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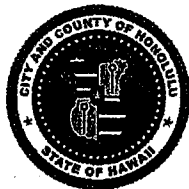
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DAWN TAKEUCHI APUNA
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DEPUTY DIRECTOR

May 25, 2023

2008/SUP-02
2023/SUP-02(FK)

MEMORANDUM

TO: Pane Meatoga III, Chair
and Members of the Planning Commission

FROM: Dawn Takeuchi Apuna, Director
Department of Planning and Permitting

SUBJECT: Special Use Permit (SUP) – Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill
92-460 Farrington Highway, Honouliuli, Ewa, Oahu
Tax Map Keys 9-2-050: 005 and 006



Transmitted for appropriate action is our report and recommendation for approval of the SUP application to modify Condition No. 1 of the Planning Commission's 2019 decision on 2008/SUP-02 for the Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill (WGSL). The purpose of the request is to extend the deadline for identifying an alternative landfill site to December 31, 2024.

As the WGSL exceeds the 15-acre threshold, a favorable decision by the Planning Commission will require the State Land Use Commission to review the appropriateness of modifying Condition No. 5 of their Docket No. SP09-403 to extend the same deadline to December 31, 2024.

Enclosure

cc: Department of Environmental Services
State Office of Planning and Sustainable Development
State Department of Agriculture
State Land Use Commission

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND PERMITTING
OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

STATE OF HAWAII

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
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 DEPARTMENT OF)
 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES)
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 FOR A MODIFICATION TO A)
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 STATE SPECIAL USE PERMIT)
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FILE NOs. 2008/SUP-2
2023/SUP-2

FINDINGS OF FACT, ANALYSIS, CONCLUSIONS
OF LAW, AND DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

I. APPLICATION

A. Basic Information

APPLICANT/LANDOWNER : Department of Environmental Services,
(ENV) City and County of Honolulu

LOCATION : 92-460 Farrington Highway, Honouliuli,
Ewa, Oahu

TAX MAP KEYS (TMKs) : 9-2-050: 005 and 006

AREA OF SPECIAL USE PERMIT:
(SUP) : 200.622 Acres

RECORDATION : Land Court

STATE LAND USE DISTRICT : Agricultural

EWA DEVELOPMENT PLAN : Recognizes the location of the existing
landfill;

EXISTING ZONING : AG-2 General Agricultural District

EXISTING USE : Landfill and open space

SURROUNDING LAND USE : Hawaiian Electric Company Kahe Power Plant to the west, single-family dwellings and Ko Olina Resort to the south, vacant lands to the north and east.

B. Proposal

ENV or the Applicant seeks to modify Condition No. 1 of the City and County of Honolulu (City) Planning Commission's (PC) June 10, 2019 Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Decision and Order (2008/SUP-2) and Condition No. 5 of the November 1, 2019 State of Hawaii Land Use Commission's (LUC) Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Decision and Order (SP09-403). Both actions established a December 31, 2022 deadline for the Applicant to identify an alternative landfill site. The Applicant requests a two-year extension of time to December 31, 2024.

C. Background

The Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill (WGSL) is located in Waimanalo Gulch, Oahu, at 92-460 Farrington Highway, Kapolei, Hawaii 96707, and TMKs 9-2-050: 005 and 006¹ (the Property). The Property consists of approximately 200 acres. The City has operated a portion of the Property as a landfill subject to a SUP since 1989.

Since 1989, due to the ongoing need for waste disposal via landfilling, ENV conducted additional environmental reviews and studies to justify continued use of the WGSL, and the PC and LUC have approved extensions and expansions of the WGSL SUP.

WGSL's background, including its history of contested case hearings, has been documented extensively but most recently in the PC's 2019 Decision of 2008/SUP-2. This Decision added Condition No. 1, which set a December 31, 2022 deadline for the City to identify an alternative landfill site. On November 1, 2019, the LUC issued its 2019 Decision subject to certain conditions, including Condition No. 5 that also set a December 31, 2022 deadline to identify an alternative landfill site. The December 31, 2022 deadline was based on previous testimony presented to the PC that five years was sufficient time for the ENV to identify an alternative landfill site.

¹ These are the new TMK numbers. TMKs 9-2-03:72 and 73 were previously referenced in the applications and records of the PC and LUC, relating to their 2019 Decisions.

The following table summarizes the history of SUP approvals for the project:

Table 1 – Summary of SUP Approvals

Date of Approved Decision and Order	Description	Acreage
April 20, 1987	The PC and LUC approve first WGS� SUP for landfill development (86/SUP-5 and LUC Docket No. SP87-362).	60.5
October 31, 1989	The WGS� SUP area amended to include accessory uses expanding the landfill by 26 acres.	26.0
June 9, 2003	The LUC approves a 21-acre expansion to the WGS� SUP area for the landfill but with the condition to close by May 1, 2008.	21.0
March 14, 2008	The LUC extends the SUP closure deadline to November 1, 2009.	--
October 22, 2009	The LUC approves an amendment to the WGS� SUP (becomes 2008/SUP-2 and LUC Docket No. SP09-403) area adding 93.1 acres to the landfill. Condition No. 4 requires the Applicant to develop one or more landfill sites to either replace or supplement WGS�. Condition No. 14 is added that prohibits disposal of municipal solid waste after July 1, 2012; disposal of the waste-to-energy facility (H-POWER) ash and residue is allowed to continue.	93.1
June 28, 2011	The City files SUP application to remove Condition No. 14. On May 4, 2012 Supreme Court ruled and struck down Condition No. 14. Remand back to the LUC.	--
October 8, 2012	By Order, the LUC remands the 2008 application back to the PC. The PC consolidates the 2008 application with the 2011 application in order to transmit a single Findings of Fact (FOF), Conclusions of Law (COL), and Decision and Order (D&O) to the LUC.	--
June 10, 2019	The PC modifies the 2009 SUP Decision and Order by deleting Condition Nos. 4 and 14, adding Condition No. 1 among other refinements to conditions. Condition No. 1 states that on December 31, 2022, the ENV shall identify an alternative landfill site that may be used upon WGS� reaching its capacity at a future date.	--
November 1, 2019	LUC considers the PC's June 10, 2019 FOF, COL, and D&O. The LUC adds Condition No. 5 also requiring the December 31, 2022 deadline.	--
Total SUP Acreage		200.6

