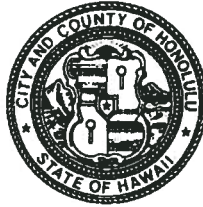


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**VIA FACSIMILE 587-3827 AND U.S. MAIL**

Mr. Anthony J.H. Ching  
Executive Director  
State Land Use Commission  
P.O. Box 2359  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96804-2359

Dear Mr. Ching:

Subject: Status Report Re: LUC Docket No. SP87-362  
Department of Environmental Services

This report is submitted in response to the Order Requiring the Filing of a Status Report, filed May 24, 2006 ("Order"), in the above-referenced matter. The Order requires that the Department of Environmental Services, City and County of Honolulu ("Department") as Applicant file a status report with the Land Use Commission no later than July 31, 2006, to include: (i) an updated timeline for the **Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill expansion**; and (ii) information on the City and County of Honolulu's intentions to file a request to amend any of the conditions of the existing special use permit issued in this matter.

In satisfaction of the first requirement of the Order, we submit the attached timeline showing the updated schedule for the expansion of the Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill. The schedule addresses community consultation, environmental document preparation, expansion design, land use and solid waste management permitting, and construction. Please note that some of the tasks on the updated timeline have already been initiated. For example, on July 10 and 11, 2006, community environmental scoping meetings were held at Nanakuli High School and Benjamin Parker Elementary School, and additional community environmental scoping meetings are scheduled for Mission Memorial Auditorium (July 27) and Kapolei Hale (August 10) from 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM.

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In satisfaction of the second requirement of the Order, the Department will seek the expansion of Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill as the City's future landfill site. This will require amendment of certain conditions of the existing special use permit, and in that regard we are reviewing the permit conditions and, as necessary, will request appropriate amendments as part of the process of permit modification for the proposed expansion of the landfill site. We intend to submit the pertinent land use permit documents for processing through the City Planning Commission to the State Land Use Commission.

We trust that the foregoing information, and the attachment, fully satisfy the requirements of the Order. In order to keep the Land Use Commission informed about our progress towards the expansion of the landfill, we will submit notification to the Commission at publication of the EIS Preparation Notice, draft EIS, and final EIS. We look forward to continuing work towards the expansion of Waimanalo Gulch for the City's future landfill needs in close coordination with the Land Use Commission and others.

Sincerely,



Dr. Eric S. Takamura, P.E.  
Director

Attachment

cc: DPP  
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**Project Timeline\***  
**Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill Expansion**

July 31, 2006

Task Items	Approximate Timeline
Project Community Consultation	Duration of Project
EIS Preparation Notice	September 2006
EIS Preparation Notice Public Comment Period	October 2006
EIS Special Studies Alternatives Analysis Traffic Impact Assessment Archaeological Assessment Cultural Impact Assessment Socioeconomic Impact Assessment Social Impact Assessment Flora Assessment Fauna/Avifauna Assessment	June - September 2006
Draft EIS	December 2006/January 2007
DEIS Public Comment Period	January - February 2007
FINAL EIS	July 2007
Initiate DOH Solid Waste Permit, State Special Use Permit, and other required permits in anticipation of Final EIS schedule	April 2007 - January 2008
Conduct preliminary landfill design	April 2006 - October 2006
Estimated DOH Solid Waste Permit, State Special Use Permit, and other permit approvals	On or Before March 2008
Construction of initial expansion cell and infrastructure	March 2008
Accepting waste on or before May 1, 2008	May 1, 2008

\*This schedule represents the best estimate available at the date of preparation.  
 Actual dates may be different.