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Transcript of the Public Comment period

Lopez, Lyndsey/PDX

The next portion will be the public comment and oral testimony. So I see a couple of people already getting their, their name keyed in here. Thank you for doing that. As a reminder, please use the chat feature of teams and put your name and that you would like to testify.

Thanks for your patience. Will be getting started here shortly. The process in case you're unfamiliar with what we're going to be doing since this is virtual, is shown up here on the screen. We're going to be calling upon people as they came in order and then Elizabeth is going to be timing folks.

And I think that since what we have, we weren't sure how many people would be coming on, and so I think we can allow three minutes for this initial round of testimony just to allow the people that have signed up so far to all get their first round in. And then we'll take it from there and, and see if there's additional testimony that you have. So Elizabeth it looks like you're back, hopefully Allison you're there too.

Allison Fraley

Hi.

Lopez, Lyndsey/PDX

Hi OK great. Alright JoAnn if you were ready and Elizabeth you wanna kick us off with the process maybe that would be great.

Schwing, Elizabeth/HNL

Absolutely. So, just like with the Q&A I'll call out your name when it's your spot in the queue and then just do a verbal confirmation that you're off mute. I can hear you can hear me, and then you can start when you're ready and I will be holding up these queue cards to let you know when it's been two minutes, and then again when its, sorry, been 3 minutes. And then if you do have more to say after that, please feel free to jump back in the queue. And if we get through everyone will circle back to you and you can continue on.

Lopez, Lyndsey/PDX

Great, thank you.

Schwing, Elizabeth/HNL

So let me just adjust my background quickly. I was noticing it, my signs weren't showing up. Let's see. OK, thank you for bearing with me on that quick pause. So JoAnn.

JoAnn Yukimura (Guest)

Yes.

Schwing, Elizabeth/HNL

OK, I can hear you so please feel free to start when you're ready.

JoAnn Yukimura (Guest)

Alright, thank you very much for this opportunity to testify. As you know I'm JoAnn Yukimura and it's my privilege today to speak on behalf of Zero Waste Kaua'i.

Zero Waste Kaua'i would like to thank the county administration, in particular Allison and Keola, and the Jacobs team, led by Lyndsey Lopez and the Advisory Committee for the hard work that is being done to update Kaua'i's integrated solid waste management plan.

The draft plan which I will refer to in this testimony, either as draft plan or integrated solid waste management plan, contains a lot of good information and ideas reflecting the breaths and complexity of the County Solid Waste challenges and opportunities.

What appears, to be missing is a set of clear goals and prioritize strategies for meeting those goals in the next 10 years. Without such, there is nothing to aim for, nor anything by which to measure our progress. Zero Waste Kaua'i suggests that the goal set by the County Council in 2011 be updated and used as the main goal in the draft plan. The County Council in 2011 set forth the goal of achieving 70% diversion by 2020.

10 years later we are at 43 or 40%. Some cities like San Francisco have already achieved an 80% diversion rate, so for Kaua'i, now an 80% diversion rate by 2030 would be a logical update of the County Council's bold 2011 goal and such a goal would be especially appropriate given the urgency of the climate emergency declared by the Hawai'i State legislature.

Setting such a goal would align the Integrated Solid Waste management plan with the county's general plan, which by our understanding is required by the county's planning process. The county's number one goal in the general plan is to become a sustainable island. The plan therefore needs to map out the way for the counties management of solid waste to become sustainable.

Based on the counties waste characterization study, there are three main categories of trash to be diverted. The recyclables, which is about 36% of the landfill, trash, food and other organics, which is 28%, and construction and demolition waste, which is about 24%. We could easily meet the 80% diversion goal if we set up the policies and infrastructure for these three categories, and we need to have personnel. Because without it, no matter how great the projects are, are seem they will not be able

to be executed. To summarize, Zero Waste Kaua'i asks that the following be done to improve the draft plan. Establish a goal for the Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan to achieve an 80% diversion. I have three more sentences. Could I finish?

Uh, and then uh, to achieve that goal, set three main priorities for the next 10 years as one, establishing curbside recycling, two, establishing community composting capacity, and three, diversion of construction and demolition waste, and add staff. And finally, we ask that the Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan address Kaua'i's general plan goal of becoming a sustainable island and show how

the Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan will move Kaua'i toward a sustainable solid waste system.

