

MARION COUNTY
MATERIALS MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes



Date:
19 Nov. 2025



Time:
12:00 PM – 1:30 pm



Location:
MC Public Works

Meeting Called to Order at 12:06 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	Not Present
Walter Wick	Present
Marie Traeger	Present
Jordan Ohrt	Not Present
Brian Asher	Present
Walter Perry	Present
Ken Hector	Present
Michele Tesdal	Present
Treva Gambs	Present
Duane West	Present
Shane Kuenzi	Present
Julie Jackson	Present
Staff	
Brian May	Present
Cory Swartwout	Present
Toni Whitler	Present
Guests	
Kennedy Jantzi (MVHA)	Present
Cat Rhoades (DEQ)	Present
Derek Neliton (D&O and MVHA)	Present
Sarah Steen (Republic Services)	Present

Quorum: Yes

Welcome & Introductions – Kevin Cameron

Chair Kevin Cameron opened the meeting, welcoming council members, newly appointed representatives, staff, and industry partners. Members and guests introduced themselves, including two newly appointed members representing the Rural Citizen and Urban Citizen-at-Large positions.

Kevin acknowledged the nearly full board, noting one remaining vacant position that staff are actively working to fill.

Administrative

- Agenda Changes - **Action:**
 - No agenda changes were requested.
- Approval of October 2025 Meeting Minutes – **Action:**
 - **Motion:** Dan Kohler moved to approve the October 2025 minutes.
 - **Second:** Ryan Zink seconded.
 - **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.
- Public Comment:
 - None.

DEQ Approved Contamination Reduction Program Elements – Cory Swartwout/Mid Valley Haulers Association (MVHA)

Cory provided a brief overview of the state's Recycling Modernization Act (RMA), the role of the Producer Responsibility Organization (Circular Action Alliance, CAA), and the purpose of selecting DEQ-approved contamination reduction elements. All Marion County Jurisdictions have opted into a countywide approach, allowing consistent messaging, uniform programming, and shared cost management.

MVHA Presentation

The MVHA presented recommended options for Category A (Approved customer-facing material and methods), Category B (Approved standards for providing feedback to generators), and Category C (Approved standards for service or financial consequences).

Countywide Summary

- 96,826 single-family households
- 93,717 residential recycling carts in service (97% participation)

Category A - Approved customer-facing material and methods

A2 – Standardized Color for Recycling Containers/Lids

Silverton is the only area with non-standard cart colors with approximately 400 red carts to replace. Haulers recommended replacing remaining non-blue carts in Silverton to create uniformity across the county. Estimated cost is approximately \$40,000, including cart purchase and labor.

A3 – Mailer (Magnet)

Instead of stickers or cart-applied labels, haulers recommend a recycling information magnet mailed to all residential customers.

Reasons for choosing magnets:

- Longer-lasting than stickers
- Less susceptible to weather
- Avoids labor-intensive cart-by-cart application
- Can include a QR code linking to the online UCL list in multiple languages
- Integrates well with existing recycling schedule magnets many haulers already produce

Estimated cost for magnets and postage is ~\$146,300, not including administrative labor. An additional stock of magnets will be produced for distribution at city halls, events, and other public venues

A4 – Cart Tags

Cart tags will be used only for significant or egregious contamination, not minor errors. Haulers estimate tagging may occur for approximately 10% of residential customers. The group will prepare a more precise cost estimate using timed trials and hauler labor rates.

Category B - Approved standards for providing feedback to generators

The haulers recommended selecting B2, which combines a same-day cart tag or doorstep notice with follow-up communication (email, phone, or text) within five days.

Rationale:

- Balanced approach
- Less restrictive than B1
- More structured and accountable than B3
- Aligns with haulers' current communication tools

Haulers will develop a consistent procedure for how follow-up notifications will be managed and documented.

Category C – Approved standards for service of financial consequences

DEQ requires consequences after three documented contamination events within six months.

The hauler group and council discussed adopting option C1 using the following approach:

1. First three instances: Education only
2. Fourth instance: A contamination fee (~\$25 depending on jurisdiction)
3. Continued issues: Temporary removal of recycling cart

The council supported evaluating the use of a required online recycling education quiz before a cart is returned. Cat will reach out to Lincoln City to see if they would be willing to share their quiz.

Only a very small percentage of customers are expected to reach the consequence stage.

Funding & Reporting

- Marion County will receive and manage all CAA funds on behalf of participating jurisdictions.
- Haulers will document expenditures for reimbursement and provide necessary reporting materials.
- Program selections will be reported in each jurisdiction's Opportunity to Recycle (OTR) documentation.
- Spending will be monitored closely to ensure the county remains within available annual funding levels.

Next Steps

The haulers will return on December 10, 2025 with:

- Detailed cost estimates for cart tags and administrative follow-up
- Draft magnet and cart-tag designs
- A refined B2 customer-notification procedure
- Final A/B/C selections for MMAC approval

The December meeting will be held at Re:Source. A map and instructions will be included with the agenda.

Updates & Announcements – All

- Republic Services shared that the Coffin Butte expansion received final approval, adding approximately six years of disposal capacity pending the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) appeal period.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:31 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 10, 2025 – Re:Source