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MEETING AGENDA

Pursuant to Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 92, this meeting will be online with a location available to the public. The public may attend either in person, online, or by telephone.

DATE: August 24, 2022
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
IN PERSON: West Hawai'i Civic Center
Mayor's Conference Room B-2 (Building B)
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: To ensure timely delivery to commissioners, 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 (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. Pursuant to HRS §92-3, interested persons who want to provide oral testimony may do so either at the time the Commission takes public statements on items on the agenda, or at the time the specific agenda item is called, subject to applicable statutes and rules of procedure.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. April 27, 2022 – Executive meeting (related to the Kai Ala Partners LLC appeal)
2. May 25, 2022 – Volume II – Kai Ala Partners LLC appeal – Adoption of Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order¹
3. May 25, 2022 – Executive meeting (related to the Kai Ala Partners LLC appeal)
4. July 27, 2022

III. STATEMENT FROM THE CHAIR

IV. PUBLIC STATEMENTS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

¹ II.3: May 25, 2022 minutes, Vol. 2: <http://records.hawaiiicounty.gov/weblink/DocView.aspx?dbid=1&id=116510>

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Status report on 2022 EMC Commissioner Priorities – Each commissioner may provide a *brief* update, if applicable.²
2. Status report on action items from previous meeting
 1. 2006 sewer master plan and North Kona Improvement District Project³
 2. Pretreatment update
3. Review latest draft recommendations of the Cesspool Conversion Working Group, with a focus on cesspool conversion financing, and provide comments to CCWG Member/DEM Director Ramzi Mansour.⁴

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion with Monica Stone regarding the Qan LLC partnership with Recycle Hawai‘i and County Department of Research and Development on a community outreach survey to guide decision-making and funding for improving the organic waste management system on the island. (Cardwell)
2. Discussion about the need to create a vision, a mission, and goals for solid waste management in Hawai‘i County, and possible recommendations. How best to create and establish funding for an islandwide approach to managing our solid waste and landfill diversion, given the challenges of a growing population. (Olson)

VII. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

Director’s Informational Report.

1. Solid Waste Division Projects and Updates
 1. Solid Waste Division Chief update
 2. Upcoming service interruptions due to Ironman-related road closures scheduled for October 6, 7, 8
 3. Recycling and Landfill Diversion
2. Wastewater Division Projects and Updates
 1. Pāhala and Nā‘ālehu AOC
 2. West Hawai‘i wastewater projects
 3. Hilo WWTP upgrades
 4. Wastewater master plans
 - i. Puna wastewater feasibility
 - ii. Puakō area wastewater study

VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

² V.1 – Commissioner priorities for 2022 -

<http://records.hawaiicounty.gov/weblink/DocView.aspx?dbid=1&id=114388>

³ V.2. – Kona sewer plans - <http://records.hawaiicounty.gov/weblink/Browse.aspx?dbid=1&startid=117101>

⁴ V.3 – Cesspool Conversion Working Group Draft Recommendations, Pages 2-5:

<http://records.hawaiicounty.gov/weblink/DocView.aspx?dbid=1&id=117114>

The next meeting is scheduled for September 28, 2022, at the Puna Conference Room, Hawai‘i County Building, 25 Aupuni Street, in Hilo, and via Zoom. Please contact the Secretary for the Department of Environmental Management or review the agenda posted on the County Calendar within six days of the next meeting for confirmation.⁵

X. 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 1:00 p.m. on the same day, 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 by 1:15 p.m., 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 Kekūanā‘o Street, Suite 41, Hilo, Hawai‘i 96720, or emailed to 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.

⁵ IX: Hawai‘i County Calendar: <https://www.hawaiicounty.gov/our-county/county-calendar>