

Advisory Committee Memory

Mayor's Advisory Committee on Landfill Site Selection
County of Kaua'i
Department of Public Works

Meeting 5
September 16, 2008
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Attendance:

Committee Members: Gary Pacheco, David Sproat, Ted Inouye, George Costa, Mike Curtis, Mary J. Buza-Sims, Jose Bulatao, Jr., Michael V. Layosa, Edward Kawamura, Keith Nitta, Kenny Ishii, Palmer Hafdahl, Glenn Frazier, Kathleen Hurd

Members Absent/Excused: Diana Simao

County DPW: Troy Tanigawa, Emily Ishida

Consultant: Brian Takeda

Facilitator: Dee Dee Letts

The meeting began with a review of the major criteria categories established by the Committee. The Consultant walked the Committee through the criteria and the Committee made changes to the criteria and ranking as they deemed appropriate. (See attached criteria highlighted in red to view all the changes the committee made.)

There were two criteria that the Committee had identified that the Consultant was unable to establish ranking tools that would allow for the criteria to be differentiated from one site to another. If there is no way to rank the criteria so that it can provide a differentiation from site to site then each site would receive the same score thus making the criteria non-useable. The Committee was also unable at the meeting to come up with ranking language that would accomplish this goal. The Committee felt that these criteria were still important and decided to see if members could come up with language between this and the next meeting. The criteria to be worked on were "uses post closure" and "collocation potential." The language from the discussion around these issues is presented below:

19. The site should have adequate space for landfill needs as well as adjacent lands that could provide an opportunity for collocation.

Note: This should also be stated as a goal since the selection of a site for composting, recycling, or other refuse related activity may require siting requirements that may be different from those for the selection of a municipal sanitary landfill.

7. Potential final use of the site when the landfill is closed

Note: Uses after closure would be contingent on decision makers and the community at some point in the future. Future surrounding land uses would also affect what the landfill could be used for, but would not necessarily be known in the present time.

It was decided that the following criteria from prior discussion would be noted as goals to be included in the Committee's Report to the Mayor and for the County to take into consideration. There was also agreement that if language could not be developed for the previous two criteria, i.e., post closure use and collocation, then these would also become goals to be included in the Report and forwarded to the County:

Availability of alternative funding opportunities, i.e., attractiveness of the site for public/private partnerships

Maximum use of byproducts – i.e. provide for refuse source separation, and the recovery of methane gas for the generation of energy

The Committee agreed that with the changes they suggested that the criteria were final except for the two outstanding criteria which would be taken up at the next meeting.

The next meeting would review all criteria and the Committee would provide their weighting to the criteria without the knowledge of the Consultant or the County.

The next meeting was set for October 28, 2008 same time and place. The County announced that they are working on a field trip date and would announce it at the next meeting.