

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

Wednesday, September 26, 2007, 9:15 a.m.

Kona Council Office, 75-5706 Hanama Place, Suite 109, Kailua-Kona, HI 96740

COMMISSIONERS
PRESENT:

Carolyn Witcher
Marjorie Erway
Arnold Okamura
Bill Sanborn
Sam Sumner

ALSO
PRESENT:

Jon Olson
James Weatherford

EXCUSED:

Bobby Cooper
Suzanne Mayhew
Diana Miller
Paulette Pavao

STAFF:

Bobby Jean Leithead-Todd, Director
Sharron Henry, Secretary
Michael Dworsky, SWD Chief
Linda Peters, Recycling Coordinator
Chris Chin-Chance, Recycling Specialist

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Commission Chair Witcher called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 17, 2007 MEETING:**
Commissioner Erway moved to approve the July 17, 2007 minutes as written.
Commissioner Sanborn seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **APPROVAL OF ADDENDUM AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA:** Commission Erway requested that New Business items requiring action and decision making be taken out of order before she had to depart the meeting early, while there was still a quorum of commission members in attendance.
5. **CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS/DISCUSSION:** (taken out of order)

Abandoned Vehicle Program Report (attached to original minutes)

- The staff is monitoring the new towing contractor, West Coast Towing.

Solid Waste Division Report (attached to original minutes)

TRANSFER STATIONS

- The Ocean View Transfer Station Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) can be viewed on the Department website.
- Waimea Transfer Station is being expanded. The recycle area is being moved and gravel is being put down. A new bumper is also being installed.
- New concrete pads and ramps are being installed at Honokaa Transfer Station.
- Bi-monthly status reports are being provided to Council members in whose districts the working is being done. The report is also included in the weekly county newsletter and will be emailed to Commission members whose district transfer stations are being impacted.

RECYCLING AND DIVERSION PROGRAMS

- A Big Island recycling fair is being discussed.
- Instructions for paint disposal were provided.

Technical Services Section Report (attached to original minutes)

LARGE CAPACITY CESSPOOL (LCC) REPLACEMENT:

- Dora Beck represented the Department at a recent meeting with the Senate Ways and Means Committee. Beck requested the Committee provide additional monies to the State Revolving Fund (SRF) to overcome the \$65M awarded to the City and County of Honolulu. Beck suggested that the County of Hawai`i would need to cancel portions of EPA-mandated LCC projects if State SRF funds were not available.
- There are currently 3 LCC replacement projects.

Wastewater Division Report (attached to original minutes)

OPERATIONS:

- Bert Saito is currently discussing maintenance arrangements and fees of Wastewater facilities and offices.

TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL:

- **Sanborn will provide contact information for the Kaiwi Path Program relating to the use of underground R2 water on ball parks.**
- When the upgrade to R1 is completed, the biggest user will be the old Kona Airport.
- R1 upgrade project is scheduled to go out to bid in January 2008.

PERSONNEL:

- Wastewater Division Chief interviews will be held in November.

Director's Report (attached to original minutes)

LAIOPUA CONNECTOR ROAD PROJECT:

Leithead-Todd will follow up with Roy Takemoto regarding possible burial findings on the Laiopua Connector Road project that will extend the County sewer system up to the Lailani Subdivision entrance and connect Laiopua and Lailani subdivisions.

WASTE REDUCTION TECHNOLOGY REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP):

- Best and final offer has been received.
- County representatives, consultants and the vendor met with Department of Health to discuss permitting issues and HELCO to discuss energy usage/purchase.
- Council members and County staff will be visiting waste to energy plants in Florida, Connecticut and Germany in October.

After a discussion regarding the content of the Division and Director's reports, it was decided that the reports should include issues, not just achievements.

4. **STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS LISTED ON AGENDA:**

- James Weatherford and Jon Olson both spoke in support of Zero Waste and against incineration.
- Olson requested the Commission members review the Strategic Plan for Sustaining and Replicating the Kea`au Recycling and Reuse Center that was developed in February 2004 by the Hawai`i Island Economic Development Board and Rural Community Assistance Corporation. The Plan can be accessed on the Department website. **Discussion of this document will be placed on next meeting's agenda.**

7. **NEW BUSINESS** (taken out of order):

DISCUSSION AND DECISIONMAKING: SELECTION OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2008 OFFICERS

- **Chair Witcher appointed Erway as Chair of the nominating committee.**
- **Erway selected Commission members Sumner and Sanborn to serve on the committee.**
- **Committee will report back their recommendations at the next meeting.**

DISCUSSION: UPDATE TO THE INTEGRATED SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN (ISWMP)

- Construction of a new landfill will be added as an option with trucking to Pu`uanahulu, building a waste-to-energy facility and barge to the mainland.
- The Commission will make their recommendation to Council Chair Hoffmann.

PRESENTATION: 2-STREAM RECYCLING

- Linda Peters did a power point presentation and requested commission input before it is finalized to present to the County Council (attached to original minutes).
- Commission members suggested the Benefits of Recycling slide be moved to the first of the presentation following the Title slide: 2-Bin Recycling in Hawai`i County.
- The 2-Bin Recycling information and Frequently Asked Questions flyers were distributed (attached to original minutes).
- Waikoloa Recycling Pilot Project was discussed.

DISCUSSION: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HAWAII RECYCLES DAY

- **Erway made a motion to support submission of a resolution to Council proclaiming November 15, 2007 as Hawai`i Recycles Day, to coincide with American Recycles Day. Sanborn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

DISCUSSION: LONG-TERM E-WASTE RECYCLING: Deferred to next meeting.

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

DISCUSSION: WASTE STREAM VISION STATEMENT FOR COUNCIL

- **Chair Witcher appointed a task force to draft a vision statement using the draft prepared by Leithead-Todd, along with input received from commissioners, to bring to the next meeting. The task force will be comprised of Bill Sanborn (Chair), Sam Sumner, Paulette Pavao and Bobby Cooper.**

TRASH TOUR

- The Special Meeting Trash Tour has been scheduled for October 1, 2007.
- A final itinerary and agenda was distributed (attached to original minutes).

8. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Strategic Plan for Sustaining and Replicating the Kea`au Recycling and Reuse Center
- Nominating Committee's Report
- Enhanced Transfer Station Plan Presentation

9. **FUTURE COMMISSION MEETINGS**

- November 21, 2007, Liquor Control Conference Room, First Floor, 101 Aupuni Street, Hilo, HI 96720

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Sumner moved to adjourn. Sanborn seconded and it passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:

SHARRON HENRY

Environmental Management Secretary

FORMAT NOTE: ACTION ITEMS ARE IN **BOLD** PRINT (MOTIONS AND ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION TO BE TAKEN FOR FUTURE MEETINGS).