



January 14, 2011

**Via Email (JWhelan1@sm.com) and First Class Mail**

Mr. Joe Whelan  
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Subject: Contaminated Storm Water Discharged into Ocean from  
Waimanalo Gulch Landfill

Dear Mr. Whelan:

As you well know by now, due to discharge of an uncontrolled volume of contaminated water from the Waimanalo Gulch Landfill into the ocean, the State Department of Health has posted "Keep Out – Contaminated Water" signs along all shoreline areas surrounding the Waimanalo Gulch Landfill's storm water outfall. This includes all shoreline areas fronting the Ko Olina Resort, including our beach lagoons. Media reports further cite the Health Department's statement that Waste Management of Hawaii's "continued discharge of contaminated water can be expected over the next few days because storm water has collected in landfill cells," (Honolulu Star Advertiser, 1/14/11).

This is cause for deep concern as it threatens the health and welfare of all in our community as well as the economic vitality of the resort, as the ocean, beaches and pristine coastal waters are our prime guest amenity. Of utmost importance is the possible damage this will cause to our ocean's health and marine life.

Runoff from the Waimanalo Gulch Landfill along with other adverse impacts such as odor, traffic, dust and blasting has always been major concerns. The recent heavy rain solidifies our unwavering and long-standing assertion that the continued use of the landfill is a health risk to the community and its natural assets.

It is abundantly clear that this landfill needs to be closed. No amount of "best management practices" can mitigate the adverse impacts this landfill operation has on the community's surrounding environment and health and welfare. Governmental agencies and decision makers must continue to adhere to the State Land Use Commission's 2009 Order to wind down the operations of the Waimanalo Landfill by July 31, 2012.



Clean up efforts for trash washing ashore is underway. We expect Waste Management Hawaii to reimburse Ko Olina Resort for all costs associated with this work.

Very truly yours,

Ken Williams  
Executive Vice President

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