

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

COUNTY OF HAWAII

MEETING AGENDA

Based on the Mayor's Proclamation regarding COVID-19, this meeting will be online. This is to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to maintain social distancing. The public may attend either online or by telephone.

DATE: March 24, 2021

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Online – WebEx

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STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Anyone wishing to provide written testimony on an agenda item may do so by submitting it in writing or by fax. To ensure timely delivery to commissioners prior to the meeting, written testimony must be submitted before 12:00 noon on the business day prior to the meeting by (1) email to peter_sur@hawaiiicounty.gov or (2) facsimiles to 961-8086. When submitting written testimony, please specify for which agenda item it is being submitted. All written testimony will be part of the permanent record.

Testimony in real time will be permitted to the extent possible.

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 24, 2021
3. STATEMENT FROM THE CHAIR
4. PUBLIC STATEMENTS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA
5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - a. Status report on 2021 EMC Priorities – Each lead commissioner to provide *brief* report on assigned priorities.
 - b. Status report on action items from previous meeting

- i. Mailing of agendas.
- ii. Streamlining the Director's Informational Report.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Presentation by Dr. Rick Bennett on an alternative, low-cost option for upgrading the Kealakehe Wastewater Treatment Plant discharge to R-1 water. (Requested by Vice Chair Gaffney).
- b. Request for discussion on holding a limited meeting, subject to HRS Chapter 92-3.1(a) at the Hilo Wastewater Treatment Plant and possible other WWD facilities. (Requested by Commissioner Cardwell. Requires 1) approval of a motion by a two-thirds vote of the entire board "that it is necessary to conduct an on-site inspection of a location that is related to the board's business at which public attendance is not practicable"; 2) concurrence by the director of the office of information practices; and 3) public notice of said limited meeting under HRS 92-7.)
- c. Request for discussion on supporting the establishment of funding mechanisms, including but not limited to an enterprise fund, for wastewater treatment. (Requested by Commissioner Fulton)

7. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Director's Informational Report. (Note: the report is posted online with the agenda under www.hawaiicounty.gov>Our County> County Calendar> (Meeting date).
 - 1. Legislative update
 - 2. Requests for updates: The commissioners have requested informational updates on the following:
 - i. Clarification on whether the funds (\$10.5 million) previously earmarked for the now suspended county compost facility are available for alternative approaches (e.g., smaller scale distributed composting facilities). [Requested by Commissioner Cardwell for further discussion]
 - ii. Response to the Commission's letter of October 26, 2020, in support of Energy Savings Performance Contracting [Requested by Commissioner Adams]
 - iii. Request for information on cancellation of the Recycling Section's Environmental Life Cycle Assessment. [Requested by Commissioner Adams]
 - iv. Request for update on DEM administrative rules relating to enforcement of failure to connect to a sewer [Requested by Commissioner Adams]
 - 3. Solid Waste Division Projects and Updates
 - 4. Wastewater Division Projects and Updates
- b. Correspondence to Chair Adams and EMC members from Steve Holmes on various topics:
 - i. Supporting creation of enterprise funds
 - ii. Leasing of electric vehicles
 - iii. Hilo Wastewater Treatment Plant

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Follow up on action items determined today.
- b. Other (Commissioners may suggest items they would like placed on the next agenda.)

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2021, at a location to be determined or online. Please contact the Department of Environmental Management or monitor the website for updates.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting place is accessible to persons with disabilities. To request an auxiliary aid or language translation, please call 961-8083 five days prior to the meeting date. Comments may be sent to the Department of Environmental Management, 345 Kekūanāoʻa Street, Suite 41, Hilo, Hawaiʻi 96720, or emailed to cohdem@hawaiicounty.gov.

Notice to lobbyists: If you are a lobbyist, you must register with the Hawaiʻi County Clerk within five days of becoming a lobbyist. [Article 15, Section 2-91.3(b), Hawaiʻi County Code.] A lobbyist means “any individual engaged for pay or other consideration who spends more than five hours in any month or \$275 in any six-month period for the purpose of attempting to influence legislative or administrative action by communicating or urging others to communicate with public officials.” [Article 15, Section 2-91.3(a)(6), Hawaiʻi County Code.] Registration forms and expenditure report documents are available at the Office of the County Clerk-Council, 25 Aupuni Street, Hilo, Hawaiʻi 96720.