

County Council Environmental Management Committee Meeting Notes – October 21, 2008

Agenda

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

- Introductory remarks
- Statements from the public
- CH2M HILL presentation: Draft ISWMP section on Collection and Transfer
- Council members comments

Council Member Comments

Pete Hoffmann – strongly recommended that DEM-SWD begin recycling and transfer station improvement designs on the 2nd priority station now, and strongly recommended not waiting for the 1st one to get designed and/or built. This will delay implementing improvements, if we don't fast track the design. He also wanted us to work on identifying the funding for design and construction using CIP or others funding and not to wait for one project to be under construction or developed before beginning the next. The Solid Waste Division would like to fast track and will look at our design options, and funding opportunities.

Emily Naeole – expressed concern that the 2nd chute at Pahoa wasn't repaired in a timely manner. Repairing the chute even temporarily would assist in reducing the back-up that occurs at the station. It was explained that putting money into repairing the chute on a temporary basis would take funds away from the renovation project. Emily expressed a desire to perhaps come up with an innovative way of placing some roll-off bins for garbage to augment the one chute on a temporary basis. This will be reviewed by the Solid Waste Division.

Brenda Ford – was interested in our recommendation to close some of the recycling and transfer stations as a cost saving method given the downturn in the economy. Brenda wondered if closing all the sites one day a week might result in a 1/7th savings in operations. It was explained that in order to see significant savings, it would probably be necessary to close recycling and transfer stations several times a week, or alternate closing sites, or close several permanently if other stations were located within the customer's area.