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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: May 24, 2023
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
IN PERSON: Community Meeting Hale (Bldg G) West Hawai'i Civic Center,
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 FOR APRIL 25, 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 draft
2. Continued discussion of EMC county landfill diversion ordinance initiatives.^{2 3}

¹ April 25, 2023 draft minutes: <https://records.hawaiiicounty.gov/weblink/DocView.aspx?dbid=1&id=123288>

² Ordinances to reduce landfill volume <https://records.hawaiiicounty.gov/weblink/DocView.aspx?dbid=1&id=123309>

³ Ordinances to reduce landfill volume <https://records.hawaiiicounty.gov/weblink/DocView.aspx?dbid=1&id=123310>

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Funding for solid waste – discussion about moving to a fee for service model versus property tax funding - e.g., enterprise funding (as supported by EMC⁴) for wastewater management.

VII. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

Director's Informational Report

1. Legislative update
2. Solid Waste Division Projects and Updates
 1. Recycling and Landfill Diversion updates
 2. Next studies: curbside collection, new landfill locations, operations analysis
 3. Status and content of Request for Information on landfill diversion and recycling re Resolution No. 73-23.
 4. Wai'ōhinu Recycling and Transfer Station update
3. 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 District⁵
 2. Puakō and South Kohala Regional Wastewater Master Plan
4. DEM input to draft Integrated Climate Action Plan⁶
5. Information requests to DEM from Commissioners
 1. What is the scope of work for the Solid Waste Division operations analysis contract? (Adams)
 2. Please background us on the 23-05-05 Solid Waste Management Plan - Guidelines for Submission⁷. How has this changed review of construction projects compared to past practice? (Adams)
6. Correspondence
 1. EMC letter to DEM to DOH (copy to Council) requesting studies on advanced disposal and point of sale fees for solid waste management⁸

VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Follow up on action items determined today.
 1. June 23 - Invite to Douglass Adams, Director of Research and Development, to discuss site visit to Yummet and the possibility of resource recovery from waste.
 2. Other (Commissioners may suggest items they would like placed on the next agenda.)

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

⁴ VI.1: Letter re enterprise funding <https://records.hawaiicounty.gov/weblink/DocView.aspx?dbid=1&id=111072>

⁵ VII.3.4.1: Puna wastewater website: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/50e624065fa641598326febe6316327b>

⁶ VII.5: Planning Department's Integrated Climate Action Plan <https://cohplanning.konveio.com/>

⁷ VII.6.2: SWMP guidelines <https://records.hawaiicounty.gov/weblink/DocView.aspx?dbid=1&id=123186>

⁸ VII.7.1: EMC letter to DEM re studies on advanced disposal and point of sale fees <https://records.hawaiicounty.gov/weblink/DocView.aspx?dbid=1&id=123335>

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday June 23, 2023, at the Puna Conference Room of the Hawai‘i County Building, 25 Aupuni Street, Hilo, and via Zoom.⁹ 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.¹⁰

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.

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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.

⁹ IX: 2023 EMC meeting schedule: <https://records.hawaiicounty.gov/weblink/DocView.aspx?dbid=1&id=120846>

¹⁰ IX: Hawai‘i County Calendar: <https://www.hawaiicounty.gov/our-county/county-calendar>