Thank you so much. Sorry for going over.

Lopez, Lyndsey/PDX
Thank you.

Schwing, Elizabeth/HNL
Thank you very much.

JoAnn Yukimura (Guest)
And I have to leave so please excuse me. Thank you very much.

Lopez, Lyndsey/PDX
OK. Take care.

Schwing, Elizabeth/HNL
All right, up next in our queue, Ruta.

Hello, I can hear you so please feel free to start whenever you're ready.

Ruta Jordans
OK. Thank you, my name is Rudy Jordans and after three and a half years of living on Kaua'i, I have joined several organizations that are concerned about today's topic. But what I'm about to say is my personal testimony.

I share the frustration that has been expressed by the previous speakers by Bridget, JoAnn, and Heidi

and it just seems that we're all frustrated because we have study, study, study. We don't do anything.

In to, to get further on solid waste, we live on a small island in a big ocean. In the last two years we've had evidence that we cannot always depend on others. We need to relearn how to be able to sustain ourselves.

To that end, we cannot afford to throw away that which we've been calling waste a so called waste. Now in the landfill is 90% usable. As Joanne just pointed out, this draft plan has put waste to energy study as the first action and that is unconscionable. We should not even consider burning anything. Anything.

Both because of the greenhouse gases that cause more climate crisis and because 90% of our so called waste is reusable. Why should we burn it when it's reusable?

We need to convert to a circular economy now with the extended producer responsibility so that we're not the only ones working on this, we need curbside recycling, we need that MRF, and we need industrial composting. We do not need a feasibility study of a MRF.

We've already done it. We need \$450,000 or a construction design and once we get that, then will be eligible for federal infrastructure funding.

It's coming up and we're not, we're still going to be doing our studies instead of actually doing things, we need action. These need to be priorities. We owe it to our children and their children not only to make full use of the of the usable waste, but also to better use the energy benefits we get from living on a mountainous island with year round sun, wind, rain, and ocean.

They're out there for us to use and, I hope that as you rethink this draft plan, you look more towards what we actually can accomplish. Quickly, soon.

Because ten years have gone since the last plan, and the MRF did not happen. The curbside recycling did not happen.

People are ready for it. I've been, thanks to Allison. I've been able to talk to a lot of people at the recycling bins and the first thing they say up when I ask them is, well, what do you think of our recycling? They'll say we need curbside recycling so that we get more things recycled, and now is the time to do it, thank you.

Lopez, Lyndsey/PDX
Thank you.

Schwing, Elizabeth/HNL

Alright, moving on to our next commenter, Michael Dandurand, and testifying via audio only. Hello, I can hear you. Please feel free to start whenever you're ready.

Michael Dandurand

Oh great. Alright, thank you so much Elizabeth. So you know, what needs to be said has already been said. I mean, everybody has hit all great points on why we need a material covered facility and why we should have curbside recycling. You know my, and I'm going to just talk about my personal experiences. You know, weekly drive down Līhu'e and you know dutifully put the cardboard in a cardboard box and the plastic in the plastic box in the glass and the glass box. And I would gladly pay to have that done here, so I wouldn't have to load it in my car, drive it down Līhu'e and do it, and I'm sure, and I know that there's people in Kaua'i would agree with me that they would be willing to pay a little bit more to have that done, and so just for the convenience of it. And if you're not, if you're if you ever followed the dumpster all the way to Garden Island Disposable where they, where they actually dump all this stuff back out.

You know, they dump it. Basically they pull a truck into a warehouse. They lift the truck up and it just dumps everything on the floor and then they separate it by rake and by shoe into different categories. And that's done with the other plastic and the other items too and you know that just seems so old fashioned. You know, a material recovery facility really brings us into the 21st and 22nd century. May, really, that is the direction that we should be going. We're still just dumping all of our recyclables on the floor and separating it by rake. And it just seems like that's a very old style, old fashioned way of doing things. And we've come a long way and I think that we're ready for something a little bit more progressive and more modern than, than that old style of separating our recyclables in a warehouse on the floor.

