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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: Wednesday, September 27, 2023
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
IN PERSON: Mayor's Conference Room B-2, 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 AUGUST 22, 2023¹

III. STATEMENT FROM THE CHAIR

IV. PUBLIC STATEMENTS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Pretreatment rule draft
2. Continued discussion EMC recommending to Council a county landfill diversion ordinance for recyclables.
 1. Review draft letter² to Council recommending it begin work on an ordinance to ban landfilling of recyclables. *(There is a pending motion by Vice Chair Olson,*

¹ II: Minutes: <http://records.hawaiiicounty.gov/weblink/DocView.aspx?dbid=1&id=125623>

² V.2.1: Draft letter: <http://records.hawaiiicounty.gov/weblink/DocView.aspx?dbid=1&id=125624>

seconded by Commissioner Otsuka, to send a draft letter, as amended 8/22/23, to Council Chair Heather Kimball to request beginning the process of writing a new ordinance. Postponed August 22, 2023)

2. Review discussion draft of an EMC-initiated bill³ for an ordinance, whether to include it with the letter to Council, and any revisions to be made.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Presentation and discussion with Nicolas Riznyk of Hana Hou Recycling⁴:
“Supporting a Resource Recovery Economy & Local Circular Economies: A case for infrastructure investment on Hawai‘i Island”
2. Begin discussing EMC initiatives that would focus on source reduction toward zero waste and next steps.⁵

VII. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

- A. Letter from COHDEM announcing availability of Programmatic Final Environmental Impact Statement – Addition of Wastewater Services for the Puna District⁶

Director’s Informational Report

1. Legislative update
2. Solid Waste Division Projects and Updates
 1. Recycling and Landfill Diversion updates
 1. Solid Waste Infrastructure Recycling Grants
 2. Solid Waste Operational Study update
3. Wastewater Division Projects and Updates.
 1. Pāhala and Nā‘ālehu Large Capacity Cesspool Closure AOC
 1. Meeting at Pāhala Community Center scheduled for 6 p.m. Thursday, September 28 to gather input for Environmental Information Document and to review the Preliminary Engineering Report
 2. Nā‘ālehu Preliminary Engineering Report has been submitted to EPA
 2. West Hawai‘i wastewater projects
 3. Hilo WWTP upgrades
 4. Wastewater plans
 1. Addition of wastewater services for the Puna District⁷
 1. AECOM presentation to Council committee on September 5, 2023, on the Pāhoa Wastewater Feasibility Study and Puna Wastewater Facility Plan⁸
 2. Puakō and South Kohala Regional Wastewater Master Plan
4. Information requests to DEM from Commissioners
 1. What input has DEM given on the General Plan revision? (Adams)

³ V.2.2: Draft bill: <http://records.hawaiicounty.gov/weblink/DocView.aspx?dbid=1&id=125621>

⁴ VI.1: Hana Hou Recycling: <https://www.hanahourecycling.com>

⁵ VI.2: 2019 ISWMP, Section 3: <http://records.hawaiicounty.gov/weblink/DocView.aspx?dbid=1&id=125618>

⁶ VII.A: Letter from COHDEM: <http://records.hawaiicounty.gov/weblink/DocView.aspx?dbid=1&id=125637>

⁷ VII.3.4.1: Puna wastewater website: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/50e624065fa641598326febe6316327b>

⁸ VII.4.1.1: Council presentation: <http://records.hawaiicounty.gov/weblink/DocView.aspx?dbid=0&id=1061867>

2. Has DEM received any update to R&D's Request for Information No. 4444 related to sustainable infrastructure? (Otsuka)⁹

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

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 24, at the Puna Conference Room of the Hawai'i County Building, 25 Aupuni Street, Hilo, and via Zoom.¹⁰ Vice Chair Jon Olson will preside in the absence of Chair Georjean Adams. 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.¹¹

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 VII.4.2: RFI 4444 summary <http://records.hawaiicounty.gov/weblink/DocView.aspx?dbid=1&id=125632>

¹⁰ IX: 2023 EMC meeting schedule: <https://records.hawaiicounty.gov/weblink/DocView.aspx?dbid=1&id=120846>

¹¹ IX: Hawai'i County Calendar: <https://www.hawaiicounty.gov/our-county/county-calendar>