

AMENDED
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

Wednesday, September 24, 2003, 9:14 a.m.

Kona Police Department Conference Room, 74-5221 Queen Ka'ahumanu Highway, Kailua-Kona

<u>COMMISSIONERS</u>	Riley Smith	<u>ALSO</u>	Dora Beck, Wastewater Division
<u>PRESENT:</u>	Marjorie Erway	<u>PRESENT:</u>	Fred Cowell, KA 2020
	Hugh Ono		Skip Cowell, KA 2020
	Anne Plack		Pete Hendricks, Deputy Managing Director
	Lorraine Stahr		Mike Kaha, Waste Management, Inc.
			Gerald Takase, Corporation Counsel
			Erika Yamamoto, Legislative Assistant to Councilman Safarik
			Colleen Marshall, West Hawaii Today
 <u>EXCUSED:</u>	 Mack Asato	 <u>STAFF:</u>	 Barbara Bell, Director
	David Frankel		Peter Boucher, Wastewater Division Chief
	Sam Kawamura		Lono Tyson, Solid Waste Division Chief
	Carolyn Witcher		Sharron Henry, Secretary

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Commission Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 9:14 a.m. Smith acknowledged Lono Tyson, the new Solid Waste Division Chief.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 27, 2003 MEETING:**
Hugh Ono made a motion to approve the August 27, 2003 minutes. Anne Plack seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **APPROVAL OF ADDENDUM AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA:** None
4. **STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS LISTED ON AGENDA:**
Fred Cowell of Kealakehe Ahupua`a 2020 requested the Commission's support for their EPA Environmental Justice Grant application. (Handouts attached to original minutes.)
Lorraine Stahr made a motion to approve the proposal presented by the Kealakehe Ahupua`a 2020 group for their EPA grant application and to delegate authority to Bell and Tyson to review the Memorandum of Understanding and make the decision whether to sign or not. Marjorie Erway seconded the motion. Commissioners Stahr, Erway, Smith and Plack voted aye. Commissioner Ono abstained. Motion failed because 5 votes are needed for passage.

Chair Smith introduced Pete Hendricks, Deputy Managing Director. Hendricks reported on the "Get the Drift and Bag It" beach clean-up project recently completed, noting that according to Hawai'i Revised Statutes, counties have sole responsibility for shores and beaches likely to be used with some frequency by the public. He offered his office's support for and commitment to the Commission and Department's solid waste and wastewater goals.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS/DISCUSSION:**

Director's Report (attached to original minutes)

BEVERAGE CONTAINER DEPOSIT LAW UPDATE:

- The counties are requesting the Governor’s Office to revise, not repeal, the bottle bill.
- A letter of support will be forwarded to the Legislature in January.

PERSONNEL:

- Bell shared her appreciation of having Tyson on board.

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY (EIS) FOR SORT STATION:

- OEQC published the Draft EIS September 23, 2003 and it is now on the County website. Hard copies are available at the public libraries or can be obtained by contacting Sharron.
- Comment period is through November 6th and all comments will receive a response.
- Alternatives: (1) New Hilo landfill,(2) New East Hawai‘i Landfill within 15 miles of Hilo, (3) New landfill in a dry area that would service East Hawai‘i, (4) Waste reduction technology, (5) No Action, (6) Action (Proposed) Sort station with 5-10 years of long haul trucking.
- Alternatives dismissed: (2), (3), (4).
- Alternatives (1), (5) and (6) will be carried forward to the Final. The Department is in favor of alternative (6).

COUNCIL ACTION:

- Council committee reorganization will be October 6th.

TRASH TOUR:

- Itinerary has been finalized.

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

SOLID WASTE DIVISION STAFFING:

- At the request of Commissioner Ono, Tyson offered his background and solid waste experience.
- Tyson shared his appreciation of Bobby Gonsalves’ efforts as Acting Solid Waste Division Chief and noted that he is a very important asset to the County. Gonsalves will now be Acting Division superintendent. **Ono made a motion to initiate a letter to Gonsalves from the commission, to be placed in his personnel file, commending and thanking him for his contributions. Erway seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

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

KALANIANA`OLE INTERCEPTOR SEWER REHAB:

- To expedite the project, the pipe has been ordered up front.
- Phase II is the Rehab portion of the project.
- Construction of Phase II will begin in February.

PUAINAKO ID:

- Reviewing four options to accomplish this sewer extension.
- Boucher will prepare a preliminary report examining the various options

WASTEWATER STANDARDS:

- Boucher will prepare Wastewater Division Rules to be discussed, along with Solid Waste Division Rules, at next month’s meeting.

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

7. **NEW BUSINESS:**

DISCUSSION AND ELECTION OF COMMISSION CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR:

Ono moved to re-elect Smith and Frankel as Commission Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively. Erway seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

8. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

- December meeting was rescheduled to the 23rd.
- **Bell will follow up on making video conferencing available for monthly Commission meetings. There may be restrictions on locations that have the necessary equipment available.**

9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Wednesday, October 29, 2003, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Waimea Community Center (Park) Building, 65-1260 Kawaihae Road, Kamuela, Hawai‘i 96743
- Tuesday, November 25, 2003, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Hawai‘i County Council Room, 25 Aupuni Street, Room 201, Hilo, HI 96720
- Tuesday, December 23, 2003, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Kona Police Department Conference Room, 74-5221 Queen Ka‘ahumanu Highway, Kailua-Kona, HI 96740

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Stahr moved to adjourn. Erway seconded and motion was carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:

SHARRON HENRY
Environmental Management Secretary