You know, and also with the fact that the cost of a MRF is \$2,000,000, but the net after afterwards comes out to about \$800,000. I mean, that's a great investment just for the fact that we're investing in the future. So yeah, it might cost some money and maybe we have to not do without something else, maybe? Like well, I'm not going to say, but there's certain things that are being money is being spent on that really could be turned around and invested in something that's going to be around and it's going to help the island in the long term. And this is something that we have to look further down the street, then just next year or the next two years. We need to look in the next 10 years. And if we can look at all the other civilized progressive towns and cities in the United States, they are all doing this already. Why is Kaua'i who is so far ahead and everything else so far behind in recycling and curbside recycling, and I like curbside recycling. I'm for it. Lyndsey, you're for it! Allison, you're for it! I'm sure, Elizabeth you're for it as well. Everyone you talk to says yes!

So what is the problem? Why are we not getting this done? That is my testimony.

Lopez, Lyndsey/PDX
Thank you Michael.

Michael Dandurand
You're welcome.

Schwing, Elizabeth/HNL
Thank you very much and moving on to our next commenter, Bridget.

Bridget Hammerquist (Guest)
Sorry.

Schwing, Elizabeth/HNL
Oh yes, OK, I can hear you now.

Bridget Hammerquist (Guest)
Can you hear me OK alright?

Schwing, Elizabeth/HNL
Yep.

Bridget Hammerquist (Guest)
Uhm, alright, I'd like to start. Where, on something JoAnn touched on, which I asked Allison a little bit about the other day. Any Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan is only as good as the department staffing level there to implement it, and we used to have a solid waste engineer, and we used to have a solid waste chief, and I understand we have a recent transfer from the Water Department, a good engineer, the hydraulic engineer Dustin Moises is now going to take over Solid Waste.

And I hope somehow somewhere he's listening to this and I hope the mayor's listening to it because I think the mayor cares about the island, but very little care has gone into the management of our Solid Waste and the evidence of that is the lack of staffing over the years, and I think it is really crucial that this draft plan absolutely be amended to not be keyed to the current staffing level, but the key to a staffing level that a solid waste management operation should have. It should have a chief. It should have engineers and it should have qualified staff to carry out the function. So at a minimum we must do that and I can't express strongly enough. I think that all of the taxpayers on the island would be shocked if they knew that the department basically has been managed for quite a while by Allison and a couple of state paid employees who run the HI5 program.

And that's really unacceptable. That means that there has been no political will to properly administer a decent Solid Waste Management Plan, and we have Hawai'i revised statutes 342G, which says every county in the state has to prepare this Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan every 10 years, but not just to have a plan. The idea is they were supposed to prepare and implement a plan and somehow the word implement got left out because everything that we set out to do in 2011, the lion share of it did not get done, and the explanation is we didn't have funding.

Well, that's in my opinion. And that's my opinion. It needs greater support from our politicians and our politicians need to leave their job and let other people come in who will recognize that we are an island as the woman said who testified just recently. Everything on our island drains into our ocean or ocean is our one of our most valuable resources. Tourism is the mother lode of our economy. Whether we like it or not, it is.

And if we don't keep our environment and our water clean, you know we might swell will become in a third world nation. So it's, it's up to us to do the right thing by our environment. And I strongly suggest that the integrated plan that's currently in draft be written with a lot more specificity and a lot more clear objectives with clear timelines and someone from the administration needs to work with the branch chief and get this done. It's shameful that we don't have better control, better management of our waste. Thank you.

Lopez, Lyndsey/PDX
Thank you Bridget.

Schwing, Elizabeth/HNL
Thank you Bridget. Our next testifier John Harder.

John Harder (Guest)
OK, can you hear me, I hope?

Schwing, Elizabeth/HNL
I can hear you. Yep.

John Harder (Guest)
Yeah, I'm John Harder. I've been a resident on Kaua'i for over 50 years. I'm a founding member of Zero Waste Kaua'i and now retired, having the past managed to Solid Waste program for the County of Kaua'i, ordained the office of Solid Waste Management for the Department of Health, manage the Solid Waste Division for a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and then Chief of the Solid Waste Division for the County of Maui. Managing our discards is a tough job. It takes adequate staffing resources. It requires making difficult decisions that may take a few years, and aggressive public

education effort to come to few but managing our discords is an environmentally in an environmentally suitable manner responsibility we all must take. Over the past few years the EPA has revised its approach to Integrated Solid Waste Management and this adopted the term Sustainable Materials Management.

