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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, November 29, 2023
TIME: **10:00 a.m.**
IN PERSON: Building G (Hale), West Hawai'i Civic Center
75-5044 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 OCTOBER 24, 2023¹

III. STATEMENT FROM THE CHAIR

IV. PUBLIC STATEMENTS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Pretreatment code and rules update
2. Recommendations, if any, to the September 2023 draft of the General Plan²
(Commissioners may propose specific comments for GP section 3.5, Wastewater)

¹ II: Oct. 24, 2023 minutes: <https://records.hawaiiicounty.gov/weblink/DocView.aspx?dbid=1&id=126675>

² V.2: Draft General Plan: <https://cohplanning.konveio.com/gp-draft>

Treatment and Reuse³, and section 4.3, Solid Waste Management⁴). *Postponed October 24, 2023.*

3. Adoption of position regarding support for extended producer responsibility legislation such as SB 1458 SD1 (2023) in the 2024 legislative session.⁵ *Postponed October 24, 2023.*
4. Recommendations to the County to adopt a policy on waste management, reduction, and/or landfill diversion regarding the film industry.⁶
5. Final review and transmittal of letter to Council recommending it begin work on an ordinance to ban landfilling of recyclables. (To be distributed at meeting)

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Presentation by Rick Anthony, Zero Waste advisor to the California Resource Recovery Association, on achieving Zero Waste in Hawai‘i County.
2. Review and approval of 2024 EMC meeting schedule.⁷

VII. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

Director’s Informational Report

1. Legislative update
2. Solid Waste Division Projects and Updates
 1. Recycling and Landfill Diversion updates
 2. Solid Waste Operational Study update
3. Wastewater Division Projects and Updates.
 1. Pāhala and Nā‘ālehu Large Capacity Cesspool Closure AOC
 1. Update on Pāhala Draft Environmental Information Document (EID)
 2. Update on Nā‘ālehu Draft EID development
 2. West Hawai‘i wastewater projects
 3. Hilo WWTP upgrades
 4. Wastewater Plans
 1. Addition of wastewater services for the Puna District⁸
 2. Puakō and South Kohala Regional Wastewater Master Plan
4. Information requests to DEM from Commissioners
 1. Does any cruise ship solid waste go to WHSL? (Norris)
 2. How can DEM improve greenwaste operations? (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.)
 1. Inclusion of greenwaste diversion data in the next Director’s Report (Otsuka)

³ V.2: Draft GP – Wastewater: <https://records.hawaiicounty.gov/weblink/DocView.aspx?dbid=1&id=126126>

⁴ V.2: Draft GP – Solid Waste: <https://records.hawaiicounty.gov/weblink/DocView.aspx?dbid=1&id=126125>

⁵ V.5: SB 1458 SD1 (2023): https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=SB&billnumber=1458&year=2023

⁶ V.6: Film industry waste diversion: <https://records.hawaiicounty.gov/weblink/DocView.aspx?dbid=1&id=126124>

⁷ VI.2: 2024 EMC calendar: <https://records.hawaiicounty.gov/weblink/DocView.aspx?dbid=1&id=126680>

⁸ VII.3.4.1: Puna wastewater website: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/50e624065fa641598326febe6316327b>

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There is no meeting in December. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 24, at the Puna Conference Room of the Hawai'i County Building, 25 Aupuni Street, in Hilo. 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.

The Commission will hold an election for the Chair and Vice Chair at its next meeting. (Commissioners seeking these positions may announce their intentions at this time.)

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.