

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

Tuesday, March 3, 2009

Liquor Control Conference Room, 75-5722 Hanama Place, Suite 1107, Kailua-Kona 96740

<u>COMMISSIONERS</u>	Suzanne Mayhew	<u>ALSO</u>	Barbara Bell
<u>PRESENT:</u>	Stan Boren	<u>PRESENT:</u>	Marc Dexter
	Arnold Okamura		Jon Olson
	Steve Okoji		Dan Pitzler
	Paulette Pavao		Woody Vaspro
	Steve Pavao		Sherm Warner
	Bill Sanborn		

<u>EXCUSED:</u>	Diana Miller	<u>STAFF:</u>	Lono Tyson, Director
			Ivan Torigoe, Deputy Director
			Sharron Henry, Secretary
			Michael Dworsky, SWD Chief

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Commission Chair Mayhew called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Ivan Torigoe, the new Department Deputy Director, was introduced and it was noted that Molly Lugo, Deputy Corporation Counsel, has been assigned to the Department, Environmental Management Commission and the Solid Waste Advisory Commission (SWAC).
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 28, 2009 MEETING:**
Commissioner Steve Pavao moved to approve the January 28, 2009 minutes as written. Commissioner Steve Okoji 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:**
 - Jon Olson advised that the decrease in Abandoned Vehicle services will impact the Puna District and distributed Hawai'i County Parcels & Population, Puna Community Development Plan information sheets, along with a March 1, 2009 Hawai'i Tribune Herald article entitled "Opportunity beckons on the Big Isle Despite poor economy" (attached to the original minutes). Jon also spoke in support of the Commission having authority to set fees.
 - Barbara Bell spoke on behalf of the Kapoho Beach Lots community relating to the current Kapoho Wastewater Feasibility Study that is currently being done. She spoke in support of a County sewer system for that area. It was noted that the study report will be expanded to include other options and will make a recommendation regarding sewerage of the area.
5. **CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS/DISCUSSION:**
Abandoned Vehicle (AV) Program Report (attached to original minutes)
 - Unless fees are raised, funds to pay the scrap metal contract may be depleted before the end of this fiscal year at the current metal market price.
 - The Derelict Amnesty Vehicle Program has been temporarily suspended at this time due to budget constraints.

Solid Waste Division Report (attached to original minutes)

- **CLOSED WAIMEA LANDFILL:**
The last two quarterly monitoring reports indicate that the sand cover previously used to mitigate subsurface fires has reduced or extinguished the subsurface fires.
- **CLOSED KAILUA LANDFILL:**
The Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) will involve the use of silty clay cap material and foam and/or CO₂ injections to contain the landfill fires. The uses and non-uses of closed landfills was discussed.
- **SORT STATION:**
The use of the Reload Facility may possibly be as a commercial recycling area. The Department is also contemplating development of a similar facility at the West Hawai`i Sanitary Landfill.
- **INTEGRATED SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN (ISWMP) UPDATE:**
 - Monthly meetings of the SWAC and presentation to Council continues.
 - New chapters are prepared and discussed at each monthly meeting.
 - Applicable portions of the County's Zero Waste Plan have been merged into the ISWMP.
 - Once the draft updated plan is complete, there will be public meetings before sending to the Council for review and approval. Upon Mayor/Council approval, the plan will be submitted to the State DOH for approval.
 - Plan should be approved and final in December 2009.

Technical Services Section Report (attached to original minutes)

- **NAALEHU/PAHALA LARGE CAPACITY CESSPOOL (LCC) REPLACEMENT:**
Looking at an alternate larger site for Pahala.
- **HONOKA`A, QUEEN LILIUOKANLANI VILLAGE, KOMOHANA HEIGHTS LCC REPLACEMENT PROJECTS AS WELL AS THE NORTH KONA SEWER & EFFLUENT REUSE UPGRADE PROJECT** have been identified as "shovel ready" and included in the Federal Stimulus Package submittal.
- **PERSONNEL:** New CE 1 started February 17, 2009

Wastewater Division Report (attached to original minutes)

- Technical Services Section positions are being merged into the Wastewater and Solid Waste Divisions.

Director's Report (attached to original minutes)

- **ORDINANCE TO EXPAND SCOPE OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION AUTHORITY BEYOND ADVISORY MATTERS TO INCLUDE POWER TO SET SEWER AND SOLID WASTE FEES:** Deputy Director and Corporation Counsel are drafting this ordinance.
- **ORDINANCE TO INCREASE SEWER FEES, TO INCLUDE CONSIDERATION OF PENALTIES, PAYMENTS PLANS, LIENS AND OTHER FEE COLLECTION METHODS:**
 - A sewer fee study is currently underway.
 - **Director will report on the Sewer Fee Study at next meeting.**
 - Deputy Director is reviewing the simplest way to address ordinance change in setting fees.

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- **ORDINANCE TO EXPAND SCOPE OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION AUTHORITY BEYOND ADVISORY MATTERS TO INCLUDE POWER TO SET SEWER AND SOLID WASTE FEES:** Deferred.
Draft will be ready for review/discussion at the next commission meeting.
- **ORDINANCE TO INCREASE SEWER FEES, TO INCLUDE CONSIDERATION OF PENALTIES, PAYMENTS PLANS, LIENS AND OTHER FEE COLLECTION METHODS:** See Director's Report above.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

8. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

FY 09-10 Budget

History of previous attempts by Commission to obtain authority to set fees - presentation by Barbara Bell

9. **MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- May 27, 2009, Business Services Hawai'i Recycling Facility, Shipman Industrial Park, 16-630 Kipimana Street, Kea`au, HI 96749
- July 29, 2009, Waimea Community Center (Park) Building, 65-1260 Kawaihae Road, Kamuela, HI 96743
- September 23, 2009: Kona Council Office, March, 25, 2009: Kona Council Office, 75-5706 Hanama Place, Suite 109, Kailua-Kona, HI 96740
- November 25, 2009, Liquor Control Conference Room, Second Floor, 101 Aupuni Street, Suite 230, Hilo, HI 96720

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Sanborn moved to adjourn. Paulette Pavao seconded and it passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:

SHARRON HENRY
Environmental Management Secretary

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