This plan should at least address that concept. The problem with developing a sustainable materials management plan rather than an integrated solid waste management plan. As the Council had passed and Mayor Carvalho had signed a resolution adopting Zero Waste, his county policy in 2011, the current plan should also develop recommendations based on a Zero Waste management philosophy. The plan should also include a specific element addressing climate change and green and the greenhouse gas emissions caused by uncontrolled consumption of goods and services.

I've got a couple other couple things that I wanted to talk about, but it don't really have time, so I'm going to go right to help. First one constructing a MRF and implementing curbside recycling is clearly the right way to go. If the county had followed the current Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan adopted in 2011, we would have a recycling processing facility in operation and diverting as much as 30% of the refuse currently going into our landfill. One thing I do want to address is construction demolition debris. Construction demolition waste is treated as in the plan as a homogeneous waste type that can be dealt with through an implementation of a simple landfill ban.

When CMD waste is one of the largest elements in the waste stream and comprised of materials as diverse as asphalt roofing, treated lumber, electrical and plumbing fixtures, crushed concrete and plastic sheeting, It needs to be dealt with individually, not as a simple landfill ban. Dealing with CMD waste really requires its own section, and to be most effectively managed, a specific ordinance. This is how mainland communities have dealt with CMD. Focus should be on specific, easily separated materials and locally resources with a major emphasis on reuse.

Another thing I'd like to touch on his waste to energy. To me, waste to energy is wasted energy. Over the last ten years, or county is contracted for a number of studies. And all of that concluded that way strategy is not economically feasible for Kaua'i. Consultants have all come to a similar conclusion. Waste energy facilities are too expensive. Waste energy is not appropriate for our small waste stream. Waste energy can't manage all our trash, so will still require landfill and in many cases the technologies propose are unproven.

The most damage ineffective past waste energy proposals is they delayed moving ahead on the diversion efforts like building the MRF and implementing curbside recycling. In the meantime, the crash continues to flowing the landfill.

Schwing, Elizabeth/HNL

John, can I break in quickly here?

John Harder (Guest)

Yeah.

Schwing, Elizabeth/HNL

So would you mind putting a pause in your testimony we'll get through the rest of the list and then circle back?

Just to make sure everyone has a chance to do their first round.

John Harder (Guest)

OK, no, I did have one more chance.

Schwing, Elizabeth/HNL

OK, sorry. OK, go ahead.

John Harder (Guest)

Building with voice and spending money on the hope that someone will make all our trash disappear is a waste of time and money.

I will send you my completed testimony.

Schwing, Elizabeth/HNL

Thank you.

Lopez, Lyndsey/PDX

Thank you John.

Schwing, Elizabeth/HNL

Yeah, as a reminder we will be developing a transcript of all of this public testimonies that will have your full words available as part of this meeting record. But thank you, we do still definitely want you to send that. That way we make sure it's a lot easier to get it down, but.

John Harder (Guest)

Yeah.

Allison Fraley

Yeah. Yeah, actually, I just I wanted to make that comment that if people do have written testimony, please do email it to us and then that will help us with the transcription.

Schwing, Elizabeth/HNL
Thank you. Alright.

John Harder (Guest)
Right.

Schwing, Elizabeth/HNL
Next up, Terrie Hayes.

Terrie Hayes (Guest)

Aloha, and I wanted to say I would defer my time to John gladly. I appreciate all that you're saying, John and you brought up a really important part, which is this construction C&R waste whatever that, that is a huge part of what we're doing, and John is so correct about we need to attack this or approach this just in a different way. And you guys are doing such a good job.

But you're going down this, we're kicking the can down the road is what we're doing. That's all I could think about. All what everybody says and not the commenters but what you guys are, are recommending. Bridget and I discussed, I mean it's, it's just not good enough for this world, in this technology. We have to come up with better ideas that implement quicker and we're worrying about a problem. We don't have 10 years to wait on Elizabeth. You should know this and I bet you do that if we don't figure out something quickly. You know our world isn't going to be worth living in anymore and this comes from greenhouse gas emission, which John touched on and it's, it's all connected which ahupua'a, Hawai'i life depends upon you know, mountain to ocean. Mauka, Makai. It's all connected and for us to think that one little part of this could be separated out, oh we'll do this, we'll do that, but we need to look at the big offenders. We need to look at the big problems like this construction business.

