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Planning Commission
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Dear Mr. Scheuer and Mr. Challacombe:

Re: Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill Public Hearing Postponed
Due to COVID-19 Closures
Land Use Commission Docket No. SP09-403
Planning Commission File No. 2008/SUP-2

We are writing to inform you that the City and County of Honolulu, Department of Environmental Services ("City"), will postpone its next quarterly public hearing, which was scheduled for April 2020.

Condition No. 16 of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Decision and Order in Docket No. SP09-403, which was certified on November 1, 2019 ("Special Use Permit" or "SUP"), requires the City to have a public hearing every three months in either Waianae, Maili, or Nanakuli to report on the status of its efforts to either reduce or continue the use of the Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill ("WGSL"). In addition, at the public hearing, the City fulfills Condition No. 16 of the SUP by reporting to the public on the efforts of the City Council and the City Administration in regard to the continued use of the WGSL, including any funding arrangements that are being considered by the City Council and the City Administration. Following each public hearing, the City posts a detailed meeting summary on its website, www.opala.org.
The City has been preparing for its next public hearing, which was planned for April 14, 2020. Due to the unprecedented measures being implemented to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19, the City has determined that it is necessary to postpone the public hearing. All City facilities are closed to public gatherings until April 30, 2020. In addition, the City is following the CDC’s guidelines, which include prohibiting assemblies of ten or more people at City facilities until the end of April. Accordingly, the City must postpone the WGSL public hearing.

The City hopes to resume its normal public hearing schedule soon. When the City is able to have the hearing, appropriate public notice will be provided. In the meantime, the City will take the following actions to keep the public informed and provide the information required by Conditions 15 and 16 of the SUP:

1. Information the City planned to share at the April 14, 2020 public hearing will be posted online at https://www.opala.org/solid_waste/Landfill_Status.htm, in the section titled “Public Hearing/Status Update WGSL Upcoming Meetings.”

2. The City will notify the public of the availability of the information by posting notices on the Department of Environmental Services’ website and social media platforms.

3. The public will have an opportunity to submit questions to the Department of Environmental Services about the content of the posted information.

4. Questions that are received within 30 days, as well as the responses to such questions, will be compiled and posted online.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 768-5168.

Very truly yours,

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