



BENTON COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Notice: Meeting provided in-person, telephonically, and via WebEx. An option for viewing live broadcast also is available.

SWAC meetings are held bi-monthly at 10 a.m. the 2nd Wednesday of the month, at 102206 Wisner Parkway within the Benton County Public Services Building.

NOTICE OF MEETING AGENDA

Meeting Title: Solid Waste Advisory Committee Meeting
Meeting Date: July 9, 2025
Meeting Time: 10:00 a.m.
Meeting Location: Hybrid Meeting – In Person: Public Services Building - 102206 Wisner Parkway, Kennewick, WA 99338 or Online Video and Phone Meeting (Webex)

Details:

Join Telephonically:

Dial 509-222-2397, Enter Meeting Number 2488 927 6251#, and Press # (rather than "Attendee ID Number")

Join via Webex:

<https://bentoncounty.webex.com/wbxmjs/joinservice/sites/bentoncounty/meeting/download/662ea2a8e74a4cbd83b17fa1bc1ec070>

Live-Broadcast @ link below:

<https://video.ibm.com/channel/XUrWnSPGRQc>



AGENDA

1. CONVENE

2. ROLL CALL

Secretary – Verbal Roll Call

AGENCY / COMPANY	REPRESENTATIVE	PRESENT / ABSENT (IN-PERSON, OR REMOTE)
Benton County	Will McKay	
Benton County	Matt Mahoney (Alt.) - Secretary	
City of Benton City	Jessica Wadsworth	
City of Kennewick	Chuck Torelli	
City of Kennewick	Jim Millbauer (Alt.)	
City of Prosser	Don Aubrey	
City of Richland	Theresa Richardson	
City of West Richland	Richard Bloom - Vice Chair	
Basin Disposal	Darrick Dietrich	
Basin Disposal	Rebecca Francik	
Waste Management	Zach Stavros	
Waste Management	Kevin Fuerst (Alt.)	
Public Citizen	Cindy Bluemel	
Agricultural Representative	Anthony Searls	
Benton Conservation District	Kara Kaelber	

Additional Attendees:

AGENCY / COMPANY	REPRESENTATIVE	IN-PERSON, OR REMOTE



3. PUBLIC COMMENT

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: May 14, 2025

6. ACTION ITEMS (SWAC/PW Staff Member Presenting)

Election of new SWAC Chair

7. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS (SWAC/PW Staff Member Presenting)

A. Organics Management Laws – Organics Residential Collection Areas
“ORCA” (Department of Ecology – Delaney Carr or Cullen Naumoff)

B. City of Richland’s Green Waste Feasibility Study (Consultant for the City of
Richland)

C. MRWF Update - Permitting and Opening (Matt Mahoney, Public Works
Director or Clayton Rawlings, Public Works Manager)

D. Li-ion Batteries (Information Only)

8. MEMBER COMMENTS



9. NEXT MEETING

10. ADJOURNMENT



BENTON COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

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Meeting Date: May 14, 2025
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 Meeting (Webex)

1. CONVENE

The meeting was convened at 10:06 a.m. by Matt Mahoney, Secretary.

2. ROLL CALL

AGENCY / COMPANY	REPRESENTATIVE	PRESENT / ABSENT (IN-PERSON, OR REMOTE)
Benton County	Will McKay	Absent
Benton County	Matt Mahoney (Alt.) - Secretary	Present (In-Person)
City of Benton City	Len Burton	Present (In-Person)
City of Kennewick	Chuck Torelli	Present (In-Person)
City of Kennewick	Jim Millbauer (Alt.)	Absent
City of Prosser	Don Aubrey	Absent
City of Richland:	Theresa Richardson	Absent
City of West Richland	Richard Bloom - Vice Chair	Present (Remote)
Basin Disposal:	Darrick Dietrich	Absent
Basin Disposal:	Rebecca Francik	Present (Remote)
Waste Management:	Zach Stavros	Present (In-Person)
Waste Management:	Kevin Fuerst (Alt.)	Absent
Citizen	Cindy Bluemel	Present (In-Person)
Agricultural Representative	Anthony Searls	Absent
Benton Conservation District	Kara Kaelber	Present



Additional Attendees:

AGENCY / COMPANY	REPRESENTATIVE	IN-PERSON, OR REMOTE
Chris Loid	Benton County	In-Person
Tyler Mackay	Waste Management	Remote
Michelle Mulroney	Department of Ecology	Remote
Martin Nelson	City of Kennewick	In-Person
Ethan Bean	Department of Ecology	Remote
Mark Chidester	City of Richland	Remote

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Cindy Bluemel – Will stop by Batteries+ to drop off Li-ion batteries to check out process.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*Motion – Matt Mahoney
 Second – Rebecca Francik
 Motion Passed – Unanimously*

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

Meeting minutes for March 12, 2025, were approved unanimously.

6. ACTION ITEMS (SWAC/PW Staff Member Presenting)

N/A

7. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS (SWAC/PW Staff Member Presenting)

A. Lithium/Ion Battery Collection (Department of Ecology)

Presentation by Ethan Bean – Discussion and Q&A

B. MRWF Update - Permitting and Opening (Matt Mahoney, Public Works Director)

Discussion – Expansion of services, Regional MRWF (i.e. Collection of Franklin County MRW)

C. Benton County Solid Waste Fund and MRWF Biennial Budget 2025-2026 (Matt Mahoney, Public Works Director)



8. MEMBER COMMENTS

Chuck Torelli – Interlocal Agreements between the cities and county. Cooking oil – Len Burton mentioned that the City of Richland collects cooking oil.

Matt Mahoney – We will be working on the Web Site and public outreach.

