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**ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION**

Tuesday, November 25, 2003, 9:14 a.m.  
Hawai'i County Council Room, 25 Aupuni Street, Room 201, Hilo, Hawai'i 96720

<b><u>COMMISSIONERS</u></b>	Riley Smith	<b><u>ALSO</u></b>	Dora Beck, Wastewater Division
<b><u>PRESENT:</u></b>	David Kimo Frankel	<b><u>PRESENT:</u></b>	Paul Buklarewicz
	Marjorie Erway		Nelson Ho, Recycle Hawai'i
	Sam Kawamura		Eileen O'Hora-Weir, Recycling Coordinator
	Hugh Ono		Margaret Pahio
	Lorraine Stahr		Gerald Takase, Corporation Counsel
<b><u>EXCUSED:</u></b>	Mack Asato	<b><u>STAFF:</u></b>	Peter Boucher, Wastewater Division Chief
	Anne Plack		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.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 29, 2003 MEETING:**  
David Frankel made a motion to approve the October 29, 2003 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:**  
Nelson Ho, Recycle Hawai'i, gave an update of the Keauu Recycle and Reuse Center (attached to original minutes). There will be a "milestone" event in January transitioning the center from pilot project status to a permanent facility. Demographic data will be included in Recycle Hawai'i's final report to EPA. Christmas tree disposal will be available again this year at select transfer stations. The biannual household hazardous waste disposal dates are December 6, 2003 at the Hilo Transfer station and December 13, 2003 at the Kealekehe Transfer Station.

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

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

**DRAFT EIS FOR SORT STATION:**

- Smith requested Bell to provide an updated schedule at the next commission meeting.

**OTHER:**

- Eileen O'Hora-Weir gave a summary of the Joint State Legislative Task Force on Solid Waste and Recycling tour of November 18 and 19, 2003, and distributed a Hawai'i Tribune Herald article dated 11/19/03 (attached to original minutes). The task force report will be distributed to the commission when it is available.
- Tyson and Bell will be speaking to the Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors at their December 17, 2003 meeting regarding the Sort Station EIS and hauling to West Hawai'i.

**GREENWASTE:**

- Because of the space limitation, location of greenwaste area and amount of greenwaste coming in, there is a larger quantity of processed greenwaste in Kona than in Hilo. Policies have been implemented to address fire issues.

- An offer of greenwaste and other diversion materials has been made for use in development of the 10-acre off road motor bike club area by the drag strip.

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

**HIGH SURF IMPACT:**

- The landfill and transfer stations have not been impacted to date. As the clean up efforts get under way, an increase in greenwaste and construction/demolition materials is expected at the landfill.

**HILO LANDFILL:**

- Smith requested that the estimated date be included in future Solid Waste Division Chief's Report.
- Tyson reiterated that the Pacific Waste proposal was unsolicited and not specific regarding the methodology.
- The landfill is currently operating under an administrative extension of a previous permit.

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

**HIGH SURF IMPACT:**

- Wailuku Pump Station was impacted with damage to the access road, fences, gates and add-on structure roof. Repairs have begun. There was no interruption in service nor impacts to public health.

**NORTH KONA IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT:**

- Resolution is expected to be agendized for the December 2, 2003 Finance Committee meeting.
- Use of county funds vs. private developers is to be determined at a later date.
- Copies of the consultant study will be provided to the commission for comments when available.

**KEALAKEHE EFFLUENT REUSE, PH. 1:**

- Boucher gave a project overview and described the current scope.

**KEALAKEHE WETLANDS:**

- Is in congressional sub-committee.

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION REQUESTING COUNTY COUNCIL TO AMEND COUNTY CHARTER REDEFINING THE COMMISSION RESPONSIBILITIES**

(attached to original minutes)

- Submitted to Council. Secretary will advise commissioners when it is agendized for the Parks and Environmental Management Committee so they may attend and testify.
- Frankel clarified that this is an ordinance, not a resolution.

7. **NEW BUSINESS:**

**DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF LETTER OF SUPPORT TO GOVERNOR, SENATE, HOUSE AND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH REGARDING BEVERAGE CONTAINER DEPOSIT LAW:**

**Frankel moved that the Environmental Management Commission send a letter supporting the beverage container deposit law and the amendments necessary to facilitate its implementation and that it be signed by Riley Smith and Lorraine Stahr. Ono seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

CLARIFICATION ON DISPOSITION OF “ABSTENTION” VOTES:

Gerald Takase, clarified that Roberts Rules of Order says that abstentions are counted as “non” or no votes.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT WASTEWATER DIVISION RULES(attached to original minutes):

Chapter 1, Design Standards (General Requirements), was reviewed. The following chapters will be submitted at future meetings for review and discussion: Specific sewer requirements; pump stations; treatment plants; construction specifications; along with a Table of Contents.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SOLID WASTE DIVISION RULES(attached to original minutes):

Change “nonprofit” to “not for profit” throughout the document. Delete areas where ordinances are quoted and reference Ordinance instead.

Division Rules should be a part of Department of Environmental Management Rules. When the Rules have been accepted by the Commission, Corporation Counsel will review for legality and content before public hearings are scheduled.

DISCUSSION OF FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005 DEPARTMENT BUDGET:

Offer specific budget questions to Department Director.

8. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

- Ono requested that Mandatory Recycling be on next month’s agenda.

9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 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
- Wednesday, January 28, 2004, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Waimea Community Center (Park) Building, 65-1260 Kawaihae Road, Kamuela, Hawai‘i 96743
- Wednesday, February 25, 2004, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Hilo County Council Room, 25 Aupuni Street, Room 201, Hilo, Hawai‘i 96720

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Ono moved to adjourn. Erway seconded and motion was carried unanimously.**  
Meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:

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SHARRON HENRY  
Environmental Management Secretary