You know there's got to be more reclamation. I was trying to think what was the word for these to say? Satellite offices. We need to come up with smaller, and I understand that there's you know you have to take your waste over to Hanapēpē. You have to, we need to make things a little easier for people and then that would create jobs that will be funded because they're looking for great programs. When I say public private partnership, I'm not just talking about people like Mark Zuckerberg and his wife, who would be very approachable, want to make the world better for their children, oh, and by the way, they own thousands of acres or however much it is now on Kaua'i. And I'm going to talk fast cause I'm a fast talker. However, I will give you a testimony or written testimony, but we need to look at this differently. We need to engage people like UH, KCC. We need to engage public private. In the desert, they had a library that was based from the county and the college. It can be done.

It might not be easy, Allison. It might not be familiar, but it's something that we need to approach differently and try to get people on board. This would be a great senior project for somebody you know. Call up UH, NOAA is given them money. They want to help with this. Make this their goal. Figure out a

waste, whatever you, reclamation center for Kaua'i. Figure out how to do it efficiently and get people involved that need jobs.

Tourism, Bridget, I love you dearly, but it's not our only answer. And I know that it's what we use now but we should have learned something. We should have learned something from that year. Our beaches are overcrowded. We have too much rubbish and waste. We have no way to deal with it short of telling we need to treat our island like Hanama Bay and that was my recommendation to the mayor. We need to control the input, especially when we don't know what to do with the waste. How can you add to this problem? How can you say with a clear conscience, how can you go to bed at night and get up in the morning and say, oh well, it doesn't matter if all these tourists come and leave all their stuff here and we have nothing no way to do it because we don't even know what to do with the peoples stuff that lives here.

We have to change our mind about things. Thank you Ruta, thank you Bridget, thank you John, JoAnn, all of you that have participated. Elizabeth I know you guys care. That's why you have these jobs. You have a big responsibility on your shoulders. Help us help you. Let's do something that we can be proud of. Now. Mahalo.

Schwing, Elizabeth/HNL

Thank you very much, Terry.

Lopez, Lyndsey/PDX

Thank you.

Schwing, Elizabeth/HNL

So I'm just going to double check and see if we've had anyone join via phone. I don't believe we had anyone previously. And if there's someone still in the chat who would like to offer an oral testimony and hasn't had a chance yet, please add your name in the comment chat. Or if you haven't done it yet, found the chat just feel free to unmute and speak up now.

OK, I'm not hearing anyone else speak up, so if anybody who's already testified didn't have a chance to say everything that they wanted to, please feel free to put your name back in the chat.

We will be monitoring you know that I think another 55 minutes Lindsey for public oral testimony. I will be seeing if anyone else joins a little late that hasn't had a chance yet. But there is more opportunity to speak if anyone would like to continue to offer some remarks.

Lopez, Lyndsey/PDX

Looks like John might wanna do a little, a brief follow up Elizabeth.

Schwing, Elizabeth/HNL

Yes, and maybe before that just router has a question about when the recording will be available. And, let me I, I believe in the next, I know in the next few weeks, but I'm not sure within that time I pulled the recording right after this meeting, and then we'll be working with Allison and Keola to post that to the county's web page. And so yeah, in the next few weeks that should be available.

Alright John. He'd like to unmute.

John Harder (Guest)

OK.

Schwing, Elizabeth/HNL

Yes, I can hear you go ahead.

John Harder (Guest)

Just a couple quick additions. First thing in in dealing with organics. We're doing a great job with organics, but it's primarily green waste and it's primarily voluntary, at least on the residential side. Though on the commercial side, our commercial land waste ban of green waste has been one of our major successes so.

I think the rather than the county issuing an RFP for someone to someone to handle our commercial food waste and bio solids and pallets, it makes more sense for the County to just look at landfill bans and restrictions similar to those who work so well for green waste and cardboard. And we spent on the on the food waste side getting all those wet organics out of the landfill would result in significant benefits in landfill operations, greenhouse gas production, and agricultural production.

