

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

Wednesday, May 25, 2005, 9:10 a.m.

Hawai'i County Council Room, 25 Aupuni Street, Room 201, Hilo, Hawai'i 96720

COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT:

Hugh Ono
Marjorie Erway
Sam Kawamura
Arnold Okamura
Bill Sanborn
Lorraine Stahr
Sam Sumner
Carolyn Witcher

ALSO

PRESENT:

Jason Armstrong, Hawai'i Tribune Herald
Council member Bob Jacobson
Mary James
Jeff Zimpfer

EXCUSED:

STAFF:

Barbara Bell, Director
Dora Beck, Tech Svcs. Section Chief
Peter Boucher, WWD Chief
Chris Chin-Chance, SWD
Linda Damas, SWD
Sharron Henry, Secretary
Craig Kawaguchi, SWD
Bobby Jean Leithead-Todd, Corp Counsel
Eileen O'Hora-Weir, SWD
Patricia O'Toole, Corp Counsel
Brittany Smart, SWD
Lono Tyson, SWD Chief

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Commission Chair Ono called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. He welcomed Bill Sanborn, new Commission member for District 9 and Council member Bob Jacobson.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 23, 2005 MEETING:**
Dora Beck clarified that the Contract was executed for the implementation phase study for Komohana Heights only – second bullet under QUEEN LILIUOKALANI AND KOMOHANA HEIGHTS LARGE CAPACITY CESSPOOL PROJECTS on Page 2. **Arnold Okamura made a motion to approve the March 23, 2005 minutes with the revision. Sam Kawamura seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**
3. **APPROVAL OF ADDENDUM AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA:** None
4. **STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS LISTED ON AGENDA:** None
5. **CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS/DISCUSSION:**

Solid Waste Division Chief's Report (attached to original minutes)

SOLID WASTE DIVISION STAFFING:

- Anticipating that the request for Recycling Specialist I position will be approved and added to FY 05-06 Operating budget.
- Appears that the 10 equipment operator and transfer station positions for West Hawai'i will also be approved.

GREENWASTE:

- Organics Diversion Contract has been awarded to EKO Compost. Beginning July 1, 2005, EKO will take over operation of the two greenwaste sites. Boulders will be placed to establish property line and ongoing monitoring will continue.
- Kealakehe greenwaste site:
 - (1) there is a backlog due to the large greenwaste in-flow
 - (2) greenwaste area is limited in size
 - (3) there is more greenwaste coming in than mulch going out.
- Hilo: Mulch is being used to augment daily landfill cover.
- Pahoa: There are plans to have a greenwaste site at the Transfer Station in early 2006.
- Waimea: The area behind the Transfer Station is being temporarily used by the County's Kohala Highway Maintenance crew to stock pile gravel, greenwaste and other materials.

HILO LANDFILL CLOSURE: Estimate unchanged at this time -- March, 2006.

STUDENT HELPER RECOGNITION:

- Tyson and Eileen O`Hora-Weir introduced Brittany Smart and Chris Chin-Chance and acknowledged their contributions to the Solid Waste Division. Ms. Smart and Mr. Chin-Chance have proven to be invaluable to the Solid Waste Division and were instrumental in assisting the County in the acquisition of grant funds and initiation and maintenance of many important County projects. Both will be leaving their positions shortly.

Wastewater Division Chief's Report (attached to original minutes)

HILO WTP NPDES PERMIT RENEWAL

- Zone of Mixing Dye Test is being conducted today.

Technical Services Section Report (attached to original minutes)

Bell briefed the Commission on this new section which will be responsible for engineering/technical functions of Department CIP and long term planning projects. Divisions will continue to handle operation functions. **Henry will request an updated organizational chart from Department Personnel Office and will distribute to commissioners.**

KING KAMEHAMEHA SPS RENOVATIONS:

- The repair of a leaky wet well wall and corroded influent pipe will delay project completion by two weeks.
- Project name has been changed from King Kamehameha to Lanihau.

CLARIFICATION OF KOMOHANA AND KOMOHANA HEIGHTS LOCATIONS:

- Komohana subdivision is located in Kona. Komohana Heights subdivision is located in Hilo and is a large capacity cesspool replacement project.

KILOHANA SEWER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT:

- Improvement District is being considered to address the large capacity cesspool issue.

