

MARION COUNTY
MATERIALS MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes



Date:
13 August 2025



Time:
12:00 PM – 1:30 pm



Location:
Marion County Public Works

Meeting Called to Order at 12:03 pm

Attendance	
Name	Present/Absent
Members	
Kevin Cameron	Present
Daniel Kohler	Present
Jenny Ammon	Present
Linda Nishioka	Present
Ryan Zink	Present
Frank Loneragan	Present
Jim Row	Present
Walter Wick	Present
Jordan Ohrt	Present
Brian Asher	Present
Walter Perry	Present
Treva Gambs	Present
Duane West	Present
Shane Kuenzi	Present
Julie Jackson	Present
Staff	
Brian May	Present
Cory Swartwout	Present
Toni Whitler	Present
Erin Burt	Present
Guests	
Marie Traeger (City of Silverton)	Present
Cat Rhoades (DEQ)	Present

Quorum: Yes

Welcome & Introductions – Kevin Cameron

Commissioner Kevin Cameron welcomed attendees to the first official meeting of the newly formed Materials Management Advisory Council (MMAC).

- Reviewed the purpose of MMAC and its role in implementing the Recycling Modernization Act (RMA), improving recovery rates, and fostering collaboration across Marion County's 20 incorporated cities.
- Each attendee introduced themselves, representing elected officials, city staff, industry representatives, and other stakeholders.

Administrative

- Agenda Changes - **Action:** None.
- Public Comment: None.
- Commissioner Cameron noted that most members have now been formally appointed by the Board of Commissioners; Silverton's appointment is pending.

Bylaws Review – Kevin Cameron

- Updated MMAC bylaws were approved earlier in the day by the Board of Commissioners.
- Questions regarding bylaws can be submitted to staff for follow-up.

Nominations – Kevin Cameron

Chair Nomination – **Action:**

- *Motion:* Nomination of Kevin Cameron as Chair made by Walter; Seconded by Frank.
- *Discussion:* None
- *Vote:* Unanimous approval. Kevin Cameron nominated Chair.

Vice-Chair Nomination – **Action:**

- *Motion:* Nomination of Frank Lonergan as Vice-Chair made by Kevin; Seconded by Walter.
- *Discussion:* Frank requested details of the duties of Vice-Chair.
- *Vote:* Unanimous approval. Frank Lonergan nominated Vice-Chair.

Marion County Materials Management – Brian May/Ryan Zink

Presentation Topics:

- Overview of Marion County's solid waste and recycling system, including recovery rates, waste generation data, and challenges.

- Explanation of Oregon's Recycling Modernization Act (RMA), effective July 1, 2025, and its phased implementation.
- Role of Producer Responsibility Organizations (PROs) and the Circular Action Alliance in coordinating producer funding and compliance.
- New statewide uniform recycling collection list.
- Changes in material processing locations and impacts on local recycling operations.
- Responsible end markets requirements and eco-modulation fee structure to incentivize sustainable packaging.
- Funding opportunities for contamination reduction programs, with approximately \$3 per capita available annually to Marion County.

Discussion Highlights:

- Members discussed local challenges with accepting larger plastic items, nursery containers, and potential contamination issues.
- Clarification on roles of local governments versus PROs in collecting and processing certain materials.
- Considerations for expanding depot facilities and potential for future weekly curbside recycling collection if volumes increase, which should be known in the next 12 months. Ryan shared that, in general, the PRO fees do not cover the cost of the increased frequency of pickups.
- Question raised regarding pending litigation against RMA; DEQ could not comment on ongoing legal matters.
- Jordan questioned why she would need to look up a recycle list online, by city, since the list is now standard. Ryan shared there are different requirements for cities with a population of less than 4,000.

Updates/Announcements - All

- The September meeting will focus on developing MMAC's contamination reduction plan to access available funding.
- Open positions remain for:
 - Marion County Citizen – Urban
 - Marion County Citizen – Rural
 - Community Organization
- A group photo was taken at the conclusion of the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:28 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 – 12:00 pm – Location TBD