

# County Council Environmental Management Committee Meeting Notes – December 16, 2008

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## 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 Residuals Management
- Council members comments

## Public Statements

- None.

## Council Member Comments

**Donald Ikeda** – asked why the County can't just let the private sector develop a facility and charge the County a tip fee. Dan replied that there are a number of challenges with that approach including the loss of control the County would experience in determining what type of facility works best for all citizens rather than for a single firm; there is always a risk of unanticipated cost increases which will result in the firm asking for more money – if so, the County must either pay or be prepared to fairly quickly change to a new disposal method. At a minimum, the County should retain landfill capacity as a backup.

**Pete Hoffmann** – asked about the minimum tonnage per day that would be required for an MBT system to be cost effective. Dan replied that it was less than a WTE facility, but economies of scale are present with MBT systems as well. Many smaller MBT systems do exist.

**Brenda Ford** – Asked about:

- The Kailua-Kona landfill and wanted to know what more aggressive actions could be taken. Dan replied that the County has a plan for testing foam with microbes. Other option is to excavate the landfill.
- Flow control: Dan clarified that flow control ordinances require that all waste be delivered to a particular facility designated by the County i.e., private sector is precluded from bypassing County facilities to go to a facility they might develop.
- South Hilo Landfill Lateral Expansion: Why has it taken so long to get this far, and is there any way to speed up the process? Mike said he would look into ways of speeding up the process, but it should be ready comfortably by the time the existing sliver fill is full. She expressed support for the lateral expansion.

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- She would like to see more information about all these recovery systems. Dan replied that there is a matrix in the Residuals Management section – Mike will provide her with a copy. She requested more visual information about the small remote recovery facilities to get a better understanding about how they work. Charts and other visuals would be very helpful. Would like to know where these systems have been tried elsewhere and how they work.

**Kelly Greenwell** – mentioned that he attended the December 15 SWAC meeting and the public meeting that same evening in Kona. He is an advocate of seeking Federal funding to address pollution in near shore waters and the impacts on monk seal. Using an MBT system to produce soil could provide bedding material for future golf courses and minimize runoff. The soil could also be used to grow crops for biodiesel production. The County should act quickly to seek a comprehensive solution that takes advantage of available Federal funding.