Director's Report (attached to original minutes)

DEPARTMENT OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET:

- Director encouraged the commissioners to contact Council members and offer testimony in support of the Sort Station funding request prior to the second reading of the budget on June 1, 2005.

- Council member Jacobson urged the commissioners to re-familiarize themselves with the subject and offer comments in their own words and from their own points of view.
- Tyson and Bell discussed the County's reasons for constructing the entire Sort Station complex as prescribed in the County's Update to the Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan.
- **Henry will email the commissioners a County Council contact list per their request.**

EPA BROWNFIELDS GRANT:

- Received \$200,000 grant for inventory of hazardous waste sites, focusing on potential contamination of transfer stations and other community locations.

COMPUCYCLE EVENT:

- Was held May 21, 2005, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Aupuni Center, 101 Pauahi Street, Hilo, HI.
- Next event will be scheduled during the winter months in West Hawai'i.

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

STATUS REPORT: REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 2146 - WASTE REDUCTION TECHNOLOGY:

- Procurement was formally cancelled after not receiving compliant responses from proposers.
- New RFP will be released.
- Lowest cost transitional option has been identified as:
 - Build a Sort Station,
 - Do aggressive recycling,
 - Truck the remainder to the West Hawai'i Landfill.

STATUS REPORT: HAWAI'I DEPOSIT BEVERAGE CONTAINER PROGRAM (BOTTLE BILL): (Update attached to original minutes)

- 72 million containers have been redeemed statewide from January 1 through April 30, 2005 (11 million, or a recovery rate of between 35 and 40%, on the Big Island).
- State goal is to reach recovery rate of 70% or higher.
- Applications are due this week to operate existing 8 county locations plus up to 4 additional sites are due this week.
- Status of Recycling Companies receiving cease operation notification from DHHL:
 - Community Recycling on Railroad Avenue has closed.
 - Business Services Hawai'i's operation on Auwai Street will be moving to Shipman Industrial and is working with DHHL to address noise complaints at Auwai Street until the transition is complete.
- Sanborn offered suggestions regarding public awareness (showing, for example a thermometer, to track redemption participation and more news articles).

STATUS REPORT: NEW COMMISSION MEMBER FOR DISTRICT 6

- Diana Miller's application is being forwarded to the Mayor's Office for nomination consideration.

SCHEDULING OF COUNTY SITE VISITS BY THE COMMISSION:

- A visit to the Waimea Transfer Station, redemption center and landfill will follow the July 27, 2005 meeting.

UPDATE: EMC2005-01 RESOLUTION SUPPORTING WAIKOLOA CURBSIDE RECYCLING:

- Resolution 55-05 was approved April 6, 2005.
- Consultant will be contracted to do study.
- Reviewing newly discovered Waikoloa Solid Waste Management Plan to identify developer's responsibility.

7. **NEW BUSINESS:**

EMC2005-02 ORDINANCE TO CHANGE SUBDIVISION SEWER CONNECTION DISTANCE (CURRENTLY 300 LINEAL FEET):

Upon the recommendation from Director Bell, **Witcher made a motion to file this item. Kawamura seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

EMC2005-05 ORDINANCE TO WAIVE COUNTY FUEL TAX FOR FUELS CONTAINING 20% BIODIESEL OR MORE (attached to original minutes):

There was a discussion regarding adding other alternative fuels and the concensus was to focus on biodiesel only at this time. **Witcher made a motion to approve this ordinance as submitted. Erway seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

NONPOINT EDUCATION FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS (NEMO) PRESENTATION BY JEFF ZIMPFER: Deferred to July 27, 2005 meeting.

8. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

- Bell requested special commission meetings be scheduled to review and update the Hi-Tech portion of the Update to the ISWMP.
- Election of officers – September, 2005 meeting.

9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

FUTURE COMMISSION MEETINGS

- July 27, 2005, Waimea, HI, Tutu's House, 64-1032 Mamalahoa Hwy., #305, Kamuela, HI 96743
- September 28, 2005, Kona Mayor's Office Conference Room, 75-5706 Kuakini Highway, Suite 103, Kailua-Kona, HI 96740

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Erway moved to adjourn. Stahr seconded and motion was carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:

SHARRON HENRY
Environmental Management Secretary

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