

Community Outreach Meeting No. 1  
Kaua‘i Landfill Siting Project  
Department of Public Works  
County of Kaua‘i

November 19, 2009  
Kalāheo Elementary School  
6 to 9 PM

The meeting began at 6PM with an overview of the outcomes, agenda and process for the meeting. The two planned outcomes are: (1) that those attending understand the need for a landfill and the County’s efforts to date to site a new municipal solid waste landfill; and (2) that the County and their consultant hear from the community relevant concerns that should be considered prior to the formal start of the EIS process.

Approximately 500 people attended the meeting, although not all in attendance chose to sign-in. 400 public comment forms were also distributed during the course of the meeting with four written comments returned at the end of the meeting. The signed attendance sheets and four written comment forms are attached.

Mayor Bernard Cravalho addressed the group and discussed why the County needs a new landfill site. He stated his Administration’s commitment to see this process through and to implement all feasible and reasonable alternatives to the landfilling of municipal solid waste.

Prior to the start of the power point presentation the group was asked to spend a few minutes noting what they would like to the presenters to cover during their presentations. The following items were listed:

- Environmental and economic impacts
- Process (How does the community stop the siting at Umi?)
- Umi site versus Kekaha – basis for selection
- Why was Umi selected when Kekaha has a longer life expectancy?
- Were Brownfield sites identified and considered?
- Events and information that happened subsequent to the Mayor’s Advisory Committee Report - how will these be factored into the decision?
- Thorough discussion of the methodology
- Math clarifications – weighting and the use of the score zero
- Will sites other than Umi be considered in the EIS process?

The consultants then proceeded with their power point presentation which is to be posted on the County’s website at

<http://www.kauai.gov/Government/Departments/PublicWorks/SolidWaste/PublicMeetingsonLandfillIssues>

The presentation covered the following:

- What are the requirements for a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) “D” Landfill
- What did the Mayor’s Advisory Committee on Landfill Site Selection do and what were their findings
- What are the County’s next steps for an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and what will it include

Following the presentation the meeting was opened up for public comments regarding what issues from the standpoint of the community were important to be addressed in the EIS process. The comments included:

- Need to use 2010 census data when looking at population and Environmental Justice (EJ) issues
- Kaua‘i Coffee operations need to be looked at and the economic impact the siting of a landfill would have on them – it does not make sense
- Important Agricultural Lands (IAL) designation for this area is an important step – we are the first such designation – there must be a better alternative
- Timeline for development and siting is aggressive and will not work without a willing landowner and you do not have one at this site
- The Advisory Committee study was a dual blind not a double blind although it removed the “not in my backyard” bias and lowered the likelihood of the weighting being unfairly applied. It would have had more validity if it had had two independent entities applying the weights instead of one
- Why did the report in some areas stress 30 years of landfill life as essential and then decide on 25 years for the criteria – Umi is 28 years compared to Kekaha at 40 years. Why is Umi scored higher? Scoring should be relooked at
- Disagree that there are no EJ issues at Umi. Need to use 2010 census data.
- The County should not be considering putting a dump in a successful agricultural enterprise area
- Umi can not get past the EIS process because of the agricultural designation and the type of soils
- You did not look at alternatives such as pelletization, anaerobic digestion, gasification etc.
- Need to look at pollution issues in landfills, including leachates, gas flares
- EJ needs to take into account future projects, i.e., a 500+ unit low income subdivision is planned down wind of the site
- Economic, environmental and healthcare issues and impacts need to be looked at regarding the siting of a landfill – also the adverse impacts on a viable agricultural industry and reduction in property values – siting the landfill here will impact the sales of Kaua‘i coffee. People will stop buying coffee grown next to a landfill.
- Also look at East Mehana self-help housing with regards to EJ and the impact on Port Allen as it is down wind and is a low income area
- Landfills attract egrets. Need to look at this impact on coffee growing and roasting as bird waste is not conducive to these activities, and the birds will eat the coffee cherries.

