



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: January 25, 2023

SUBJECT: Board direction relative to exclusion of certain candidate landfill sites from consideration in accordance with Federal Aviation Administration recommendations

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Motion for Solid Waste staff to convene a special meeting of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee to review identified FAA Advisory Circular (No. 150/5200-33C) and provide a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners relative to implementation of the FAA Advisory Circular.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

During recent discussions with the Redmond Airport, Solid Waste staff learned of Redmond Airport management's concerns with regards to Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Circular Advisory (No. 150/5200-33C) which provides a recommendation (as opposed to a mandate) that new landfills not be sited within a 5 mile radius of public access airports. See attached.

The public access airports in Deschutes County, as provided by FAA criteria are: Redmond, Bend, and Sunriver. Solid Waste staff has met with managers at the Redmond and Bend airports and confirmed that the airport managers are in agreement with the FAA recommendation that no new landfill be sited within a 5 mile radius. [Note: there are no candidate sites within 5 miles of the Sunriver airport.]

Solid Waste staff and retained consultants recognize that the 5 mile restriction, if accepted, does in fact constitute a Fatal Flaw and could be addressed administratively meaning that the following sites would be removed from further consideration: (1) the Negus Transfer Station in Redmond, (2) the Central Oregon Irrigation District property east of Bend, and (3) the County owned property east of Bend.

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Solid Waste staff recommends that the Board of County Commissioners direct staff to convene a special meeting of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee to review identified FAA Advisory Circular (No. 150/5200-33C) and provide a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners relative to implementation of the FAA Advisory Circular.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

None

ATTENDANCE:

Chad Centola, Director of Solid Waste