

## ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

Wednesday, May 26, 2004, 9:11 a.m.

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

**COMMISSIONERS  
PRESENT:**

Riley Smith  
David Frankel  
Marjorie Erway  
Sam Kawamura  
Arnold Okamura  
Hugh Ono  
Sam Sumner  
Carolyn Witcher

**ALSO  
PRESENT:**

Dora Beck, Wastewater Division Engr.  
Tiffany Edwards, West Hawai'i Today  
Walter Iida, Legislative Aide to  
Councilman Reynolds  
Gerald Takase, Corporation Counsel  
Bobby Jean Leithead-Todd, Corporation  
Counsel

**EXCUSED:**

Lorraine Stahr

**STAFF:**

Barbara Bell, Director  
Nelson Ho, Deputy Director  
Peter Boucher, Wastewater Division Chief  
Bobby Gonsalves, Solid Waste Division  
Operations Superintendent  
Sharron Henry, Secretary  
Eileen O'Hora-Weir, Recycling Coordinator

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Commission Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 24, 2004 MEETING:**  
Marjorie Erway made a motion to approve the March 24, 2004 minutes. 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:**

**Director's Report** (attached to original minutes)

Director Bell introduced Nelson Ho, Deputy Director and identified his areas of responsibility, which include oversight of Wastewater Division and addressing Personnel issues.

**COUNCIL/LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS:**

- Wastewater: Mayor signed Bill 245 with concerns. Implications of the passage of Bills 245 and 250 were discussed.
- The Commission supports the Wastewater Division's efforts to notify the commercial landowners regarding the exemption removal and the requirement to connect to County sewer lines, if accessible.
- Director requested all commission members and interested parties to contact Council members regarding retaining the Sort Station funding in next year's budgets.
- **Hugh Ono moved that the commission support the construction and operation of the Sort Station and its supporting facilities as proposed by the department. Carolyn Witcher seconded and the motion carried unanimously.**

- **David Frankel made a motion to authorize Riley Smith, Commission Chair, to submit a Viewpoint article to the newspaper explaining why this Sort Station budget is important, on behalf of all Environmental Management Commissioners. Witcher seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

EIS FOR SORT STATION:

- 60-day legal appeal period has passed.

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

SCRAP METAL PROGRAM:

- Vendor is being monitored regarding fire issues compliance, encroachment on adjacent property, and tires.

CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION WASTE RESTRICTION STATUS:

- Large C&D projects are being monitored to keep C&D materials out of the landfills.
- Options are being reviewed for minimizing C&D disposal by adopting rules banning commercial C&D wastes from the Hilo Landfill or possibly increasing tip fee for all commercially generated C&D wastes at both landfills.

OCEAN VIEW TRANSFER STATION STATUS:

- Site search is continuing and the community will be kept informed and their input requested in the process.

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

See **Director's Report, COUNCIL/LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**, first bullet.

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION ON DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT RULES: Deferred.

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION ON ORDINANCE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT TO ESTABLISH A PROCESS FOR ENFORCEMENT AND FOR APPEALS TO BE HEARD BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION:

- **Frankel will assist in amending Commission rules.**

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION ON PROPOSED CAPACITY ASSESSMENT FEE ORDINANCE: Deferred

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION ON MANDATORY RECYCLING FOR HAULERS

- **The Commission recommended the department make recycling mandatory for commercial trash haulers.**

7. **NEW BUSINESS:**

EAST HAWAII REGIONAL SORT STATION FUNDING:

- See **Director's Report, COUNCIL/LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS** above.

8. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

Election of Officers

9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FUTURE COMMISSION MEETINGS**

- July 28, 2004, 9 a.m. – 12 noon, Waimea Community Center (Park) Building, 65-1260 Kawaihae Road, Kamuela, Hawai`i 96743
- **August meeting cancelled.**
- September 22, 2004, 9 a.m. – 12 noon, Kona Police Department Conference Room, 74-5221 Queen Ka`ahumanu Highway, Kailua-Kona, HI 96740
- **October meeting cancelled.**
- November 23, 2004, 9 a.m. – 12 noon, Liquor Control Conference Room, Hilo Lagoon Centre, 101 Aupuni Street, Hilo, Hawai`i 96720
- **December meeting cancelled.**

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Witcher moved to adjourn. Kawamura seconded and motion was carried unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:

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SHARRON HENRY  
Environmental Management Secretary