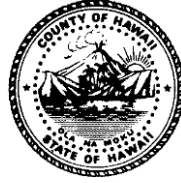


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MEETING AGENDA

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: Tuesday, August 22, 2023
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
IN PERSON: Puna Conference Room of the Hawai'i County Building,
25 Aupuni Street, Hilo, and via Zoom.
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 JULY 26, 2023¹

III. STATEMENT FROM THE CHAIR

IV. PUBLIC STATEMENTS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Pretreatment rule draft
2. Review draft letter² to Council on county ordinance³ to ban landfill of recyclables

¹ II: Minutes: <https://records.hawaiiicounty.gov/weblink/DocView.aspx?dbid=1&id=125312>

² V.2: Letter: <https://records.hawaiiicounty.gov/weblink/DocView.aspx?=1&id=125319>

³ V.2. Draft sample ordinance: <https://records.hawaiiicounty.gov/weblink/DocView.aspx?=1&id=125320>

3. Request to Deputy Corporation Counsel to evaluate the feasibility and steps to move from a property tax-based support for solid waste management to a fee-for-service model.⁴
4. Request to Deputy Corporation Counsel to follow up on response from Department of Health Office of Solid Waste Management to EMC letter⁵ dated May 19, 2023, on point of purchase advance disposal fees beyond HI-5.

VI. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

Director's Informational Report

1. Legislative update
2. Solid Waste Division Projects and Updates
 1. Recycling and Landfill Diversion updates
 2. SW operations analysis update⁶
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. Pāhoa and Puna plans and upcoming Council presentation
 2. Puakō and South Kohala Regional Wastewater Master Plan
4. Information requests to DEM from Commissioners
 1. What is the process to install a scale at the Wai'ōhinu Recycling and Transfer Station? (McIntosh)
 2. Has DEM received any update to R&D's Request for Information No. 4444 related to sustainable infrastructure? (Otsuka)
 3. What was the cost to the County in FY 22-23 under the contract with Hawaiian Earth Recycling, and what quantity of greenwaste was diverted from the landfill and processed into mulch? (Otsuka)
 4. What are the vacant positions in DEM and what efforts are being taken to fill them? (Otsuka)

VII. 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.)

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 27, at Room B-2, Building B, West Hawai'i Civic Center (74-5044 Ane Keohokālole Highway, Kailua-Kona), and Zoom.⁷ 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.⁸

⁴ V.3: 2019 ISWMP excerpt: <https://records.hawaiicounty.gov/weblink/DocView.aspx?dbid=1&id=125321>

⁵ V.4: Letter to DOH-OSWM: <https://records.hawaiicounty.gov/weblink/DocView.aspx?dbid=1&id=123453>

⁶ VI.2.2: Solid Waste study: <https://records.hawaiicounty.gov/weblink/DocView.aspx?dbid=1&id=125316>

⁷ VIII: 2023 EMC meeting schedule: <https://records.hawaiicounty.gov/weblink/DocView.aspx?dbid=1&id=120846>

⁸ VIII: Hawai'i County Calendar: <https://www.hawaiicounty.gov/our-county/county-calendar>

IX. 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.