The basis for the request to extend the deadline is twofold. First, Act 73, Session Laws of Hawaii 2020 (Act 73), was signed into law after the PC's and LUC's 2019 Decisions. This law placed new restrictions on potential landfill sites by: 1) prohibiting "waste or disposal facilities" (e.g., landfills) in conservation districts and, 2) prohibiting the construction of "waste or disposal facilities" within one-half mile from residential, school, or hospital property lines.

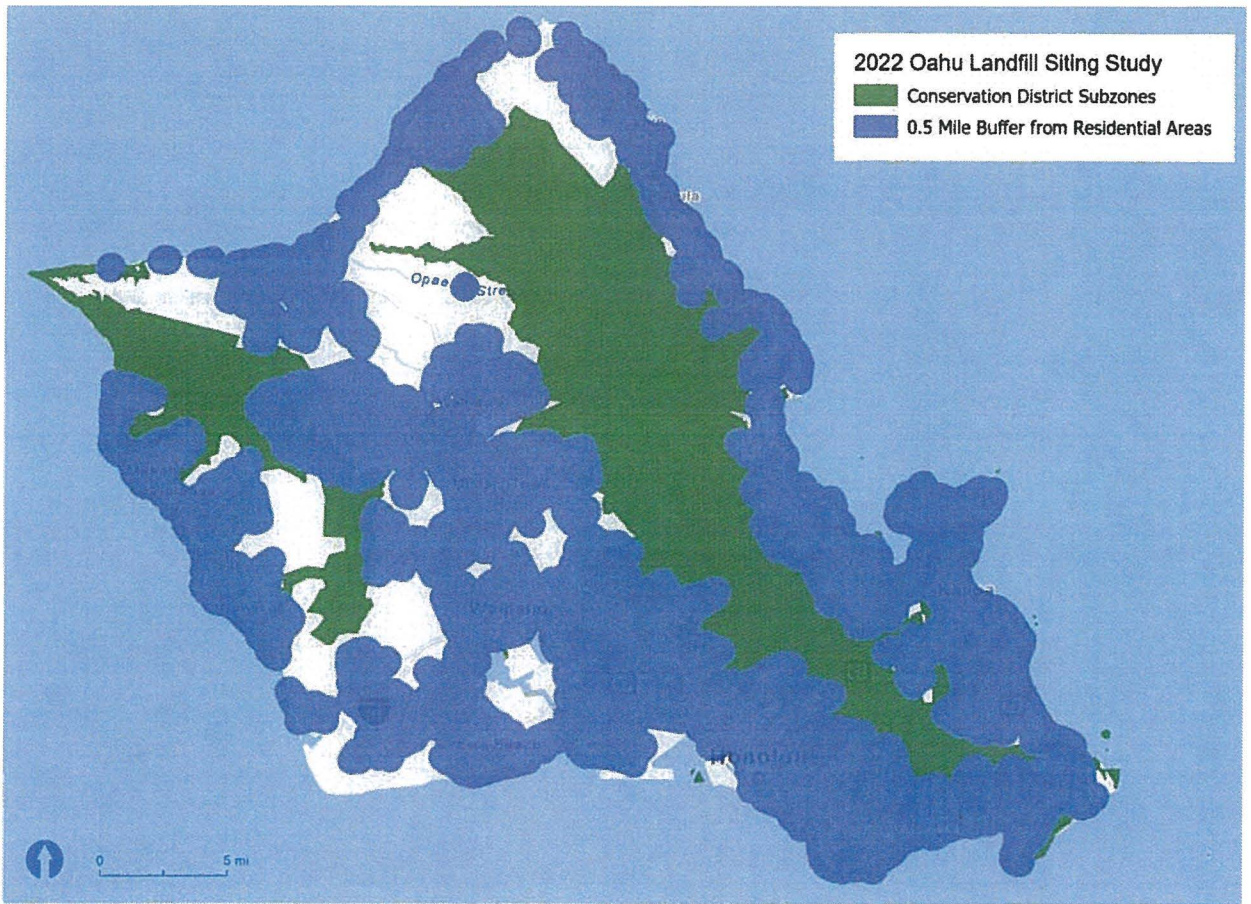


Figure 1

Source: *The Department of Environmental Services SUP 2022 Application to Modify 2008/SUP-2 and SP19-403.*

Figure 1 depicts the areas of Oahu where a landfill cannot be sited as a result of the conservation district (green) and one-half mile buffer from residential areas zone (blue) restrictions in Act 73.

Figure 2 depicts how the new restrictions imposed by Act 73 prohibit the City from siting a landfill in a significant portion of the island of Oahu. The white areas in Figure 2 represent the only areas where a landfill can be sited, after factoring in all restrictions.

At the time of the 2019 Decisions which added the December 31, 2022 deadline to identify an alternative landfill site, the PC and the LUC could not have known that the ENV's existing list of proposed landfill sites would be eliminated as a result of Act 73. However, a new list of proposed sites was formulated but these six Act 73 compliant sites were all located in the Honolulu Board of Water Supply (BWS) No Pass Zone, areas of the island that are directly above the groundwater that is used for drinking water.