I think the final thing, and I'm, I'm just going to be basically repeating what everybody else said. But yeah, we don't need another MRF plan. We have a MRF plan. Basically, the site is a good site. We went through a full island wide site selection to select that site. We got input from everybody. The only real hang up was Department of Transportation Airports that doesn't want to see all those trash trucks driving down their airport road.

So I think we need to move ahead with the MRF. And like I said, if we had built a MRF 10 years ago, we'd have three to four extra years of life on our landfill right now. That's it.

Terrie Hayes (Guest)

Yes.

Lopez, Lyndsey/PDX
Thank you John.

Terrie Hayes (Guest)
He's right, you know.

It's a math problem and I'm big on math, I'm an educator just want you to know, but it's really a math problem and that's what he's trying to express to you. You know the longer we wait, the worse it is, period.

So let's do something and if it doesn't work, let's do something else. But, you know, give yourself a little room, but do something. Something is better than nothing. Especially now. Thank you.

Schwing, Elizabeth/HNL
Alright. OK, we have another request to testify.

Schwing, Elizabeth/HNL
Heidi, you're up.

Heidi Schemp (Guest)
Hi. OK, I write down some thoughts here. I, I'll still submit, probably a written testimony, but this is just kind of off the top of my head.

Schwing, Elizabeth/HNL
Hello.

Heidi Schemp (Guest)
I feel like we came up with the ten years ago, and, uh, but it wasn't implemented, and so that's why we're here now. And a lot of frustration that's going on is that you know plans were put in place and studies were done. We've spent money.

Uh, looking at the MRF plan and looking for waste-to-energy plan. And if we're going to go ahead and do that again, that's like the cost to just do the damn thing so you know, just do the MRF instead of you know, coming up with another extensive plan to do it. And I do agree that I think we need something in the plan about measuring our progress. You know, I do agree that the general plan, the number one thing is for us to have a sustainable island, and so I think that this plan really needs to, you know, make that the top priority. And so whatever we can do to get things implemented, especially while there's momentum after the last plan, we implemented the new cans that we each got it the curb and

automated. We got all new trucks and I think kind of after that point it really stalled because we worked on plans and plans and plans and so I think we need to really take the purple box for some of those plans and take the dollar amounts for those and put it into actionable items because plans, you know, this is only a 10 year Solid Waste plan. And so I think we're at the, we need the more actionable items to be moved to the very front. And obviously we know we need a new landfill right away.

And again, the last plan isn't working and so, I'm assuming in that old plan there was other sites, so if plan A isn't going to work, there should be plan B on there and we should be ready to anyway, we should be moving ahead as quickly as possible.

And the reason the green waste is so successful is cause it doesn't fit in the bin! Like we don't have any other choice to do. There's nowhere to go with it, and so as someone who loves to garden and loves plants, I have one behind me in my living room. Like I am at green waste all the time with gloves and dirt in my fingernails because it's gotta go somewhere and I don't have, I have three compost bins and it's not enough.

So I'm you know I'm trying to deal with the waste that I have here in my house, but with the can it's still not enough and so that's why we go and drop it off because people here have large yards, and extensive green waste. So, I think it could be half of my trash can now. It ends up being green waste, so I'm not going to lie. I don't love that that happens, but my compost, my worms don't work fast enough to get through it all.

So, anyway, that that's my testimony.

Schwing, Elizabeth/HNL

Alright, thank you Heidi. Looks like we, I have a question from Bridget about whether the new solid waste management chief will receive this testimony and with the role, his role in this process is.

I believe, Allison do you, what can you confirm that he will receive the results of this?

Allison Fraley

Oh yes.

Schwing, Elizabeth/HNL

This testimony?

Allison Fraley

Yes he will. He had asked for a debrief tomorrow so we'll provide him that, but of course we are going to

be transcribing everything and we have the, you know, we have the meeting recorded so he will be able to see everything that happened in the meeting.

Thank you.

Schwing, Elizabeth/HNL

it looks like we have a new addition that so again, if anybody would like to provide oral testimony, if you've had a chance already and you have something else to say if you have not had a chance, please just add your name to the chat. And we would love to hear your thoughts.

OK, I'm not hearing or seeing any additional. I need a scroll back up through the chat just in case there's something that I've missed.

OK, I don't.

Lopez, Lyndsey/PDX

So what we can do Elizabeth is, I think I'll go to the last slide. We just had a little bit of kind of wrap up and next steps.