- Gay and Robinson closed their operations. You should be looking at their lands as they are no longer being used.
- Why would you site a landfill in an area with 70 to 115 inches of rain a year
- How would you handle the water and leachate run off with this amount of rainfall – what testing would be in place?
- I am starting a new recycling business for asphalt shingles that would remove these from the landfill thus decreasing the waste stream
- EJ looks at minorities and is not really applicable as we are all minorities in Hawai‘i
- Look at the Gay and Robinson site
- Why can't Umi be pulled now because of the IAL designation that happened after the Mayor's committee finished its work?
- Why was criteria three, "Displacement of Business" rated a 3 for Umi, meaning no displacement? How could Kaua‘i Coffee be rated as "no displacement"?
- Kaua‘i is attractive for its uniqueness. Kaua‘i Coffee is a big part of that. There will be a major detrimental impact on Kaua‘i Coffee if Umi is chosen for a landfill. Kaua‘i Coffee is important to the tourist trade and this siting would adversely impact the operation
- How were the sites described to the members of the Mayor's Advisory Committee?
- IAL land is not appropriate for this use especially as this is the first such designation and Kaua‘i Coffee volunteered to be designated
- Need to look at the taking of land at Umi and its impacts to the sustainability of Kaua‘i Coffee
- Did committee look at current use of the land after ranking?
- We need a landfill unless we change our ways – it is us that cause the problem and it is our personal responsibility to reduce the waste we produce. We each own a piece of the landfill.
- Need to increase the amount our community recycles and reuses. 30% diversion can be doubled without great difficulty if the community commits to it.
- I have questions about the statistics used in the study and the weighting process
- I have questions regarding the use of one half mile in the population criteria – need to look at these standards. One-half mile is too small for evaluation.
- Worried because the coast is close to the sites
- Economics piece needs to look at what we lose, opportunity costs and economic losses, not simply what it costs to build.
- Statistical analysis does not make sense
- Need to maintain what is working in our island's economy i.e. Kaua‘i Coffee. Need to maintain viable agricultural land, don't trash it.
- Did the committee consider the coffee trees on the site important even before IAL designation?
- We vote for landfills when we throw things away – its our trash we need to change
- Kukuioolono view plane and the National Tropical Botanical Garden are both near the Umi site and not mentioned
- It is our problem we need to recycle and reuse better – glad to see the County finally pushing on this. We need government support and personal commitments.
- Should not put garbage dump in the middle of a successful agricultural enterprise

- Issue of condemnation as A&B has stated that they refuse to sell – a court process to force the sale will take 10 years or more – one on the Big Island took 12 years and this does not work with the County timeline – and is a costly process
- The consultant used the term community based landfill what is a non-community based landfill?
- We will always need a landfill – thank you Mayor for putting this issue on the table
- Kudos to A&B for getting the IAL designation
- Need to address cost and schedule of condemnation proceedings.
- Also need to address the cost of lost business and product, i.e., Kaua‘i Coffee
- I believe the best site is up by Rainbow Falls
- IAL property is too valuable for a landfill and too important to the sustainability of the island. We need food security. When fuel prices inevitably rise, we’ll need to grow our own food.
- Kaua‘i Coffee is important to the island and it is unacceptable to jeopardize it or the jobs it provides
- This siting would impact the tourist industry negatively
- Look at visibility issues
- Look at sites where the State owns the land and locate there as there would be no land costs
- Cost evaluation does not include the cost of condemnation.
- Sites selected a long time ago – criteria of ground water contamination impacts should have been done prior to siting. Only Umi and Kekaha are below the UIC line and thus acceptable for development over ground water resources. The other 5 candidate sites were above the UIC line. All considered sites should be equal with respect to groundwater resources.
- Ceded land criteria impacts Kekaha only, which puts Umi at a disadvantage in the rankings.
- If the County’s timing is 7 years this will not work when you pursue a site that must be condemned
- The use of an EIS to pick a site must be looked at – don’t think it has been used as a selection tool before
- Need to look harder at alternatives
- Need to look at the future of our kids – the agricultural industry is a consistent opportunity for our youth – need to protect it
- Look at bringing in companies to reduce, reuse and recycle
- If there were a willing landowner would that impact the site choice. Challenge to the community to find a willing landowner to host the landfill.
- There is no good reason to take agricultural land out of agricultural use
- All sites may be in agricultural land but not all sites are IAL and in production as Umi is.