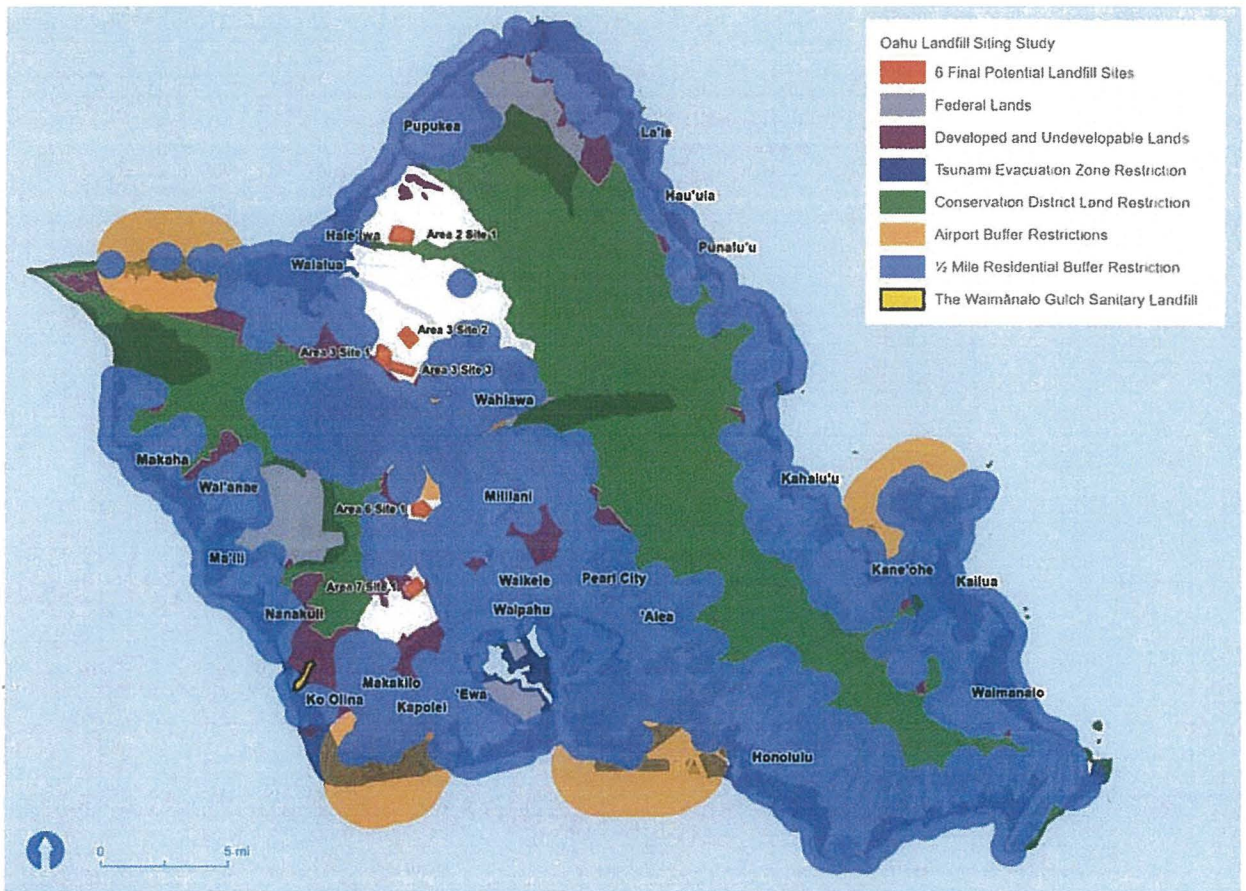


Figure 2

Source: *The Department of Environmental Services SUP 2022 Application to Modify 2008/SUP-2 and SP19-403.*

Second, in light of the December 31, 2022 deadline, Mayor Rick Blangiardi appointed a new Landfill Advisory Committee (LAC) in 2021 to provide a public process to assist with the evaluation and scoring of the six sites identified as the WGS's potential replacement landfill sites. The LAC held eight public meetings between October 2021 and June 2022, during which it helped develop processes and criteria to evaluate and score the six Act 73 compliant landfill sites under consideration by the City.

During the LAC's fourth meeting held on December 14, 2021, representatives of the BWS, including its Manager and Chief Engineer Ernest Y.W. Lau, P.E. ("Manager Lau"), presented the BWS' perspective and concerns about siting a new landfill above the groundwater aquifer.

In subsequent LAC meetings, the LAC members expressed concern about the location of all proposed landfill sites in the BWS No Pass Zone and the potential implications it might have on the island's drinking water resources. The LAC scored the six sites and approved a motion to recommend that none of the proposed sites is acceptable because of each site's location in the No Pass Zone.

Furthermore, in a November 16, 2022 letter, the BWS advised the ENV that it “does not approve any of the six proposed landfill sites that are located above (or mauka of) the BWS’ “No Pass Zone” and over Oahu’s drinking water aquifer system.” Moreover, in light of the contamination of drinking water associated with leaking petroleum from the U.S. Navy’s Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility, the ENV believes it is obligated to proceed with extreme caution, taking into consideration any and all potential impacts such as that identified by the BWS, before identifying the next landfill site.

The ENV believes the combination of Act 73 restrictions and the No Pass Zone prevents them from designating an alternative landfill site and this request for an extension of time is in the best interest of all Oahu communities. It is not an attempt to extend the life or area of the WGSL.

D. Applicant Will Use the Two-Year Extension to Work Towards Identifying an Alternative Site

According to the Application, the ENV will use the next two years to further evaluate and pursue other options for siting an alternative landfill outside of the No Pass Zone. As recommended by the LAC, the ENV will: (1) seek a repeal of or amendment to Act 73; (2) continue discussions with the U.S. military regarding the acquisition of a site outside the No Pass Zone; and (3) evaluate the feasibility of acquiring (by eminent domain if necessary) residential properties adjacent to potential landfill sites to create sites that would comply with the one-half mile buffer from residential areas restriction in Act 73. The ENV will also continue to explore all other legally compliant options to identify a new site.

