

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

REVISED

Wednesday, September 22, 2004, 9:05 a.m.

Islander Room, King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel, 75-5660 Palani Road, Kailua-Kona, HI

COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT:

Hugh Ono
Marjorie Erway
Sam Kawamura
Arnold Okamura
Riley Smith
Lorraine Stahr
Sam Sumner

ALSO

PRESENT:

Anne Field-Gomes
Peter Hoffmann
Virginia Isbell
Carmen Kinsey
Angel Pilago
Cindy Robinson

EXCUSED:

David Frankel
Carolyn Witcher

STAFF:

Barbara Bell, Director
Nelson Ho, Deputy Director
Peter Boucher, Wastewater Division Chief
Lono Tyson, Solid Waste Division Chief
Bobby Jean Leithead-Todd, Corp.Counsel
Eileen O'Hora-Weir, Recycling Coordinator
Sharron Henry, Secretary

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Commission Chair Ono called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and welcomed newly elected council members Hoffmann, Isbell and Pilago. He thanked Riley Smith and David Frankel for their leadership as past Chair and Vice Chair of the commission.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 28, 2004 MEETING:**
Riley Smith made a motion to approve the July 28, 2004 minutes. Sam Kawamura seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **APPROVAL OF ADDENDUM AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA:**
Commissioner Smith made a motion to add the Waste Reduction Technology Request for Proposal to the NEW BUSINESS agenda. Lorraine Stahr seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Commissioner Stahr made a motion to move the Bottle Bill out of the Director's Report and put in NEW BUSINESS. Smith seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
4. **STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS LISTED ON AGENDA:** None.
5. **CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS/DISCUSSION:**

Director's Report (attached to original minutes)

Bell introduced Cindy Robinson, project manager for The Arc of Hilo, Anne Field-Gomes and Carmen Kinsey of Recycle Hawai'i.

COMMISSION:

- The October 13th Solid Waste and Wastewater Tour was discussed and a tentative itinerary was distributed.

- A list of County sites to visit in conjunction with future commission meetings was suggested. Site visits will be added to next meeting agenda for further discussion.

COUNCIL/LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS:

Solid Waste

- SORT STATION: County Council approved a resolution on August 4, 2004 for basic services, road, utilities, bottle bill redemption, commercial recyclables processing and a residential recycling center. Invitation for Bid is expected out in mid-October.

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

SCRAP METAL PROGRAM:

- The Department formally notified the contractor that they needed to maintain their operations within the property boundaries. The County will survey the area, establish boundary line, and maintain and monitor the boundary during the course of the contract.

HILO LANDFILL:

- Airspace survey will be updated this year and an environmental assessment will be performed, if required, as part of a request to Department of Health for a new operating permit to extend the landfill vertically.

GREENWASTE:

- Negotiating with vendors to convert current mulching program to a composting program.
- Plans are continuing to implement a commercial greenwaste tip fee in FY 2005-2006.

RECYCLING/DIVERSION STATUS:

- The grand opening for the EPA funded pilot recycling project at Kealakehe Transfer Station is October 30, 2004 at 10 a.m. to noon.

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

KALANIANA'OLE INTERCEPTOR SEWER REHAB:

- Phase I construction will be completed by next week.

KING KAMEHAMEHA PUMP STATION RENOVATION:

- Will begin in October.

KEALAKEHE EFFLUENT REUSE Ph1:

- NPDES permitting was discussed.
- Boucher provided an overview of the project.

In the future, Ono requested department managers to present oral reports on priority items in their written reports.

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION ON DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT RULES: No action taken.

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION ON ORDINANCE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT TO ESTABLISH A PROCESS FOR ENFORCEMENT AND FOR APPEALS TO BE HEARD BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION AND ALTERNATE ORDINANCE FOR APPEALS TO BE HEARD BY THE BOARD OF APPEALS (EMC2004-05):

- After discussion regarding Commission Rules amendments and meeting dates, **Erway made a motion to direct the County Attorney to base the Commission Rules modeled after the Board of Appeals Rules and to amend the rules for six meetings per year as well as keep the wording as flexible as possible. Smith seconded and motion carried unanimously.**
- **Leithead-Todd will revise Rules, submit to Commissioners for review, and finalize for Public Hearing to be held prior to the Commission meeting on November 17, 2004.**
- **Leithead-Todd will work with Commissioner Frankel to make revisions and prepare ordinance for next commission meeting.**

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION ON PROPOSED SEWER CONNECTION FEE ORDINANCE (EMC2004-02): After review of ordinance, **Smith made a motion to approve this ordinance as submitted. Stahr seconded and motion passed unanimously.**

7. **NEW BUSINESS:**

WASTE REDUCTION TECHNOLOGY REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP):

- Scheduled to be published the end of October.
- Project Manager to be decided.
- No technologies are being restricted by the RFP.
- All rules will be explained at pre-bid meetings.
- An overview was provided to guests, offering background and progress to date.
- **Director will update the Commission at the next meeting.**

BOTTLE BILL (BEVERAGE CONTAINER DEPOSIT PROGRAM) (handouts attached to original minutes):

- A background summary was provided to the guests.
- November 1, 2004: retailers begin stocking with labeled containers.
- \$.05 redemption begins January 1, 2005.
- Received DOH grant funds to create 2 Recycling Specialists (temp) and to fund Bottle Bill Demonstration Project.
- Applications are being requested for development and operation of redemption centers in targeted locations.
- **O`Hora-Weir will report to the commission at the next meeting her findings regarding the bottle bill deposit being taxed.**

8. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** None

9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- November 17, 2004, Public Hearings on Solid Waste Division Rules and Commission Rules, Hawai`i County Council Room, 25 Aupuni Street, Room 201, Hilo, Hawai`i 96720

FUTURE COMMISSION MEETINGS

- November 17, 2004, following Public Hearings on Solid Waste Division and Commission Rules, Hawai`i County Council Room, 25 Aupuni Street, Room 201, Hilo, Hawai`i 96720
- **December meeting cancelled.**
- January 19, 2004, 9 a.m., Hawai`i County Council Room, 25 Aupuni Street, Room 201, Hilo, Hawai`i 96720
- **February 22, 2005, 9 a.m. cancelled.**

10. ADJOURNMENT

Kawamura moved to adjourn. Stahr seconded and motion was carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:

SHARRON HENRY
Environmental Management Secretary

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