

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

Wednesday, July 30, 2003, 9:13 a.m.
Waimea Civic Center, 67-5175 Kamamalu Street, Kamuela, HI

COMMISSIONERS	Riley Smith	<u>ALSO</u>	Tiffany Edwards, West Hawai'i Today
<u>PRESENT:</u>	Marjorie Erway	<u>PRESENT:</u>	Mike Kaha, Waste Management, Inc.
	Hugh Ono		Councilman Gary Safarik, Chair/Parks and Environmental Management Committee
	Anne Plack		Howard Stahr
	Lorraine Stahr		Gerald Takase, Corporation Counsel
	Carolyn Witcher		Erika Yamamoto, Legislative Assistant to Councilman Safarik

<u>EXCUSED:</u>	Mack Asato	<u>STAFF:</u>	Barbara Bell, Director
	David Frankel		Peter Boucher, Wastewater Division Chief
	Sam Kawamura		Bobby Gonsalves, Acting Solid Waste Div.Chief
			Sharron Henry, Secretary

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Commission Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 9:13 a.m. Smith introduced and welcomed Lorraine Stahr, new commission member; her husband, Howard; and Councilman Safarik.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 25, 2003 MEETING:** Carolyn Witcher made a motion to approve the May 28, 2003 minutes. Hugh Ono 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:** None

(Taken out of order)

7. **NEW BUSINESS:**

COUNCILMAN GARY SAFARIK, PARKS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE CHAIR, PRESENTATION ON JAPANESE TOUR OF WASTE REDUCTION TECHNOLOGY

- DESCRIPTION: The methods and operations of the two waste-to-energy plants visited, Hitachi Metals Group and Nippon Steel. (Videos may be checked out at the County Council office.)
- OBSERVATION: It is not realistic to believe vendors will pay up front to build a \$50M SORT station and make their money on the back end. Funding in Japan is 49% private vendor and 51% government/community.
- KEY: to the Japanese endeavor is a fee similar to our tipping fee. Fee of \$150/ton is needed to run these plants. Our \$45/ton tipping fee is way below what it will take to operate this type of plant.
- PURPOSE OF TRIP: To learn if a plant like this would be viable in Hawai'i.
- VISION: No more landfills. Instead, transfer stations, SORT station and some kind of waste-to-energy (burn) plant.

- ISSUE: Look at some connection with property tax and some type of flat rate that is attached for X amount of years so we can have enough funding to get up to speed.
- RECOMMENDATION: Explore and identify funding: Tipping fees, property tax, special assessment through the property tax collection?
- MESSAGE: If people are serious about this environment then we're going to have to find a way to dispose of our waste stream and it's going to cost a lot of money.
- The Commission requested Councilman Safarik or his representative to attend the upcoming Trash Tour on Oahu.

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

Director's Report (attached to original minutes)

COUNCIL ACTIONS:

- August 19, 2003 Parks and Environmental Management Committee (PEMC) agenda will include ordinances/resolutions: (1) making the owner of a property responsible for the sewer user charges; (2) including an interest penalty for overdue amounts, and resolution to extend Kona sewer for Tante Urban and; (3) deleting exemptions for requiring sewer connections when sewer is accessible to property.
- An ordinance will be submitted to revise the code to remove council approval from sewer extension requests with written notification to affected residents being submitted as a communication to council through the PEMC.

SORT STATION EIS TIMELINE:

- August 12, 2003: EIS completed
 - August 26, 2003: OEQC publication
- THE ABOVE TIMELINE HAS BEEN REVISED AS FOLLOWS SINCE THE MEETING:
- August 29, 2003: EIS completed
 - September 16, 2003: OEQC publication
- **ISWMP Timeline will be updated and included in next month's report.**

KEAAU RECYCLE AND REUSE CENTER:

- Tonnage data sheets were reviewed (attached to original minutes).

TRASH TOUR:

- Tour site itinerary was reviewed and accepted.
- The annual City and County of Honolulu Tour de Trash should be in mid-November.

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

STAFFING:

- Vacancies in Kona to be filled by mid-August.

EQUIPMENT:

- Coordinating repairs of 12 refuse trailers.

GREENWASTE:

- Mulch is still available for pick up in Kona.

SCRAP METAL PROGRAM:

- Receiving metal/vehicles in Kona.
- Processing loose scrap metal in Hilo

SECURITY GUARD CONTRACT:

- Gonsalves will review contract for guard compliance.

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

KALANIANA'OLE INTERCEPTOR SEWER REHAB:

- A briefing was held on July 28, 2003 with most of the affected parties.
- Phase I Bid out – September 2003
- Phase I Construction – December 2003 – January 2004
- Phase II – March, 2004

HILO WTP BYPASS REPORT (attached to original minutes):

- There was no impact to the public.
- Notification is required by DOH.

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

8. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** None

9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Mayor Kim will attend the August 27, 2004 commission meeting. Discussion items were reviewed and discussed.
- Wednesday, August 27, 2003, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Hawai'i County Council Room, 25 Aupuni Street, Room 201, Hilo, HI 96720
- Wednesday, September 24, 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, October 29, 2003, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., **Waimea Community Center (Park) Building, 65-1260 Kawaihae Road**, Kamuela, Hawai'i 96743
- Wednesday, November 26, 2003, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Hawai'i County Council Room, 25 Aupuni Street, Room 201, Hilo, HI 96720

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:

SHARRON HENRY
Environmental Management Secretary