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

On the basis of the evidence provided, the Director found:

A. Public Agency Comments

On March 31, 2023, the following local, state, and federal governmental agencies were requested to evaluate the proposed amendment:

CITY

1. BWS
2. Budget and Fiscal Services
3. Corporation Counsel
4. Office of the City Clerk
5. Office of Climate Change, Sustainability, and Resiliency
6. Office of Council Services
7. Department of Customer Services
8. Department of Emergency Management

9. Department of Facility Maintenance
10. Department of Transportation Services
11. Honolulu Emergency Services Department
12. Honolulu Fire Department
13. Honolulu Police Department
14. Managing Director
15. Mayor's Office
16. Neighborhood Commission

STATE

1. Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development
2. Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, Land Use Commission
3. Department of Land and Natural Resources
4. Department of Land and Natural Resources, State Historic Preservation Division
5. Department of Health
6. Department of Transportation
7. Office of Hawaiian Affairs
8. Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

FEDERAL

1. 14th Coast Guard District, Honolulu
2. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service
3. Natural Resources Conservation Service

No objections were raised by the public agencies. Comments submitted by agencies are provided in **Attachment A**.

B. Community Concerns

On March 31, 2023, copies of the Application were transmitted to the Waianae Coast Neighborhood Board (NB) No. 24, the Kapolei/Makakilo/Honokai Hale NB No. 34, and the Nanakuli-Mailii NB No. 36.

As of the date of this report, it is understood that the Waianae Coast NB No. 24 and the Nanakuli-Mailii NB No. 36 are likely to provide their comments in separate correspondence to the PC. At their May 16, 2023 meeting the Nanakuli-Mailii NB No. 36 unanimously voted to not support the two-year extension request.

The Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) received one letter via email supporting the request. Over the May 12-14, 2023 weekend, 57 emails from residents including the Ko Olina Community Association was directed to the PC expressing displeasure with the extension request.

Comments received relate to the continual delays in identifying a site, history of violations at the site including the 2012 accidental release of municipal solid waste, and general impacts related to traffic, noise, odor, and litter impacts on area residents. The common suggestion from those responding is for the PC to require the ENV to report quarterly in person to the Commission on its efforts to select a new landfill.

Community comment letters are attached as part of **Attachment B**.

III. ANALYSIS

A. Public Plans and Policies

1. Land Use Law, Chapter 205, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS).

The proposed site is within the State Land Use Agricultural District.

Section 205-6, HRS, allows certain unusual and reasonable uses within the Agricultural District other than those uses for which the district is classified so long as they would promote the effectiveness and objectives of the Agricultural District.

In determining whether a proposed use is deemed “unusual and reasonable,” Section 2-45 of the PC Rules established five guidelines to be applied. These guidelines are also found in Title 15-15, of the Hawaii Administrative Rules for the LUC.

Moreover, Section 2-49 of the Rules of the Planning Commission (PC Rules) states that a modification or deletion of a condition shall be processed in the same manner as the original petition for an SUP.

The analysis and subsequent conclusion of whether the existing landfill constitutes an “unusual and reasonable use” has been completed and determined by the PC and by the LUC as the SUP, (2008/SUP-2 and LUC Docket No. SP09-403). These approvals have allowed the landfill to be developed, expanded, and to operate continuously since 1989.

The Director finds that the proposal to modify Condition No. 1 to extend the deadline to identify an alternative landfill site to December 31, 2024 meets the requirements of Chapter 205 and the five guidelines of Section 2-45 of the PC Rules as follows:

Guideline 1: Such use shall not be contrary to the objectives sought to be accomplished by the State Land Use Law and Regulations.

As indicated in the ENV's Application, the request to extend the deadline is a result of unforeseen and extraordinary circumstances. The use of the Property has been approved by a SUP granted by both the PC and the LUC and has been in operation since 1989. The ENV and the City remain committed to finding an alternative landfill site in the most environmentally responsible way.

The ENV's request to modify Condition No. 1 is not contrary to the objectives sought to be accomplished by the Land Use Law and Regulations to preserve and protect lands for its best use and to encourage uses for which lands are best suited.

Guideline 2: The desired use would not adversely affect surrounding property.

The use has already been established and approved with conditions, in part, addressing impacts on surrounding property. The SUP request merely extends the deadline to identify an alternative landfill site, and does not extend the life of the WGS.

Guideline 3: The use would not unreasonably burden public agencies to provide roads and streets, sewers, water, drainage, and school improvements and police and fire protection.

The SUP request to extend the deadline to identify an alternative landfill site will not burden public agencies to provide necessary infrastructure, school improvements, or police and fire protection.

During the public comment period, agencies providing such services did not have objections to the proposal to modify Condition No. 1. Comments are provided in Attachment A.

Guideline 4: Unusual conditions, trends and needs have arisen since the district boundaries and regulations were established.

Unforeseen circumstances and extraordinary conditions resulting from the passage of Act 73 in 2020 have severely restricted the areas to site potential new landfill. Even within these constraints, the six sites that could meet these stringent regulatory limits were then deemed unacceptable due to the potential threat of contaminating Oahu's drinking water supplies by the BWS. Accordingly, providing the ENV more time to pursue an alternative landfill site is consistent with the public policy to provide basic government services and to protect the public health.

Guideline 5: The land upon which the proposed use is sought is unsuited for the uses permitted within the district.

The SUP area has extremely rocky soils and is not conducive to crop production. The steep terrain of the site does not lend itself to pasture use. The existing landfill use has already removed the property from agricultural use. Essentially, the circumstances of the site's use for agriculture have not changed since the original SUP was approved.

