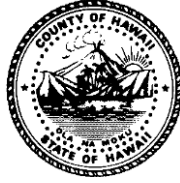


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MEETING AGENDA

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: Wednesday, January 29, 2025
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
IN PERSON: Community Meeting Hale (Building G)
West Hawai'i Civic Center
74-5044 Ane Keohokālole Highway, Kailua-Kona
ONLINE: Via Zoom <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1612028078>
(Meeting ID: 161 202 8078)
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 Tiffany.Wallace@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 NOVEMBER 27, 2024¹

III. INTRODUCTION OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR CRAIG KAWAGUCHI (Director Wesley Segawa will be at February meeting)

IV. PUBLIC STATEMENTS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Discussion on Wastewater Division's working draft² of the proposed new Chapter 21 of the Hawai'i County Code relating to Wastewater Management, especially with regard to Fats, Oils, Grease (FOG) provisions.

¹ II.2 – Minutes – <https://records.hawaiicounty.gov/Weblink/1/doc/143436/Page1.aspx>

² V.1 – Draft Bill - <https://records.hawaiicounty.gov/weblink/DocView.aspx?dbid=1&id=140743>

2. Discuss possible policy recommendations for 2025. ³
3. Discussion regarding coping with reduced DEM staffing levels. [deferred from Nov 27, 2024 meeting]

(The Commission will discuss advice it could provide DEM related to the redesign of programs to reduce the need for additional County employees, such as automation, appropriate scaling of equipment, applying logistical optimization tools, outsourcing, resource sharing with other islands, revised prioritization, renegotiation with agencies and contractors, and other tactics to ensure DEM carries out its duties in the face of chronic staffing shortfalls. This agenda item does not include advice on DEM's management of its human resources.)

VI. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

1. Director's Informational Report
 - A. Legislative update
 - B. Solid Waste Division Projects and Updates
 - i. Recycling, Greenwaste, and Landfill Diversion updates
 - ii. Solid Waste Operational Study update
 - C. Wastewater Division Projects and Updates
 - i. Pāhala and Nā'ālehu Large Capacity Cesspool Closure AOC⁴
 - ii. Countywide Wastewater AOC
 - iii. Hilo WWTP upgrades
 - iv. West Hawai'i wastewater projects
 - v. Wastewater Plans
 - D. Integrated Wastewater Management Plan⁵
 - E. Status of existing staff vacancies and recent hires
 - F. Questions from Commissioners
 - i. What is the status of the Kahalu'u Beach sewer line extension contract? (Perez)
 - ii. WWTP reporting Requirements Table (Perez)⁶
2. Report by Georjean Adams on Sustainability Summit Solid Waste Reduction Workgroup activities.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Develop a list of questions to send to Malama One regarding their current plastics recycling business plans and request the company to respond at an EMC meeting or in writing.
2. Election of 2025 EMC Chair
3. Election of 2025 EMC Vice Chair

³ V.2 – Policy Priorities - <https://records.hawaiicounty.gov/Weblink/1/doc/143920/Page1.aspx>

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

⁵ VI.4 – IWMP - <https://records.hawaiicounty.gov/Weblink/1/doc/143917/Page1.aspx>

⁶ VI.6.2 – WWTP Reporting Table - <https://records.hawaiicounty.gov/Weblink/1/doc/143919/Page1.aspx>

VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Follow up on action items determined today.
2. Other (Commissioners may suggest items they would like to place on the next agenda.)

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at Puna Conference Room, Hawaii 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.⁷ See current schedule for EMC meetings for 2025.⁸
2. Statement from Outgoing Chair Adams

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 Kekūanā‘ōa Street, Suite 41, Hilo, Hawai‘i 96720, or emailed to 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.

⁷ VIII: Hawai‘i County Calendar - <https://www.hawaiicounty.gov/our-county/county-calendar>

⁸ Post 2025 schedule - <https://records.hawaiicounty.gov/Weblink/1/doc/143918/Page1.aspx>