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Subject: Additional Recycling Comments Based on Public Hearing – Sunriver Recycling

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Commissioners (c/o Mr. Chad Centola):

My wife and I appreciated the County Board of Commissioners holding a Public Hearing on Residential Recycling on 31 January. Mr. Centola’s testimony along with that of Mr. Schimke, and the input from Cascade Disposal’s Mr. Swetnan was very helpful. Hearing comments from other citizens and SROA was also useful.

We feel Universal Service for home based side-yard pickup of recyclables is the most appropriate approach to implement because, as pointed out in testimony, it is:

- the most likely to maximize the opportunity for enhancing residential recycling service;
- a standard approach for the solid waste industry;
- recognized as a qualifying service to meet State of Oregon requirements under the 1983 Recycling Opportunity Act;
- a service Cascade has demonstrated its ability to provide in Deschutes County;
- structured to allow the same “turn on/stop service” features as our trash service i.e. services that match the less than full time residency of our homes.

As owners who do rent out our home on occasion, we feel we will be more successful in encouraging and incentivizing our guests to recycle when we can provide a side-yard pick-up recycling method that is consistent with what most people do at their own home.

We, along with 1297 of 1875 other property owners responding to a December 2020 survey, feel we have either the space or are willing to modify our trash enclosures to accommodate a recycling can.

The “woeful” condition of the County supported drop-off recycling center is unacceptable in any situation – but particularly a residential one. Implementing side-yard pickup should help improve the situation either by reducing the use of the existing facility or eliminating the need for it.

Please help our community improve our recycling methods, enhance our environmental standing, and reduce our impact on the environment. Please vote in favor of the proposed Universal Service and rate structure for Cascade Disposal as described at the Hearing.

Sincerely,
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