B. State and County Plans, Programs, and Zoning Regulations

The extension of the deadline to December 31, 2024 to identify an alternative landfill site does not alter previous findings that the WGSL is consistent with the Hawaii State Plan, the Oahu General Plan, and Ewa Development Plan. Therefore, the extension of the deadline to December 31, 2024 to identify an alternative landfill site is consistent with State and local plans, programs, and local zoning requirements.

C. Social Impacts

Modification of Condition No. 1 will not have any increased social impacts that were not already addressed in the Director's prior analysis and report to the PC.

IV. CONCLUSION

Modification of Condition No. 1 would allow the ENV more time to pursue alternative landfill sites. As there is no other alternative landfill site identified at this time due to more restrictive regulatory restrictions in place due to Act 73, and the heightened concern for protection of the island's groundwater resources, the need to extend the deadline is necessary to successfully protect the public health and welfare.

Denial of the request to modify the deadline to identify an alternative landfill site leaves the WGSL in violation of the 2019 PC and LUC Decision and Order for reasons beyond the ENV's control. This situation goes against prioritizing public health and welfare and the protection of the environment over the long-term. Therefore, the granting of this request is a reasonable and necessary decision.

The proposal to give the ENV more time to identify an alternative landfill site is also in compliance with relevant State and City policies and no adverse infrastructure impacts are anticipated. Thus, the modification of the deadline to identify an alternative landfill site is "unusual and reasonable" as set forth in Chapter 205-6, HRS, and the five guidelines established by the PC, pursuant to Section 2-45, PC Rules.

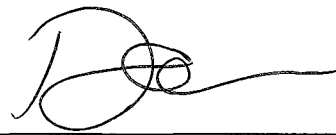
V. RECOMMENDATION

The Director of the DPP recommends modification of the date in Condition No. 1 of the PC's FOF, COL, and D&O, dated June 10, 2019 for SUP No. 2008/SUP-2 to December 31, 2024, when the Applicant shall identify an alternative landfill site be APPROVED. All other conditions shall remain in full force and effect.

Dated at Honolulu, Hawaii, this 25th day of May, 2023.

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND PERMITTING
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
STATE OF HAWAII

By



Dawn Takeuchi Apuna
Director

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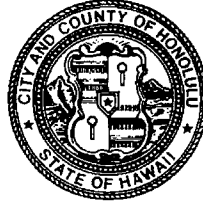
Attachment A
Agency Responses

DEPARTMENT OF FACILITY MAINTENANCE
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

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DAWN B. SZEWCZYK, P.E.
DIRECTOR AND CHIEF ENGINEER

WARREN K. MAMIZUKA
DEPUTY DIRECTOR


IN REPLY REFER TO:
DRM 23-232

April 24, 2023

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dawn Takeuchi Apuna, Director
Department of Planning and Permitting

ATTENTION: Franz P. Krantz, Chief

FROM: 
Dawn B. Szewczyk, P.E.
Director and Chief Engineer
Department of Facility Maintenance

SUBJECT: Request to Modify Condition No. 1 of Special Use Permit (SUP)
2008/SUP-2 and Condition No. 5, State Land Use Commission (LUC)
Docket No. SP09-403 for the Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill (WGSL)
TMKs: 9-2-050:005 and 006

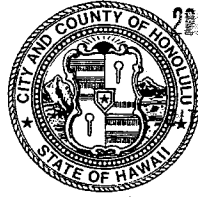
Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the subject project dated March 31, 2023.

We have no comments or objections at this time, as we do not have any facilities or easements on the subject property.

If you have any questions, please call Mr. Kyle Oyasato of the Division of Road Maintenance at (808) 768-3600.

POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

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KEITH K. HORIKAWA
RADE K. VANIC
DEPUTY CHIEFS

OUR REFERENCE GH-EO

April 28, 2023

MEMORANDUM

TO: Franz P. Krantz, Chief, Community Planning Branch
Department of Planning and Permitting

VIA: Dina Wong, Chief, Planning Division

FROM: Glenn Hayashi, Assistant Chief of Police, Support Services Bureau

SUBJECT: Response to Request to Modify Condition No. 1 of Special Use
Permit (SUP) 2008/SUP-2 and Condition No. 5, State Land Use
Commission Docket No. SP09-403 for the Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill;
Tax Map Keys: 9-2-050: 005 and 006 Ewa District, Oahu,
Hawaii (Application)

This is in response to your agency's memorandum of March 31, 2023, regarding the subject above.

The Honolulu Police Department (HPD) has reviewed the application for an extension and does not have concerns at this time.

If there are any questions, please call Major Gail Beckley of District 8 (Kapolei, Waianae) at (808) 723-8400.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project.

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Glenn Hayashi
Assistant Chief of Police
Support Services Bureau

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2023 MAY -1 AM 9:45

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Manager and Chief Engineer

ERWIN M. KAWATA
Deputy Manager

TO: DAWN TAKEUCHI APUNA, DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND PERMITTING

ATTN: BRANDON SOO

FROM: *EW* ERNEST Y.W. LAU, P.E. MANAGER AND CHIEF ENGINEER
Ernest Y. W. Lau

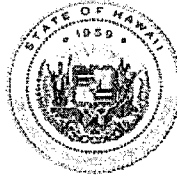
SUBJECT: MEMORANDUM DATED MARCH 31, 2023 REGARDING THE
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2008/SUP-2 AND CONDITION NO. 5, STATE LAND USE COMMISSION
DOCKET NO. SP09-403 FOR THE WAIMANALO GULCH SANITARY
LANDFILL, TAX MAP KEYS: 9-2-050:005 AND 006.

The Board of Water Supply (BWS) has no objections to the applicant's request to modify Condition No. 1 of 2008/SUP-2 and Condition No. 5 of LUC Docket No. SP09-403 to grant the Department of Environmental Services (ENV) a two-year extension of time to identify alternative landfill sites outside of the no-pass zone.

