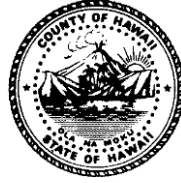


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# County of Hawai'i

## ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

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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, January 24, 2024  
TIME: 9:00 a.m.  
IN PERSON: Puna Conference Room, 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@hawaiiicounty.gov](mailto: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 NOVEMBER 29, 2023**

#### **III. STATEMENT FROM THE CHAIR**

Introduction of new Commissioners

#### **IV. PUBLIC STATEMENTS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

#### **V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Presentation by Rick Anthony, Zero Waste advisor to the California Resource Recovery Association, on achieving Zero Waste in Hawai'i County. *Postponed from November 29, 2023.*
2. Wastewater code and rules update

3. Recommendations, if any, to the September 2023 draft of the General Plan<sup>1</sup> (Commissioners may propose specific comments for GP section 3.5, Wastewater Treatment and Reuse<sup>2</sup>, and section 4.3, Solid Waste Management<sup>3</sup>). *Postponed October 24, 2023 and November 29, 2023.*<sup>4</sup>
4. Adoption of position regarding support for extended producer responsibility legislation such as SB 1458 SD1 (2023) in the 2024 legislative session.<sup>5</sup> *Postponed October 24, 2023 and November 29, 2023. Open motion made by Commissioner Acasio and seconded by then-Vice Chair Jon Olson to support SB 1458, extended producer responsibility legislation, and bills that focus on reuse, refill, and resource recovery.*

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Discussion and feedback on the presentation by DEM consultant Carollo Engineers to the Council’s CRCO Committee on January 23, 2024, regarding the Integrated Wastewater Management Plan and public engagement.
2. Annual election of EMC officers.

## **VII. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE**

### Director’s Informational Report<sup>6</sup>

1. Legislative update
2. Solid Waste Division Projects and Updates
  1. Landfill tonnage
  2. Recycling and Landfill Diversion updates
  3. 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

## **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. Provide an overview of the current management of greenwaste and future improvement plans
  2. Provide accounting of transfer of mulch to east side vs apparent need.

## **IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

<sup>1</sup> V.2: Draft General Plan: <https://cohplanning.konveio.com/gp-draft>

<sup>2</sup> V.2: Draft GP – Wastewater: <https://records.hawaiicounty.gov/weblink/DocView.aspx?dbid=1&id=127686>

<sup>3</sup> V.2: Draft GP – Solid Waste: <https://records.hawaiicounty.gov/weblink/DocView.aspx?dbid=1&id=127685>

<sup>4</sup> V.2: Draft comments re General Plan: <https://records.hawaiicounty.gov/weblink/DocView.aspx?dbid=1&id=127715>

<sup>5</sup> V.5: SB 1458 SD1 (2023):

[https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session/measure\\_indiv.aspx?billtype=SB&billnumber=1458&year=2023](https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=SB&billnumber=1458&year=2023)

<sup>6</sup> VII: Director’s Report: <https://records.hawaiicounty.gov/weblink/DocView.aspx?dbid=1&id=127714>

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 28, at the Community Meeting Hale (Building G) of the West Hawai'i Civic Center, 74-5044 Ane Keohokālole Highway, in Kailua-Kona. 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.

## **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 Kekūānāo‘a Street, Suite 41, Hilo, Hawai‘i 96720, or emailed to [cohdem@hawaiicounty.gov](mailto:cohdem@hawaiicounty.gov).

<p><b>Notice to lobbyists:</b> 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.</p>
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