Michelle Mulrony – Would like to present organics management at next meeting.

9. NEXT MEETING

July 9, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. (Hybrid Meeting)

Chuck Torelli – Need to elect a new Chair.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 11:27 a.m.



Agenda Item: 7A

STAFF REPORT

Report To: Solid Waste Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: July 9, 2025

SWAC Contact: Michelle Mulrone, Washington State Department of Ecology

Agenda Title: Organics Management Laws – Organics Residential Collection Areas (ORCA)

Agenda Action: Information and Discussion

Staff Summary

Presentation by Department of Ecology

As shown on the OM document, Kennewick, Richland, and Unincorporated Benton County will be required to collect source separated organics from residents and businesses, this is known as the [Organics Collection Recycling Area \(ORCA\)](#) and comes from [RCW 70A.205.540](#). There will be a waiver process but ultimately the county will need to comply and to get approved for a waiver it appears you will need to have a compliance plan in place.

State of Washington		
Waiver & Guideline Development for ORCA		
Service Waivers	Frequency Waivers	Guidance
Issued to jurisdictions or parts of jurisdictions exempting the provision of organic material collection service Time Period: Up to 5 year renewable wavier Application + Compliance Action Plan <i>Available for use early 2026</i>	Issued to jurisdictions meeting the ORCA requirements through another means other than curbside collection; waiver reduces frequency of collection requirements Time Period: One-time waiver Application + Alternative Collection Plan <i>Available for use early 2026</i>	Provide local jurisdictions example guidance on how to exempt persons from collection requirements if organic materials will be managed through an alternative mechanism Time Period: TBD <i>Available for use early 2026</i>



Agenda Item: 7A (Continued)

If you find inaccuracies in or have questions about this data, please contact Organics@ecy.wa.gov					Last update - 3-11-2024
Benton County 2022 Organics Management Law compost procurement and collection provisions	<i>Requirement</i>	Compost procurement ordinance (CPO) adoption and reporting requirements	Business organic material (OM) management requirements	2027 & 2030 single-family residential and "non-residential" OM collection requirements	
	<i>Basic criteria for these requirements and additional resources can be found in the first worksheet in this workbook.</i>				
	<i>RCW</i>	43.19A.150	70A.205.545	70A.205.540	
	<i>More details</i>	CPO focus sheet & overview	Business OM management focus sheet	<i>More details on criteria worksheet. A waiver process will be developed.</i>	
	<i>Timeline</i>	CPO adoption - January 1, 2023 Reporting by March 31 each year starting in 2025	Phased in from January 1, 2024 to January 1, 2026	By April 1, 2027 - curbside service must be provided. April 1, 2030 - curbside service including food is "non-elective."	
Jurisdiction Name	2022 Population	Current OM Collection Services	Status see criteria below	Status see criteria below	Status see criteria below
Benton City	3,710	Residential - No Business with food - No	Exempt	Exempt	Exempt
Kennewick	85,320	Residential - Contract - No* Business with food - No <small>*Unlimited bags of leaves collected three weeks during the year under contract and disposed.</small>	CPO Requirements Apply	Exempt	2027 & 2030 Resid./Non-Resid. Collection Requirements Apply population exceeds 25,000 and no curbside residential OM collection is currently provided. Waiver needed to be exempted.
Prosser	6,195	Residential - No Business with food - No	Exempt	Exempt	Exempt
Richland	62,220	Residential - Municipal Business with food - No	CPO Requirements Apply	Exempt	2027 & 2030 Resid./Non-Resid. Collection Requirements Apply
West Richland	17,410	Residential - No Business with food - No	Exempt	Exempt	Exempt
Unincorporated	37,445	Residential - No Business with food - No	N/A	Exempt	2027 & 2030 Resid./Non-Resid. Collection Requirements Apply in UGAs for incorporated cities with populations of more than 25,000 (Kennewick & Richland) and in wholly unincorporated UGAs (none identified), unless a waiver is issued.
Benton County plans under the Growth Management Act	212,300	No minimum service level for curbside organics	CPO Requirements Apply	N/A	N/A



Agenda Item: 7B

STAFF REPORT

Report To: Solid Waste Advisory Committee
Meeting Date: July 9, 2025
SWAC Contact: Mark Chidester, City of Richland
Agenda Title: City of Richland's Green Waste Feasibility Study
Agenda Action: Information and Discussion

Staff Summary

Presentation by the City of Richland (Consultant)



AGENDA ITEM: 7C

STAFF REPORT

Report To: Solid Waste Advisory Committee
Meeting Date: July 9, 2025
SWAC Contact: Matt Mahoney, Benton County
Agenda Title: MRWF Update - Permitting and Opening
Agenda Action: Information and Discussion

Staff Summary

Benton County has completed all the necessary improvements to the MRWF, (i.e. building and ventilation upgrades, stormwater improvements, and the Operation Plan).

Benton-Franklin Health District officials will perform a walk-through inspection prior to issuance of the permit and the opening of the facility. The inspection is scheduled for July 15th, 2025, with an anticipated opening date of August 20th, 2025.

We currently in the process of tentatively scheduling the Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony for 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 19, 2025 (SAVE THE DATE).

Business hours for the facility will be Wednesday through Saturday 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM.



AGENDA ITEM: 7D

STAFF REPORT

Report To: Solid Waste Advisory Committee
Meeting Date: July 9, 2025
SWAC Contact: Matt Mahoney, Benton County
Agenda Title: Li-ion Batteries
Agenda Action: Information Only

Staff Summary

Information was provided by Michelle Mulroney, per our last discussion.

The PowerPoint Presentation from our last meeting will be emailed to all SWAC Members.