Our comments to ENV dated November 16, 2022 regarding the BWS's official position on the original six potential landfill sites are still applicable.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Barry Usagawa, Water Resources Division at (808) 748-5900.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR



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April 14, 2023

Mr. Franz P. Kraintz, Chief
City and County of Honolulu
Department of Planning and Permitting
Community Planning Branch
650 South King Street, 7th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. Kraintz:

Subject: Request to Modify
Condition No. 1 Special Use Permit 2008/SUP-2 and
Condition No. 5 State Land Use Commission Docket No. SP09-403
Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill
Ewa, Oahu, Hawaii
Tax Map Key: (1) 9-2-050: 005 and 006

Thank you for your letter dated March 31, 2023 requesting our comments on the subject application.

We have no objections or concerns regarding the request for additional time to identify alternative sites for a new sanitary landfill.

If you have any questions, please contact Jeyan Thirugnanam, Systems Planning Engineer, Highways Planning Branch, at (808) 587-6336 or by email at jeyan.thirugnanam@hawaii.gov. Please reference file review number PL 2023-029.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed Sniffen".

EDWIN H. SNIFFEN
Director of Transportation

Kraintz, Franz

From: DBEDT State Planning <dbedt.stateplanning@hawaii.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 12:18 PM
To: Soo, Brandon A
Cc: Kraintz, Franz; Balassiano, Katia
Subject: OPSD Response - Request to Modify Condition No. 1 of 2008/SUP-2 and Condition No. 5, State LUC Docket No. SP09-403 Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill

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Aloha,

RE: Request to Modify Condition No. 1 of Special Use Permit (SUP)
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(Application)

Thank you for the opportunity to comment; however, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development will not be providing comments at this time.

Thank you,

Megumi Nakayama
Secretary, Land Use Division
State of Hawai'i Office of Planning & Sustainable Development
Dept. of Business, Economic Development & Tourism
235 S. Beretania Street, 6th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
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Kraintz, Franz

From: Liu, Rouen <rouen.liu@hawaiianelectric.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2023 6:24 PM
To: Soo, Brandon A
Cc: Kuwaye, Kristen
Subject: Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill - Special Use Permit

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Dear Mr. Soo,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the subject project Special Use Permit. Hawaiian Electric Company has no objection. Should Hawaiian Electric have existing easements and facilities on the subject property, we will need continued access for maintenance of our facilities. We appreciate your efforts to keep us apprised of the subject project in the planning process. As the proposed Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill project comes to fruition, please continue to keep us informed.

Should there be any questions, please contact me at 808-543-7245.

Thank you,
Rouen Liu
Permit Engineer
Hawaiian Electric Company

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Attachment B
Public Comments

Kraintz, Franz

From: Bautista, Hokulani S on behalf of Department of Planning and Permitting
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2023 8:26 AM
To: Kraintz, Franz
Subject: FW: Public Input-2023/SUP-2(FK), Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill, Kapolei Resident

Hi Franz,

Please see below.

Thank you,
Hokulani.

From: Diana Martin <d3martin@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 4, 2023 6:06 PM
To: Department of Planning and Permitting <dpp@honolulu.gov>
Cc: Diana Martin <d3martin@msn.com>
Subject: Public Input-2023/SUP-2(FK), Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill, Kapolei Resident

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I am a homeowner in Ko Olina; of course, I support an alternative landfill waste site. But I fully recognize the need for protection of water sources, residential communities, wilderness areas, schools, etc.

I recommend a joint task force of all the players and the provision of a one-year extension with another year granted based on verifiable progress by the task force, including planning on the reality the WGSL may need work to extend its capacity.

Having reviewed the material provided, the Department of Environmental Services (ENV) appears to be making good progress on increasing ash vice landfill waste, providing alternatives for sites, and even now looking at more alternatives to meet Oahu's waste disposal requirements.

Act 73 and the Board of Water Supply (BWS) added additional criteria to incorporate in the research, planning, and decision-making process. It seems the beginning criteria for identifying waste landfill sites, the review and approval process, and the lack of understanding/coordination of legislative and other departments were lacking. For example, why wasn't drinking water resources considered a no-no throughout the process, State and Federal land potential addressed early on, and legislators tuned in as to the ramifications of Act 73 on landfill waste alternatives?

This is my perspective based on what I read and, of course, we need to have ENV continue with their work. It is disheartening to even read "...this City administration, under the circumstances, refuses to default pursuing an extension of the WGSL." If all departments and the legislators get on board and work together, it's possible this wouldn't be a consideration. However, realistically, it may well be if all the players don't do due diligence together.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my comments.

Diana Martin 92-1001 Aliinui Dr Apt 7D, Kapolei, HI 96707 (recipient of the mayor's letter, dated March 31, 2023, To: Land Owner within 300 feet of the Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill).



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May 19, 2023

Department of Planning and Permitting
650 South Kings Street 7th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Request to modify Condition No. 1 Special Permit Use Permit (SUP) 2008/SUP-2 Condition No. 5, State Land Use Commission (LUC) Docket No. SP09-403 for the Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill (WGSL). Tax Map Keys 9-2-050:005 and and Ewa District, Hawaii (Application)

This is to notify that at our regular Nanakuli-Mailii Neighborhood Board No 36 regular Tuesday, May 16, 2023, meeting, members on the board voted unanimously NOT to support the extension December 31, 2022, deadline to identify an alternative landfill site, further not support ENV application request a two-year extension of time to reevaluate its options.

Further the board does not support any Federal lands located in the Wai'anae Coast be an option for the City's Sanitary Landfill, to remove the Federal Navy Lualualei parcel in Nanakuli as an alternative site. The board supports all Federal lands located in the Wai'anae Coast be returned to the State of Hawai'i, then turned over to the Department of Hawaiian Homelands.

