links to the Food Waste Prevention Week and City of Salem's Youth Climate Action Fund were provided in the meeting chat.

Next meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2026.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:00 am