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Dear County Staff,

I attended the public hearing. I am distressed to learn that the commissioners are only considering noise and odor issues with regard to their consideration of allowing expansion of the Coffin Butte Landfill. The current landfill is an imminent and present danger to our environment. Our air and water are at risk. Coffin Butte is a super emitter of methane. In my reading, leachate is tested by Republic Services. Coffin Butte was built over fractured basalt. Landfills should be built over heavy clay. When the water table is high, in winter, the water level is higher than the base of the land fill. The land fill is old, and leaks everywhere. The fox is minding the hen house. The local soil and water district and the local water shed agencies do not test. I am dubious that the EPA tests independently, and am concerned that the EPA has been disempowered even if they did find violations. Republic Services has not been a responsible player regarding their current foot print, and allowing expansion is utterly irresponsible.

From my perspective, it looks like the county has been bought off. Republic services has to pay a fee, on the order of a million dollars, for the conditional use permit.

Please hold Republic Services to account. The current land fill should be capped, and we should seek safer means of dealing with our trash, and trash from many other sources.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

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