Should you have any questions regarding the above recommendation, please feel free to contact me at 808 723-9161.

Sincerely,
Patty Kahanamoku-Teruya
CHAIR

Copy: Honorable Governor Josh Green
Honorable Mayor Rick Blangiardi
Senator Maile Shimabukuro
Representative Darius Kila
City Councilmember Andria Tupola
Chairman Kali Watson, Department of Hawaiian Homelands
Neighborhood Commission Office file

May 15, 2023

Honolulu Planning Commission
Via Email: gtakara@honolulu.gov

RE: Community Resident Support to Increase Oversight of the Landfill Siting Process

Members of the Commission,

As a resident of the Ko Olina community, I am writing to express my deep concerns with the ongoing issues regarding the Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill (WGSL).

Among the communities adversely affected by the Landfill, for many years now, we share concerns about noise, traffic, debris, dust and odors from the Landfill. Additionally, the Landfill released unknown quantities of municipal solid waste, sewage sludge, leachate, and medical solid waste into coastal waters over a decade ago (2012).

Past decisions to select a new site (2004) and close the current location (2008) have been ignored. The committee had recommended that action take place to locate a new site for the landfill, but even after a new ENV selection committee was formed in 2021, no new site has been deemed acceptable. There must be accountability and transparency in this process. Please vote to have quarterly, in-person reports given at all upcoming meetings and involve those needed to demand action. If necessary, please let us know who in the State office to contact, in addition to the Governor's Chief of Staff, Brooke Wilson.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

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Toni A. Floerke
Ko Olina Resident

From: Toni Floerke <toniafloerke@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2023 6:09 PM
To: Takara, Gloria C <gtakara@honolulu.gov>
Subject: Letter of Request - Landfill Issue

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Ms. Takara,
Please see my attached letter of request.
Aloha & Blessings,
Toni Floerke

May 15, 2023

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The pending application for an extension to the State Land Use Commission's deadline for identifying a new landfill site is just the latest delay in a long history of delays. The Landfill should have been closed and a new landfill opened a long time ago. The LUC had ordered the Landfill to close by 2008 and a new site to be selected by 2004. However, instead of following the LUC's directives and the site selection committee's recommendation, the City selected the existing Landfill as the "new" landfill.

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Nic Politsch
Ko Olina Resident

From: Nicolas David Politsch <politsch@uci.edu>
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2023 10:41 PM
To: Takara, Gloria C <gtakara@honolulu.gov>
Subject: Koolina Landfill Opposition

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May 15, 2023

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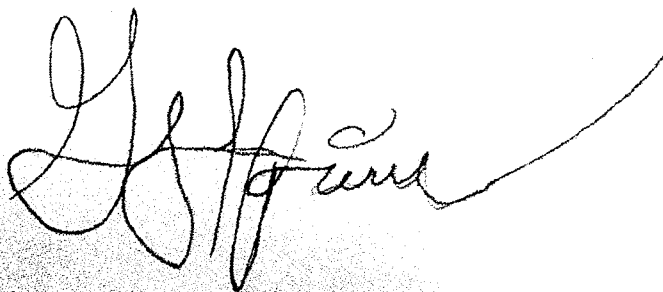
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Gabrielle St Pierre

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Monica Patrie

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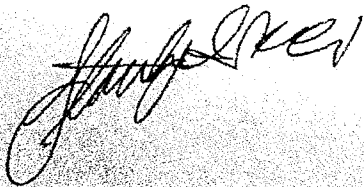
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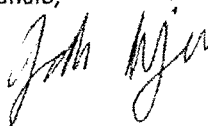
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Kimberly-Kaia Aunua BROWN



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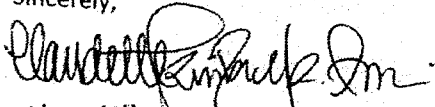
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Claudette Kimberly K. Timson

Do the right thing! Be pono to the Saina
& to the people.

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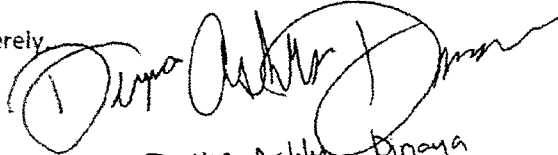
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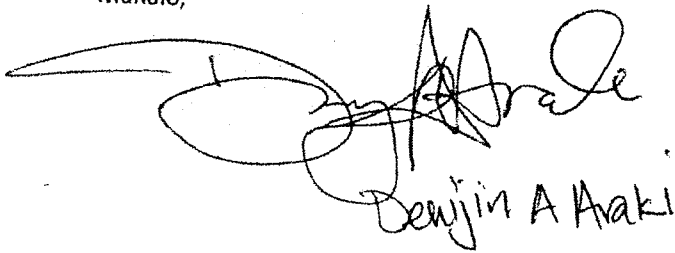
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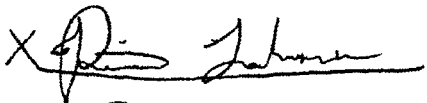
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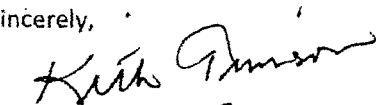
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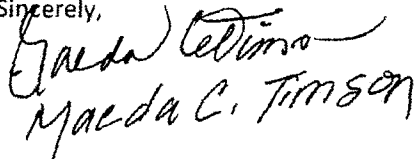
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May 15, 2023

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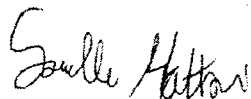
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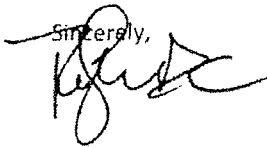
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From: Maeda Timson <angelhale@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2023 1:12 PM
To: Takara, Gloria C <gtakara@honolulu.gov>
Subject: Landfill letters

