

Friday, October 16, 2026
1:30 – 2:30 PM Contamination Committee Meeting
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BENTON SWCD Contamination Committee Meeting AGENDA – October 2026

Item	Lead	Time
Open meeting; accept notes from previous meeting	<i>Johnson</i>	1:30 PM
Updates on County reviews, appeals, recent decisions etc	<i>Carroll</i>	1:32 PM
Review of Potential web page related to the committee on BSWCD Website	<i>Roberts / all</i>	1:45 PM
Consideration of creating a statement about the purpose of this committee so we can share that with interested parties	<i>Ahr</i>	2:00
Updates on Research or fact finding	<i>All</i>	2:10 PM
Determine date/time of next meeting	<i>Johnson</i>	2:28 PM
Meeting Adjourned	<i>Johnson</i>	2:30 PM

Contamination Committee – September 4, 2026

Attendees: Michael Ahr, Nate Johnson, Claire Phillips, Charli Carroll, Sara Roberts

Opened meeting at 1:47 pm

Accept notes from previous meeting (7/21/2026)

Updates on County reviews, appeals, recent decisions etc

Title 5 permit was approved by DEQ for Coffin Butte Landfill. They will now allow more emissions. DEQ issues these permits related to air quality emissions to landfills. Local people just learned of this yesterday (9/3/2026)

The Benton County Disposal Site Advisory Committee (DSAC) has sent a letter to Benton County Commissioners recommending that they appoint a board member or employee of Benton SWCD to the committee. The committee will formally present this and other information to the commissioners soon. The Commissioners are expected to respond by November.

“Research Updates”

There was discussion on potential erosion from forestry operations. Members haven’t necessarily seen sediment in the streams from forest operations, but overall there do seem to be a lot of forest harvest operations in Benton County recently.

Work plan item – the committee has some interest in seeing a “Concerns about Soil Contamination” webpage on Benton SWCD website. Some discussion of examples of what could be included on the website occurred. Good headings might be:

How do you test your soil?

Where are the labs?

What should you test for?

Benton SWCD staff (Sara and Michael) can work on a very basic draft of a page called “Concerns about soil contamination” or something similar. The hopes would be that we can share something at the next committee meeting.

Claire will look into information that is sharable related to pfas concerns on farmland.

Nate shared some information about spreading biosolids or distributing them. He shared the Wastewater solids and biosolids Annual Report form from Oregon Department of Environmental Quality.

<https://www.oregon.gov/deq/wq/programs/Pages/Biosolids.aspx/1000>

Northwest Biosolids is another resource where we can look up information.

Biofest is a big conference from [Northwest Biosolids](https://nwbiofest.org/) occurring in September 2026. Pfas is a big topic covered on the last day. <https://nwbiofest.org/>

We will give an update to board at October board meeting on conversations that have taken place / work completed by the committee

Next Contamination Committee Meeting: 10/16/2026; 1:30 – 2:30 pm on Zoom

Adjourned 2:46 pm