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Arthur D. Challacombe, Chair
Planning Commission
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City and County of Honolulu
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Dear Mr. Scheuer and Mr. Challacombe:

Re: Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill Public Hearing
Virtual Meeting 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 hold its next quarterly public hearing on January 19, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., via Webex, a virtual meeting platform.

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.
The meeting room at Kalanianaole Beach Park in Waianae that the City used for its public meeting earlier this year is closed to the public due to the COVID-19 emergency. In order to hold the meeting and allow public participation in a manner consistent with recommended social distancing practices, the meeting will be conducted on Webex. The public may participate by video or audio conference.

Notice of the public hearing was published in the Honolulu Star-Advertiser on January 5, 2021, and is available on the City’s website at: https://www.opala.org/pdfs/solid_waste/WGSL_Public_Hearing%20Notice_Jan_19_21.pdf.

The City will continue to monitor the COVID-19 emergency situation and may continue to meet virtually, if needed, to conduct the meeting safely and in a manner consistent with applicable emergency proclamations, emergency orders, and public health guidance. The City plans to resume its public hearings at Kalanianaole Beach Park when the meeting rooms reopen to the public.

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

Very truly yours,

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