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November 3, 2022

SENT VIA EMAIL

Ernest Y. W. Lau, P.E.
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Dear Ernest:

Thank you for your time and attention during the October 24, 2022, Board of Water Supply (BWS) board meeting. This letter follows up on the item for information, "Briefing by the Department of Environmental Services on their Landfill Siting" that was on that meeting's agenda.

At that meeting we briefed the board that BWS presented on groundwater and landfills to the Landfill Advisory Committee (LAC) and the LAC, based on BWS' presentation, despite evaluating and ranking six sites did not recommend any of the six sites as an alternative to the existing landfill (please see attachment A for final report).

Given this sequence of events, at the October 24 BWS board meeting, I requested clarity on BWS' legal authority over landfill siting and whether that authority was exercised, and if not exercised, when the City should seek a determination.

In order to clarify BWS' position and due to the impending deadline set by the State Land Use Commission Decision and Order for the Department of Environmental Services to "identify an alternative landfill site that may be used upon closure of WGSL [Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill]" by December 31, 2022, I am writing this letter to formally ask for BWS' official position on the six potential landfill sites (please see attachment B for details on those six sites) the LAC evaluated. Specifically, were Mayor to select any of the six ranked sites off the LAC's list, what would be BWS' official response or position?

EXHIBIT "F"

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Given the timeline before us, I would appreciate a response as soon as possible.
Please contact me at 768-3486 if you have any questions with respect to the foregoing.

Sincerely,



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For Roger Babcock, Jr., Ph.D., P.E.
Director

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Michael D. Formby, Managing Director
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Attachments: A - LAC Report [Here](#)
B - Sites

cc: Rick Blangiardi, Mayor
Brian Andaya, Chair, Board of Water Supply

Figure 4.10 Locations of Area 3, Sites 1 through 3



Figure 4.11 Location of Area 6, Site 1



