



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Board of County Commissioners  
**From:** Mike Russell, Public Works Director, Solid Waste Administrator  
Tatum Flowers, Solid Waste Coordinator  
**Cc:** Ed McGlone, Assistant County Counsel  
**Date:** March 13, 2026

**Subject:** Transfer Station Operations Contract

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### Action Requested

After being briefed by the contractor and staff on the transfer station operations contract costs last week, we would like the opportunity to discuss entering into the agreement with Waste Connections of Oregon d.b.a Hudson Garbage for the Solid Waste Transfer Station Operations.

### Background

Since February 11, 2026, the County has been in contract negotiations with Waste Connections of Oregon d.b.a Hudson Garbage for the Solid Waste Transfer Station Operations Contract. Both parties have revised old contract language to meet the needs of our community. The current contract is set to expire on March 31, 2026. The new contract will begin on April 1, 2026, through March 31, 2036, with a five-year extension.

### Analysis

The previous operations contract with Waste Connections of Oregon d.b.a Hudson Garbage had a fixed cost for the term of the contract. Staff negotiated the costs to help stabilize them and will provide an update on the final decision regarding the price and price adjustments.

Staff also reached out to other transfer stations in the area about their operations costs; however, it is very difficult to compare Columbia County with larger, more populated or more dense areas. It was noted that WM did not apply for the RFP due to the nature of Columbia County's separate transfer station operations, and transportation and disposal contracts.

### Recommendation

Staff recommend approving and entering into an agreement with Waste Connections of Oregon d.b.a Hudson Garbage for Solid Waste Transfer Station Operations.

**Next Steps**

Upon the Board's direction, staff would like to enter into the agreement for Solid Waste Transfer Station Operations.

**Attachments**