Just so that we can, for those that would like to leave now, after that you, you're welcome to at any time, but that way you can see the entire presentation and then we will stay on the line in case anyone else comes in or changes their mind and calls back in and so.

If unless you see any other comments now, then we can go ahead and do that, but please if you do have a few would like to make a testimony, just put your information in the chat and we will stop what I'm doing.

Terrie Hayes (Guest)

And written testimony, is that available until July 19th? Is that the way I read?

Lopez, Lyndsey/PDX

Alright. I believe it's July 18th, but.

Terrie Hayes (Guest)

Your email.

Lopez, Lyndsey/PDX

Yes.

Terrie Hayes (Guest)

I would rather have it as email as opposed to comment, public comment on this is that I've done the testimony at the government website that you'd rather have it as email. Allison, I was little confused, you do want email or you would don't want email I guess is my comment?

Allison Fraley

Oh no, I said for this part, you know we're going to be transcribing what was said today. So if you have a backup written testimony that will help us with the transcription is all. And regarding further testimony of course, please send it in anything you have. It will be treated the same way as this testimony from the meeting will all be weighted equally.

Terrie Hayes (Guest)

Thank you very much and I appreciate you all being there. I just want you to know that I get a little excited about things. Thank you.

Allison Fraley

So please. Yes.

Lopez, Lyndsey/PDX

Well, we appreciate everyone that has taken their time to participate tonight, so thank you all very much for doing that.

Allison Fraley

Yeah.

Lopez, Lyndsey/PDX

So I'm going to just talk a little bit about the next steps as we've got. We're in the public comment period, so we will be continuing to receive. It's the 60 day review period it started on May 9th. It goes through the 18th.

So as Allison mentioned, you can if you go to the county's site that this for the Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan there is the email that you can use to submit it via email. You can also let us know if for some reason you're having trouble finding that, but we will be continuing to collect both written and oral feedback and then we will be putting the transcription of this meeting together. Then we're going to be considering all of those comments collected at the hearing and throughout the comment period, and then will be revising the draft as appropriate. A summary of all the comments received on this draft for will also be included in the final integrated solid waste management plan.

Once we have a final plan, we will submit that to DOH and also to Council through a presentation and then through county adoption. So that should wrap us up in September of this year. So that is the remainder of the process as outlined.

And then again we can go back up and continue with public testimony if you have any. If you don't, I just want to thank everyone again so much for coming. It was a pleasure to get your feedback and appreciate you taking the time.

But you're, but you're welcome to leave anytime if you're if you're if you feel done.

Schwing, Elizabeth/HNL

OK, it looks like we have a question in the chat about whether we can disclose how many email testimony we've received up through now.

That's a good question. Allison or Lindsey can, is that typical information that we can share?

Lopez, Lyndsey/PDX

I don't have that information off the top of my head, so I would have to go.

Allison Fraley

So I don't see why it would be a secret we've, we've received I think four testimony so far, so it's really nice to be getting all of this information at this point, and hopefully it will keep coming through the end of the public comment period.

Schwing, Elizabeth/HNL

Thank you everyone. Please feel free to chime in if you'd like to make another comment. We will be sticking around in case anyone joins late and would like to include their comments on the public record in this forum, but you know, you don't have to stick around. If you have felt you've been heard and would like to get started on those written testimony, that's always an option too, so.

Please just chime in if you would like to make another comment.

And I do see a question from Bridget in the chat.

Request to please list the positions in the solid waste management division of public works on the website. Right now when you go to the website doesn't show any positions in solid waste.

Allison Fraley

Hi so our main web page really that we really focus on is the recycling page. We have so many programs. So on that page we do have positions listed don't but as far as the entire division it's you know, a different page. We can work on it. That's a good idea. Will work on getting you know the org chart up and we have a lot of we have 70 some positions actually in solid waste because of all the great people in the field. You know, hauling trash and working at the transfer stations or working at the landfill. So it is a quite a big division so it would be a lot to put on there. But we can talk to the county engineer and to our Public Information Office about that.

Schwing, Elizabeth/HNL

Thanks, Allison for chiming in on that one.

I'll leave it open for further comments.

Uh, clarification. Just the lead positions, doesn't have to be everyone in the field, kind of like what wastewater does.