

County Council Environmental Management Committee Meeting Notes – August 26, 2008

Agenda

In accordance with the agenda, this meeting included the following topics:

- Introductory remarks
- Statements from the public
- CH2M HILL presentation: Draft plan chapter on Waste Stream Assessment, Waste Composition Study Results, Summary of Comments from July 21-24 Public Meetings.
- Council members comments

Council Member Comments

- Pete Hoffmann: Expressed concern about the EPA estimate of 4.6 pounds per capita per day waste generation shown in a table. This type of comparison appears in newspapers and it's hard to explain why that information is different and not directly comparable to Hawai'i County.
- Bob Jacobson: Requested copies of all material. Food waste is a high priority. The zero waste conference is coming soon – public meetings will be held where these issues are addressed.
- Brenda Ford: Mentioned the potential for micro-organisms as a method of composting. Should be investigated further.
- Bob Jacobson: The \$50,000 spent on the recycling implementation study will result in an implementation plan and cost savings. That study will be notifying and working with community associations: they have many engaged members willing to work to get more waste out of landfills.
- Dominic Yagong: New mayor will want to move rapidly on new disposal solution. He asked if the Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan (ISWMP) update schedule is flexible. Dan replied that it was.
- Bob Jacobson: Pointed out that Council sets policy, not the mayor.
- Pete Hoffmann: There is confusion among some persons and media members in the County about money being spent on plan and money that was spent on the waste reduction RFP process. More publicity is needed to clarify that the ISWMP update is a state mandated process that is separate from the recent RFP effort.