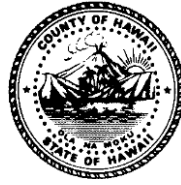


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## ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

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### MEETING AGENDA

Pursuant to Hawai'i Revised Statutes 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: April 24, 2024  
TIME: 9:00 a.m.  
IN PERSON: Community Meeting Hale (Bldg G) 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@hawaiicounty.gov](mailto:peter.sur@hawaiicounty.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 MARCH 27, 2024<sup>1</sup>**

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

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

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

1. 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.<sup>2</sup> *Postponed March 27, 2024.*

<sup>1</sup> II – Draft minutes - <https://records.hawaiicounty.gov/weblink/docview.aspx?dbid=1&id=130680>

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

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.*

2. Presentation and discussion with Jennifer Navarra, Zero Waste Hawai‘i Island, regarding a draft system plan for the Hilo Reusable Foodware Program. *Postponed March 27, 2024.*

## VI. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

### Correspondence

- Environmental Information Document and Environmental Assessment Consultation Package for Nā‘ālehu LCC Closure, Nā‘ālehu, Hawai‘i Island, Hawai‘i – March 29, 2024<sup>3</sup>

### Reports

- Attendance at Reusable Foodware System Design – Draft 1 Workshop on April 16, 2024 (Acasio, Otsuka)<sup>4</sup>
- Permitted Interaction Group on Cesspools and Sanitation (Perez, Beets, Acasio, Otsuka)
- Waste Reduction Workshop – Sustainability Summit on April 8, 2024 (Adams)
- Director’s Informational Report<sup>5</sup>
  1. Legislative update
  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 AOC<sup>6</sup>
    2. Countywide Wastewater AOC
    3. Hilo WWTP upgrades
    4. Wastewater Plans
      1. Integrated Wastewater Management Plan and Public Engagements<sup>7</sup>
      2. Puakō and South Kohala Regional Wastewater Master Plan<sup>8</sup>
  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.)

## VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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<sup>3</sup> VI – EA/EID Consultation letter – <https://records.hawaiicounty.gov/weblink/docview.aspx?dbid=1&id=129692>

<sup>4</sup> VI – Reusable Foodware System Design Workshop - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8p3Jg6UV5NU>

<sup>5</sup> VI – Director’s Informational Report – <https://records.hawaiicounty.gov/weblink/docview.aspx?dbid=1&id=130683>

<sup>6</sup> VII.3.1 – Ka‘ū - <https://www.dem.hawaiicounty.gov/projects/pahala-na-alehu-large-capacity-cesspool-closures>

<sup>7</sup> VII.4.1 – IWWMP - <https://www.dem.hawaiicounty.gov/projects/integrated-wastewater-management-plan>

<sup>8</sup> VII.4.2 – Puako/S. Kohala - <https://www.dem.hawaiicounty.gov/projects/puako-and-south-kohala-regional-wastewater-master-plan>

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 22, at the Puna Conference Room of the Hawai‘i County Building, 25 Aupuni Street, Hilo, and via Zoom. Please contact the Board Secretary or review the agenda posted on the County Calendar within six days of the next meeting for confirmation.<sup>9</sup>

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

<sup>9</sup> VIII: Hawai‘i County Calendar: <https://www.hawaiicounty.gov/our-county/county-calendar>