

London
I'm Keith Lembke - I've resided a mile West of Coffin
Butte since 2003, ~~I am the Chairman of the Benton~~

~~County Republicans and speak for them,~~ I have a

Doctorate in Public Administration and over forty years of
experience in public service. ~~We are~~ ^{I am} against the proposal

and I urge you to consider three additional criteria in your

analysis - public mandate, safety assurance, and the ~~people,~~

^{the} cumulative effects on the pattern of life. ~~of its location there~~
~~and our culture.~~

My research reveals a long-standing belief among the
county population since at least 1974 that the Coffin
Butte landfill would be temporary, with a long-term vision
of an advanced waste management system. ~~The beginning~~
of the evolution from county dump to Regional Landfill
started with The Chemeketa Region Solid Waste Plan of
1974. It was a collaborative effort between Benton, Linn,

Kleinman

Statesman Journal
Capital Journal

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Marion, Yamhill, and Polk Counties and the DEQ to solve a burgeoning waste problem. It had five goals ^{culminating in} ~~leading to~~ the end of landfill operations and the creation of advanced waste disposal management systems. The plan consisted of the five counties' waste going to Coffin Butte while the separate components of the advanced waste management systems were ^{to be} developed in all the counties. While waste delivery to Benton County proceeded the rest of the plan did not materialize. Since its franchising in 1985, Coffin Butte has incrementally evolved to receive waste from 27 counties.

The fact is I could not find a record of any public referendum on the plan or any of the expansions thereafter. It seems ^{like} the County considered the lack of "significant" opposition to the expansions as unanimous

consent to the landfill's expansion. ~~That was not true -~~ ^{Correct}

~~there has always been an expectation of an evolution to~~
~~advanced waste disposal systems.~~ ^{seems to have implied}
^{always seems to have been an implied}

~~as in this county or another~~
Every lawyer in this room knows that assumption is
nonsense.

Guardianship. The Oregon Revised Statute 459

bestows upon the Department of Environmental Quality

and the local County Government the responsibility to

oversee and uphold the contractual and statutory

obligations of the franchise and landfill. ORS 459.992

grants them the power to conduct inspections, stipulate

permit conditions, and impose penalties. They are

entrusted as our vigilant custodians. Regrettably, it has

come to our attention that they can't do those things.

They apparently either lack the technical capability or resources to protect us. This is not fair to us.

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Finally, there has been no evaluation conducted on the combined impact of the various categorized "minor" disturbances involving air quality, traffic congestion, noise

pollution, visual blight, ~~and~~ potential hydrological

problems → *and decrease in property value - which isn't covered at all.*
~~disruptions~~

While individually these factors may appear

insignificant in the grand scheme of our daily lives, it is

imperative to emphasize that their cumulative effect is

indeed substantial. Each day brings forth its own

challenges - whether it be the noxious odors (which,

incidentally, caused me physical distress two weeks

prior), the perpetual traffic congestion and litter along

Independence Highway, or the disheartening sight of a

↳ *a mortgage or business loan,*
↳ *The obvious loss of property value*

growing mountain of waste that starkly contradicts the
professed cultural values of our community. I assure you
that all those added together have a significant ^{interference} ~~effect~~ on
our pattern of life. ^{→ and thus, the character of the area.} Thank you for affording me the
opportunity to address these matters.