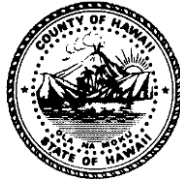


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MEETING AGENDA

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: February 28, 2023
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
IN PERSON: Puna Conference Room of the Hawai'i County Building,
25 Aupuni Street, Hilo
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@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. 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 FOR JANUARY 17, 2023¹

III. STATEMENT FROM THE CHAIR

IV. PUBLIC STATEMENTS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Status report on action items from previous meeting

1. Pretreatment rule update
2. Update on applying for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grant Program.
3. Discussion of Planning Department's Zoning Code update and process. Postponed Jan. 17, 2023.

¹ II. EMC minutes January 17, 2023 <https://records.hawaiicounty.gov/weblink/DocView.aspx?dbid=1&id=121743>

4. Presentation and discussion with Council Member Ashley Kierkiewicz regarding award of National Endowment of the Arts Our Town grant for “Transforming Trash: Repurposing Plastics to Enhance Public Parkscopes & Revitalize Communities.” The project is a demonstration of diverting waste plastic from the landfill and creating a new plastic material to be used as functional art installations in County parks. Postponed Jan. 17, 2023.
5. Status and membership of the Permitted Interaction Group on Barriers to Commercial Recyclers
6. EMC Tracker assignments and updates²

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Land acquisition for solid waste management. Discuss locations for recycling and other diversion activities by county and third parties; and options for locating a new sanitary landfill.
2. Solid waste EMC recommendations for significant landfill diversion by county ordinance.³

VII. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

Director’s Informational Report

1. County legislative update, including DEM initiatives
2. Budget – background and process for FY 23-24
3. Solid Waste Division Projects and Updates
 1. Recycling and Landfill Diversion updates
 2. Status update on report regarding allowing trailers at transfer stations
 3. Status update on Life Cycle Analysis report
 4. Upcoming proposed amendments to DEM administrative rules relating to solid waste.
4. Wastewater Division Projects and Updates.
 1. Pāhala and Nā‘ālehu AOC
 2. West Hawai‘i wastewater projects
 3. Hilo WWTP upgrades
 4. Wastewater plans
 1. Addition of wastewater services for the Puna District⁴
 2. Puakō and South Kohala Regional Wastewater Master Plan
5. Information requests to DEM from Commissioners
 1. County options and responses to Cesspool Conversion Working Group recommendations⁵ (Otsuka)

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.)

² V.6: EMC recommendations: tracker: <https://records.hawaiicounty.gov/weblink/DocView.aspx?dbid=1&id=121744>

³ VI.2: County SW Ordinance Initiatives: <https://records.hawaiicounty.gov/weblink/DocView.aspx?dbid=1&id=121745>

⁴ VII.4.4.1: Puna wastewater website: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/50e624065fa641598326febe6316327b>

⁵ VII.5.1: CCWG recommendations: <https://records.hawaiicounty.gov/weblink/DocView.aspx?dbid=1&id=121766>

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting is scheduled for March 29, 2023, at the Community Meeting Hale (Building G), West Hawai'i Civic Center, 74-5044 Ane Keohokalole Highway, Kailua-Kona and via Zoom.⁶ 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.⁷

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 Kekūanāo'a Street, Suite 41, Hilo, Hawai'i 96720, or emailed to cohdem@hawaiiicounty.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.

⁶ IX: 2023 EMC meeting schedule: <https://records.hawaiiicounty.gov/weblink/DocView.aspx?dbid=1&id=120846>

⁷ IX: Hawai'i County Calendar: <https://www.hawaiiicounty.gov/our-county/county-calendar>