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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, May 27, 2026
- 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/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, please submit written testimony before 12:00 noon on the business day prior to the meeting by (1) email to cohdem@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 public 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 April 22, 2026¹

III. PUBLIC STATEMENTS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

The public may provide testimony at this time or at the time the agenda item is called. Public testimony must be related to an item on the agenda and pursuant to Commission

¹ II: Draft Minutes – https://records.hawaiicounty.gov/Weblink/1/edoc/155361/2026-04-22%20Environmental%20Management%20Commission%20Minutes_draft.pdf

Rule 1-5(i)(2), the Chairperson may limit the length of any person's testimony as long as each speaker is accorded a minimum of three minutes.

IV. UPDATES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (DEM)

1. Solid Waste Updates:
 - a. HI-5 Redemption value updates for the Keauhou Transfer Station.
 - b. Update on Wai'ōhinu, Ocean View, and Pāhala transfer station operation schedules.
 - c. Completion of second Waste Characterization Study at Pu'uanahulu Landfill on May 8, 2026.
2. Wastewater Division Updates:
 - a. Outreach and education needs that support infrastructure rehabilitation and replacement across Hawai'i County.

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Presentation by Dana Okana regarding Hawai'i Community Foundation's (HCF) Technical Assistance and Workforce Development through the Hawaiian Islands Environmental Finance Center.
2. EMC discussion and potential recommendations to DEM on HCF's Technical Assistance opportunities and support.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. EMC discussion on in-vessel composting and potential recommendations on next steps for further investigation or development.

VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Commissioners and members of the public may email items for consideration on the next agenda to Chair Perez by Friday, June 5, 2026.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The EMC has Commissioner vacancies for²:
 - a. District 2 – South Hilo³
 - b. District 5 – Upper Puna
 - c. District 7 – South Kona
 - d. District 8 – North Kona
2. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at Community Meeting Hale (Building G). Please contact the Board Secretary or review the agenda posted on the County Calendar within six days of the next meeting for confirmation.

² VIII.1: Boards and Commissions – <https://www.hawaiicounty.gov/our-county/boards-and-commissions>

³ VIII.1.a-d: District Map – <https://records.hawaiicounty.gov/Weblink/1/edoc/155362/Hawaii%20County%20Council%20District%20Overview%20Map.pdf>

3. See current schedule for EMC meetings for 2026.⁴

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 Kekūanāo‘a 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.

⁴ VIII.3: 2026 schedule – <https://records.hawaiicounty.gov/weblink/1/doc/152898/Page1.aspx>