



# Solid Waste Department Update

Joint Meeting of Deschutes County Commissioners and Bend City Council

January 20, 2026

## Solid Waste Collections Franchise Update

- Staff from the County and City have been developing a Model Agreement for Franchise Haulers to meet the needs of a modern Solid Waste Management System
- Voluntary negotiations with the current Franchise Haulers were not successful in reaching an agreement with both Franchisees
- Deschutes County has joined the City of Redmond in not renewing its Franchise Agreements for an additional year and has begun the 6 year wind-down of the existing collection agreements for the unincorporated areas of the County
- County Staff will continue to work with interested jurisdictions to move forward on a regional approach to managing waste and recyclable materials to draft new agreements, design a comprehensive procurement approach, and implement a system governance approach that ensures compliant and cost-effective delivery of services



# Franchise Agreements Elements

## New Franchise Agreement

**Agreement prescribes the minimum scope of franchise services, service specification, and service standards provided**

**Designates facilities where Franchisee must deliver material**

**Establishes education and outreach standards**

**Defines financial disclosures, customer service reporting, and defines allowable costs for rate setting**

**Implements performance standards and consequences for Agreement non-conformance (i.e. Liquidated Damages)**

**Takes a regional approach to contract administration, public education, and DEQ required reporting**



# Roadmap to New Franchise Agreements

