



## ENRAC Minutes

August 13, 2025 4:00 – 5:30pm

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### Attendees

Members: Charli Carroll, Michael Hughes, Ankit Koirala, Damilola Olajubutu, Tere O'Rourke, & Jason Schindler

Absent: Jackson Rheuben & Sydney Tamplin (excused)

Staff/Guests: Sean McGuire & Bailey Payne, Benton County Staff

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### Welcome – Jason Schindler

4:00

- *Open Meeting & Introduce New Member*
- *Icebreaker Question – Dami Olajubutu: What is most exciting part of your summer? Charli Carroll will have Icebreaker in September.*
- *Approved June Minutes*

### Group Events and/or Updates – Jason Schindler

- *Upcoming Events & Member Updates*

### Update on Coffin Butte Expansion Application – Sean McGuire

*Sean shared that the County's Planning Commission denied the CUP application, and just today Benton County sent out notice that Republic Services appealed the decision. The BOC has to make its decision by November 26.*

### Regional Sustainable Materials Management Plan (SMMP) – Sean McGuire

*The regional SMMP Task Force completed its tasks back in June. However, the state passed a bill creating a Municipal Solid Waste Task Force. There's not much information being shared at the moment, but Sean will keep ENRAC updated.*

### Recycling Modernization Act – Bailey Payne, Benton County

*Per request by ENRAC Members, Bailey provided an overview of the Recycling Modernization Act (RMA), and the following are highlights of his presentation:*

The RMA is the first of its type in the nation to be passed & enacted. The Act expands upon Extended Producer Responsibility (EPRs). The RMA will expand curbside recycling & trucks, mainly in rural areas. Producer funding will cover the costs of infrastructure & transportation. There will be new materials the public can put in curbside recycling & depots, and the intent is for EPRs to provide livable wages. Perhaps the biggest positive outcome will be a single, statewide recycling acceptance list. The DEQ will oversee the Program, but Circular Action Alliance & RecyclingOn Oregon will be the operators. There will be incentives for companies

that use less plastics and/or materials in their packages will pay less. Some materials that are NOT recyclables are clamshells, polycoated paperboard, and tangles (hoses, electric cords, holiday lights, etc.).

New materials that can be accepted are cartons (rinsed out), paper backed books, and small scrap metal like pots & pans, egg cartons, non-metalized gift wrap, tubs, plastic flower pots, pizza boxes, & aluminum foil & containers. In addition to what is new is where is new: Funding will be provided to open new Drop-Off Depots, including Philomath.

Another bill that passed was Right-to-Repair to improve ability to gain access to specific items to repair. Also is a Styrofoam Ban.

As for funding, local government will receive funding to educate public & businesses on contamination of recycling based on \$3/person. So that is about \$300,000 for the County. Efforts are underway to aggregate or best use the funding. Also, there is funding source of \$15M to reduce waste at restaurants or businesses.

### **Benton County Updates – Sean McGuire**

#### **Future Meetings, Wrap-Up, & Next Steps**

- *Review Action Items & Follow-Ups; Next Month's Topic; &/or Identify Speaker/s*

**Adjourn**

**5:30**