The meeting concluded with the County and consultant thanking all who came to listen and offer comments. There will be another meeting with the same agenda and location on December 16th for those that may not have been able to attend this evening.

**List of Attendees Present  
Kalāheo Elementary School**

November 19, 2009

	Name
1	Max + Kathleen Miyashiro
2	JOHN KOCHER
3	Sally French
4	Anna Agarral
5	Sergio [unclear]
6	GAETANO VASTA
7	Joan Morita
8	Tessie Kinnaman
9	Forrest Callahan
10	Mary Williamson
11	Rita Souza
12	Clyde Souza
13	PAUL OSBORN
14	Aaron Henriksen
15	Clare Castillo

	Name
1	John Bartelt
2	Herb Brown
3	Susan Ullis
4	KEG GAGE
5	LeRoy Jumper
6	Marilyn Curtis
7	Edith Yoshida
8	N. Arruda
9	Sandy Rumsart
10	Yvonne Summerfield
11	AUGUST Summerfield
12	Roman Attmadi
13	Marie Foster
14	KAREN OLSON
15	Louise Abrams

	Name
1	FRANCIS BRUNSON
2	Kathleen C. Bates
3	Roberta Charles
4	Ernest Moriz Va
5	Charles Almeida
6	BILL EMBLAD
7	MELVIN KAHARI
8	Karin Soares
9	Linda Silva
10	Mitch Sowl
11	Lance Hansen
12	Randy [unclear]
13	W. Kotayama
14	Lil Metzger
15	Theresa [unclear]

	Name
1	PAUL CURTIS
2	REID KASHIYAMA
3	Glen T. Hall
4	Jesse Bryant Kathleen
5	Winona Mitchell
6	Lynn Corbett
7	Hsin [unclear]
8	Lilany Eldridge
9	Sharon [unclear]
10	Eric & SUSAN CAMPBELL
11	JOHN ULLIS
12	Sandra Gage
13	Stanley Delavoy
14	Patrick J. Mahon
15	Ken CURTIS

	Name
1	Hans / Sylvia Zayas
2	Tamashi-ro Ayuda
3	DIANE Obervo
4	Leah Fernandez
5	WILLIAM TOLEDO
6	BEN MADUE
7	Bruce PIGAS
8	Mary Kate Allen
9	<del>Ms. Anna Smith</del>
10	Cynthia Balderson
11	Sherwood Hain
12	Rolf Bieker
13	Perry Morita
14	Cawlyn Jensen
15	WALTER FERRELL

	Name
1	Stella Hauko
2	Lashia Koyda
3	Angie Carlina
4	Crystal Shimatsu
5	Mike Shinton
6	Lawrence Aguma
7	Chapman
8	Carrie Lopez
9	Phil Scott
10	Carylee Boyd
11	RW Dulan
12	MARVIN J. MORRIS
13	AL TOMAS
14	Joanne Kalohe
15	Jean Inaba-Dai Randy Doi

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1	RANDY YOKOYAMA
2	Allen Reis
3	Al Lopez
4	Mr. + Mrs. Shime Yamabara
5	LIEDEKE BULDER
6	GREG ITEN
7	Earl + FRIDAY SHAMBLEEN
8	Cathy Tutley
9	Tanelle Martin
10	Alden M. Saegusa
11	Sarah Pingrey
12	STEPHEN P. RUIZ
13	Julie Taboniar
14	Joseph Taboniar
15	Darlene & Joe Schneid

	Name
1	Randy Silva
2	Mitsugi Nakashima
3	DIAMANT Michelle Michelle
4	Jesus
5	J.R. 1888
6	Doug Henry
7	Don Mioder
8	Douglas Davidson
9	Doug Tiffany
10	BEN SULLIVAN
11	Kerry Lane
12	Ronald B Clough
13	David Howard
14	Mel Wills
15	Steve Kassing Eileen Wright

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1	Darius Judd
2	Liz Hahn
3	Raymond D. D. D.
4	Melissa Neuvel
5	KEN + JUDY C. CRACK
6	Gary Houghton
7	Dianne Ruiz Raposo
8	Plynn Heckman
9	DEAD CASE
10	DEL GREEN
11	MALA PFAHER
12	Norbert Pfahler
13	Deborah Bagano
14	RONALD MUNZER
15	Laura Onaka

