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Subject **Public Hearing**

Project Name County of Kaua'i 2020 Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan (ISWMP) Update

Project Number D3251000

Prepared by Jacobs

Location MS Teams Virtual Meeting

Date/Time Thursday, June 17, 2021 / 3:30 pm – 6:30 pm HST

Participants

County & State:
 Keola Aki – Recycling Coordinator, County of Kaua'i
 Kailee Bush – Intern, County of Kaua'i
 Allison Fraley – Solid Waste Program Coordinator, County of Kaua'i
 Lane Otsu – State Department of Health, Solid Waste Branch

Other Attendees:
 Mike Dandurand
 John Harder
 Bridget Hammerquist
 Terrie Hayes
 Ruta Jordans
 Heidi Schemp
 Anne Thurston
 James Trujillo (Jimmy T)
 JoAnn Yukimura

Jacobs Team:
 Lyndsey Lopez
 John Padre
 Elizabeth Schwing

Notes

This virtual meeting was recorded and is documented in one video file. The time stamp for each agenda item is shown below. Key discussion points and identified action items are summarized.

Agenda	Time Stamp	Key Item/Action
1 Welcome & Introduction	00:00 to 04:19	No action. Provided overview of virtual meeting guidelines and reviewed agenda.
2 PowerPoint Presentation of the ISWMP	04:20 to 47:16	No action. Provided overview of the ISWMP including the process that was used and a summary of each chapter in the plan.
3 Question/Answer Session of the ISWMP	47:17 to 1:21:45	Introduced question/answer process for the virtual hearing. Questions were received from five members of the public regarding the following topics:

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of Material Recovery Facility (MRF) Feasibility Study <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A member of the public, JoAnn Yukimura, asked what feasibility study is being referred to for the completion of a MRF feasibility study and why is this included in this ISWMP since a feasibility study has already been done previously. Also asked why siting of the MRF needs to be re-evaluated since that was already done. ○ Allison Fraley – Explained that the feasibility study in this ISWMP is a new feasibility study. It may use some of the information from the previous study but things have changed enough since the last study was done that a new one is requested. Also, the siting needs to be re-evaluated because the Kaua’i Resource Center (KRC) was the location that was previously selected for the MRF, and there are existing plans for the KRC which do not involve a MRF and the airport had some issues with locating the MRF at the airport previously. The County is looking for external assistance to complete a siting study. • Existing Recycling <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A member of the public, Terrie Hayes – Asked what is currently being done with all of the recycling that is collected on the island. ○ Allison Fraley - Explained that non-deposit glass is crushed and used on-island for a variety of applications, Hi-5 glass is shipped to market in California to turn into new bottles, fiber and plastic containers get shipped to markets in Asia (no longer China). The materials are baled primarily at Garden Island Disposal and some at KCRS. Once the material is in bales, the bales get shipped to market. GID has been in place doing this service for about 20 years. • New Siting Study <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A member of the public, Bridget Hammerquist – Asked why the ISWMP recommends doing another study on the MRF and another study on waste-to-energy (WTE)? Also asked why the airport cares about the location of the MRF? What are the problems with the previous feasibility and siting study? Why can’t the results of those previous studies suffice? Is there a specific change in the law that makes that siting study unacceptable? Why isn’t the feasibility study still good? ○ Lyndsey Lopez – Explained that in regard to why the airport has issues with the KRC for the MRF site, there is federal law that stipulates how close solid waste facilities can be to an airport and that the concern is related to the attraction of birds and the associated potential hazards. Also explained that WTE technologies are changing and advancing and that WTE is being relooked at as one part of the County’s multi-pronged approach of figuring out the long-term options. Explained that while the MRF was in the 2010 plan, it was unfortunately not in the budget. To make sure the correct amount is put into a funding and budget request, assuming that the feasibility and siting study are positive, we took the approach of gathering updated information. Explained there are chances to make additional changes to the plan. We will look at ways that we can add detail on what specifically changed since those previous studies were done. • New MRF <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A member of the public, Mike Dandurand – Asked Allison and Lyndsey if they feel that Kaua’i will

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4 Break	1:21:45 to 1:30:47	<p>eventually have a MRF and curbside recycling and if they feel it's a good idea.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Allison Fraley – said that if it could get funded then it will get done and that it was a good idea. Lyndsey agreed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Public Private Partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A member of the public, Terrie Hayes – Is there a way to tap into some of the big money on the island and utilize Public Private Partnerships or to tap into other funding like from NOAA? ○ Allison Fraley – Mentioned how Private Partnerships were a good idea and that they have been looked at by other groups but often they are difficult for an agency like the County. ● Type of Testimony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A member of the public, Heidi Schemp – Asked what testimony is appropriate regarding prioritizing projects and funding? ○ Allison Fraley – Can be as specific as you want and comments on prioritizing actions and funding is appropriate. ● Greenwaste Options <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A member of the public, Heidi Schemp – Asked if the plan includes Greenwaste diversion in multiple locations throughout the island so customers have more options? ○ Allison Fraley and Lyndsey Lopez – Described that greenwaste can be dropped off in a few locations throughout the island and there are some implementation actions that include some improvements to various organics management options. ● Additional Questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A member of the public, JoAnn Yukimura – Asked where the public can we get answers to any questions that don't get answered during the public hearing? ○ Allison Fraley – Said additional questions can be sent to the ISWMP email. ● Future Staffing Level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A member of the public, JoAnn Yukimura– Asked if the assumption of the proposed plan is that staffing level won't change? What is the total recommendation of staffing over the next 10 years? ○ Allison Fraley, Lyndsey Lopez, and Elizabeth Schwing – Explained that new staff are listed as “resources” in the plan and are included under Section 7 and Section 9. Two new staff targeting recycling and public education plus the new staff for landfill. ● Ma'alo site <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A member of the public, JoAnn Yukimura – Asked how much the County spent on the Ma'alo site? ○ Allison Fraley – Asked for her to submit that questions through the email. <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Follow-up on what changed in the previous studies for siting, MRF, and WTE. ● Review plan to see if clarifications are warranted for how new staff are discussed in the plan ● Check for additional email submitted questions. <p>No action.</p>

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5 Public Comment Period for Oral Testimony	1:30:48 to 2:09:56	<p>Jacobs provided an introduction for the Oral Testimony. The County Oral testimony from several different members of the public. Oral testimony has been transcribed and is available separately.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post transcription of oral testimony. • Provide Solid Waste Chief a debrief of the meeting.
6 Next Steps/Adjourn	2:09:57 to 2:17:34	<p>No additional testimony so moved into the next agenda item. Summarized the next steps and dates for completing the ISWMP.</p> <p>A member of the public, Bridget Hammerquist requested to list solid waste positions on the County website (like what wastewater does).</p> <p>Action Items: Allison to work with County to see if can make any improvements to how solid waste roles are included on the main County website.</p> <p>No additional comments or questions. Meeting ended. Jacobs and County team stayed on until 6:30 pm, but no additional commentary commenced past the 2:17:34 time.</p>