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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, March 27, 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 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 FEBRUARY 28, 2024¹

III. STATEMENT FROM THE CHAIR

IV. PUBLIC STATEMENTS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Presentation and discussion with Christopher Laude, Wastewater Division, regarding wastewater pretreatment.
2. Presentation and discussion with Jennifer Navarra, Zero Waste Hawai'i Island, regarding a draft system plan for the Hilo Reusable Foodware Program.

¹ II – Feb. 28 minutes – <https://records.hawaiiicounty.gov/weblink/DocView.aspx?dbid=1&id=129360>

3. Comment and recommendation, if any, on Bill No. 140, pursuant to Section 2-207(c), Hawai‘i County Code. Referred by the Council’s Policy Committee on Infrastructure and Assets on March 19, 2024.²

Bill 140: AMENDS CHAPTER 20 OF THE HAWAI‘I COUNTY CODE 1983 (2016 EDITION, AS AMENDED), RELATING TO SOLID WASTE FACILITIES. Requires that all solid waste facilities used for the disposal, collection, and transfer of household waste be operated and open to the public at least two days per week.

VI. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

Director’s Informational Report

1. Legislative update³
2. Solid Waste Division Projects and Updates
 1. Recycling, Greenwaste, 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 AOC⁴
 2. Countywide Wastewater AOC
 3. Hilo WWTP upgrades
 4. Wastewater Plans
 1. Integrated Wastewater Management Plan and Public Engagements⁵
 2. Puakō and South Kohala Regional Wastewater Master Plan⁶
4. Status of existing staff vacancies

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.)
3. Status update from the Permitted Interaction Group on Cesspools and Sanitation (Perez, Beets, Acasio, Otsuka).

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 24, 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.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

² V.3 – Bill 140 - <https://records.hawaiicounty.gov/weblink/DocView.aspx?dbid=0&id=1073463>

³ VI.1 – Legislative update (as of 3/19) – <https://records.hawaiicounty.gov/weblink/DocView.aspx?dbid=1&id=129363>

⁴ VI.3.1 – Ka‘ū - <https://www.dem.hawaiicounty.gov/projects/pahala-na-alehu-large-capacity-cesspool-closures>

⁵ VI.4.1 – IWWMP - <https://www.dem.hawaiicounty.gov/projects/integrated-wastewater-management-plan>

⁶ VI.4.2 – Puako/S. Kohala - <https://www.dem.hawaiicounty.gov/projects/puako-and-south-kohala-regional-wastewater-master-plan>

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.