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1	Rick + Susan Gallardo Gray
2	Rob + Corde Gully
3	Ernest Wigen
4	Jason Kuehn
5	Albert Fernandez
6	DAVID L. C. C.
7	M. + Sara
8	Trinette Kellin
9	Bob + Linda Weiner
10	Kayla Domingo
11	Arnold Loy
12	Sab Yoshida
13	Sue Rita Neuvel
14	Linda R. Pienatt
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1	JEFF KEITZ
2	Mr + Mrs Y. Gualaki
3	<del>Yoshiko</del>
4	Mabel K. Jashuraka
5	Ann M. Jones
6	Russell Kuboyama
7	Howard Perreira Wm Perreira
8	Ikeika Perreira
9	CAROL HAMAMURA
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12	David Bush
13	David Alexander
14	Lawrence Rego
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8	Shionita Madayag
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3	MARK STIGLMEIER
4	ROSLYN CHOI
5	Chieko Funaki
6	KLUET ANAMINDO
7	Rick Shaw
8	Wolfgang Kaiser
9	Jill Simonsen
10	Lahela Rodrigues
11	Steph Spurr
12	Bob Coussey
13	Sam Elia
14	John Robinson
15	Deborah D. Johnson

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3	Garret Oyarun
4	Lawrence R. Doran
5	Reenette Lopez
6	JoAnne Georgi
7	Ron Potario
8	Peter T. Medeiros
9	Jernon Parungao
10	Wendy Reynolds
11	Adlene Seand
12	Adele P. Silva
13	Naomi Almadora
14	Keith Nitta
15	Josephillo

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2	Jim Case
3	Carol Childres
4	Amanda Skuttin
5	SUSAN HOOVER STUCKER
6	Jeri DiPietro
7	Jon Durrett
8	Luciana Deshigues
9	David Ferezo
10	Leinãla Jardim
11	Reanna Skomroca
12	Deana Shweitzer
13	Janne Ellis
14	Cyd Arrington
15	Sue Leone

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2	Sean Mahoney
3	Alice Walter
4	Jon Goffman
5	Alex Sacco
6	Bob Williams
7	Neil Brosnahan
8	Michaela Boudreau
9	Carolyn Luu
10	MARVIN T. THON
11	Richard Leuen
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13	Jacie Emoto
14	Joane Ajemota
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4	Katy Corbett
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8	Lang M. Prange
9	Gueneo Fontanilla
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12	MARK + CARL PIRSCHER
13	MARK BOUCLES
14	William Georgi
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COMMENT FORM

County of Kaua'i Landfill Siting

Please use this form to make comments regarding the County of Kauai's Landfill Siting project. Your comments would be most helpful if received by January 15, 2010. Please send to:

Mr. Donald M. Fujimoto, P.E., County Engineer  
Department of Public Works  
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4444 Rice Street, Suite 275  
Lihu'e, HI 96766

A site needs to be chosen as far away as possible from residential areas, agriculture cattle ranches etc.

Take into consideration the choice of a location and how it will impact our tourism.

Name:

Diane Obreiro

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No landfill in Kalahoe's Back Yard!

Put it in Anahole or between Anahole  
& Kilauea for a change

Please don't pollute our beautiful  
coffee fields with stink.

Name: Sheila Heathrite

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How about a dump that isn't on the westside.

Lihue is a more central location, and there is only one 2-lane road serving the westside so these G-Trucks are causing congestion to our only access road.

If we are pretending to have Environmental Justice here why was Kilaukea allowed to buy their way out of the process by getting a development approved at their potential site.

Umi is mature active agricultural land - so how about a landfill on any of the fallow ag lands on the island. Lets not ruin a unique coffee plantation which brings money and jobs to Kauai. Lots of land is empty between Lihue and Waimea Falls and this would be the most central site and cause the least impact on the Islands highways.

Name: Robert S. Weiner MD

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1. Why a second landfill on the south side - why not look in the Kapaa area?

2. Why use prime ag land already under development?

3. Why take away a perfectly sound visitor attraction?

4. IAL & Land Under Current Ag Use - why would you select this site? Makes no sense!

5. Combustion - is it a viable alternative? Has it been considered?

Name: Ellen Coulombe