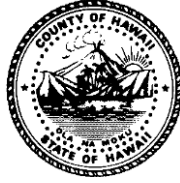


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## ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

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### MEETING AGENDA

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

DATE: April 27, 2022

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

IN PERSON: West Hawai'i Civic Center  
Community Meeting Hale (Building G)  
74-5044 Ane Keohokālole Highway, Kailua-Kona

ONLINE: Via Zoom  
<https://www.zoomgov.com/j/16031058165>  
(Meeting ID: 160 3105 8165)

PHONE: +1 669 254 5252 (Enter the meeting ID, see above)

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@hawaiicounty.gov](mailto:peter.sur@hawaiicounty.gov) or (2) facsimiles to (808) 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. Oral testimony will be taken, subject to applicable statutes and rules of procedure.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 16, 2022<sup>1</sup>**
- 3. STATEMENT FROM THE CHAIR**
- 4. PUBLIC STATEMENTS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

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<sup>1</sup> Agenda 2 - Minutes: <http://records.hawaiicounty.gov/weblink/DocView.aspx?dbid=1&id=115752>

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. Status report on 2022 EMC Commissioner Priorities – Each commissioner may provide a *brief* update, if applicable.<sup>2</sup>
- b. Status report on action items from previous meeting
  - a. Next steps for exploring distributed composting
  - b. Clarification on used battery collections – DEM website and beyond
  - c. Preventing fires at the East Hawai‘i Reload and Sort Station.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. EMC recommendations for:
  - a. Priority topics for the new Information & Education Specialist position.
  - b. The Integrated Wastewater Management Plan to address long-term budget planning issues.
  - c. Revisions to the Hawai‘i County Code and the DEM Administrative Rules.<sup>3</sup>

**7. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE**

Director’s Informational Report. (Note: the report is posted online with the agenda under [www.hawaiicounty.gov](http://www.hawaiicounty.gov)>*Our County*> *County Calendar*> (*Meeting date*).

- a. Legislative update
- b. Requests for Updates.
  - a. Actions discussed with EPA Region 9 in April
    - i. EPA call regarding Administrative Order on Consent for closure of large capacity cesspools in Pāhala and Nā‘ālehu on April 1.
    - ii. EPA site visits to Hilo WWTP and Kealakehe WWTP on April 6.
  - b. What is the cost to the County for a resident to:
    - i. Dispose of solid waste and hazardous waste.
    - ii. Recycle materials accepted at Solid Waste Division facilities.
    - iii. Sewer and treat wastewater.
  - c. Status and timeline of the North Kona Sewage Pumping Station (Gaffney)
  - d. Expected budget shortfalls and impacts in FY 22-23
- c. Solid Waste Division Projects and Updates
- d. Wastewater Division Projects and Updates
  - a. Pretreatment code draft proposal status

**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**

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<sup>2</sup> Agenda 5a - <http://records.hawaiicounty.gov/weblink/DocView.aspx?dbid=1&id=114388>

<sup>3</sup> Agenda 6a(c) – Example – 2019 proposed DEM Rule Article III, Rule 20:  
<http://records.hawaiicounty.gov/weblink/DocView.aspx?dbid=1&id=115746>

The next meeting is scheduled for May 25, 2022, via Zoom and at the Puna Conference Room, Hawai‘i County Building, 25 Aupuni Street, Hilo. Please contact the Department of Environmental Management or monitor the website for updates.

*(The Commission anticipates a brief recess prior to taking up the next item on the agenda).*

**10. CONTESTED CASE HEARING – 2:15 P.M.**

Kai Ala Partners LLC appeal of the Director’s decision to bill two wastewater accounts for TMK (3) 7-5-019:018 and (3) 7-5-019:026.<sup>4</sup>

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**Note:** A meeting held by interactive conference technology shall be automatically recessed for up to 30 minutes to restore communication when audiovisual communication cannot be maintained with all members participating in the meeting or with the “in person” location identified in this agenda. The meeting may reconvene when either audiovisual communication is restored, or audio-only communication is established after an unsuccessful attempt to restore audiovisual communication. If it is not possible to reconvene the meeting as provided in this subsection within 30 minutes after an interruption to communication, the meeting will be in recess and will attempt to reconvene at 10 a.m. on the same day, or 3:15 p.m. following the scheduled recess, using the same meeting ID listed on Page 1 of this agenda. If at that time a quorum of remote members and the in-person members are unable to establish and maintain at least an audio-only connection, then the meeting shall be automatically terminated.

The regular meeting place is accessible to persons with disabilities. To request an auxiliary aid or language translation, please call (808) 961-8083 five days prior to the meeting date. Comments may be sent to the Department of Environmental Management, 345 Kekūanāo‘a Street, Suite 41, Hilo, Hawai‘i 96720, or emailed to [cohdem@hawaiicounty.gov](mailto:cohdem@hawaiicounty.gov).

**Notice to lobbyists:** If you are a lobbyist, you must register with the Hawai‘i County Clerk within five days of becoming a lobbyist. [Chapter 2, Article 15, Section 2-91.3(b), Hawai‘i 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.” [Chapter 2, Article 15, Section 2-91.3(a)(6), Hawai‘i County Code.] Registration forms and expenditure report documents are available at the Office of the County Clerk-Council, 25 Aupuni Street, Hilo, Hawai‘i 96720.

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<sup>4</sup> Agenda 10 – Appellant and Appellee briefs and exhibits – <http://records.hawaiicounty.gov/weblink/Browse.aspx?dbid=1&startid=115747>