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From: Mario Nanguse <mnanguse@theresortgroup.com>

Sent: Friday, May 12, 2023 4:23 PM

To: Takara, Gloria C <gtakara@honolulu.gov>

Subject: Community Residents Support Increased Oversight of the Landfill Siting Process

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Makakilo Resident
(808)2301050

From: Vicki Cobb <ourplaceofjoy@gmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, May 13, 2023 9:52 AM

To: Takara, Gloria C <gtakara@honolulu.gov>

Subject: Community Residents Support Increased Oversight of the Landfill Siting Process

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May 13, 2023

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Sincerely,

Vicki Cobb
Ko Olina Resident
92-1001 Aliinui Drive #21D
Kapolei HI 96707

-----Original Message-----

From: Eileen Meuris <emmeuris@gmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, May 13, 2023 10:07 AM

To: Takara, Gloria C <gtakara@honolulu.gov>

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Eileen Meuris

Ko Olina Property Owner

From: Kimball Shelley <shelleykandm@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 13, 2023 11:08 AM
To: Takara, Gloria C <gtakara@honolulu.gov>
Subject: Landfill Issue

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Resident Testimony Letter #2:

Via Email: gtakara@honolulu.gov

May 15, 2023

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Sincerely,

Resident Name
Ko Olina Resident

From: wei L <apt2apt@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 13, 2023 2:06 PM
To: Takara, Gloria C <gtakara@honolulu.gov>
Subject: RE: Community Residents Support Increased Oversight of the Landfill Siting Process

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Wei Lee

KaiLani #16A
Ko Olina Resident

From: joseph lee <joelee8g@gmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, May 13, 2023 2:11 PM

To: Takara, Gloria C <gtakara@honolulu.gov>

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Sincerely,

Joseph Lee
KaiLani 17A
Ko Olina Resident

From: Kimberly Kelley <krkelleymd@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 13, 2023 4:43 PM
To: Takara, Gloria C <gtakara@honolulu.gov>
Subject: Waimanalo Gulch LandFill -Community Response

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Sincerely,

Kimberly R. Kelley MD
Ko Olina Resident

Via Email: gtakara@honolulu.gov

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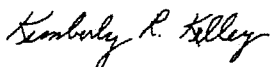
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Kimberly R. Kelley MD
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From: chungkscd@hawaiiantel.net <chungkscd@hawaiiantel.net>

Sent: Saturday, May 13, 2023 5:18 PM

To: Takara, Gloria C <gtakara@honolulu.gov>

Subject: Re: Waimanalo Gulch

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To : Honolulu Planning Commission,

As a resident of Ko Olina, I 'm very much disappointed what's happening with the Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill(WGSL). it's years and nothing done with no positive result and it seems like history will be repeating itself again.

All the previous sites that chosen but wasn't selected and a lot of money was wasted, didn't anyone considered using Military Land for a land fill?. The Military has a lot on Oahu that's not being used, why don't you look and think about that if it's feasible or possible.

Mahalo , Resident

-----Original Message-----

From: Warren Miles <wemiles47@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, May 14, 2023 6:14 AM

To: Takara, Gloria C <gtakara@honolulu.gov>

Subject: Waimanalo Gulch Land Fill Relocation

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I'm a condo owner in the Koolina resort and I wanted to express my concern about the delay in relocating the landfill at Waimanalo Gulch. I moved to Oahu in 2000 and while looking at a place to live within Koolina I was told the landfill was scheduled to relocate by 2008. Well close to 15 years later there is still no firm plan to relocate the landfill. I fully understand no one wants a landfill near their community but let's be fair to the people on the west side, it's time to bite the bullet/pull the trigger on relocating the landfill. No use citing all the spills over the years and false promises as well as the impact to tourism in Koolina. We all recognize the past problems, but enough is enough. Let's do the right thing and get a firm plan in place. Thanks for your consideration,

Warren Miles
KoOlina Resident

From: Lmunsonusa <lmunsonusa@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 14, 2023 8:37 AM
To: Takara, Gloria C <gtakara@honolulu.gov>
Cc: Lee Munson <lmunsonusa@aol.com>
Subject: Oversight of Landfill Siting Process

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via email to: gtakara@honolulu.gov

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Lee Munson, Kai Lani at Ko Olina

From: Beverly Munson <beverly.chance.munson68@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 14, 2023 8:40 AM
To: Takara, Gloria C <gtakara@honolulu.gov>
Subject: Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill

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Sincerely,

Beverly M. Munson, Kai Lani at Ko Olina

From: Bart Rice <bfrice@alumni.rice.edu>
Sent: Sunday, May 14, 2023 10:31 PM
To: Takara, Gloria C <gtakara@honolulu.gov>
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Sincerely,

Bart Rice, Ko Olina Resident

92-1001 Ali'inui Dr, Apt 18B

Kapolei {KoOlina}, Hawaii 96707

808-744-8763

Via Email: gtakara@honolulu.gov

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Michael Grabow

Ko Olina Resident

From: MGrabow <mgrabow4@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, May 15, 2023 6:09 AM

To: Takara, Gloria C <gtakara@honolulu.gov>

Subject: Community Residents Support Increased Oversight of the Landfill Siting Process

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Michael Grabow
Ko Olina Resident

From: Colleen Mehrer <rogncol@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2023 7:22 AM
To: Takara, Gloria C <gtakara@honolulu.gov>
Subject: Landfill relocation

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Please urge the members of the selection committee to get serious about selecting a new site. No one wants a landfill in their backyard, so it will always have push-back no matter where you go, but there must be another location on this island that is suitable.

Thank you for your attention and diligence in moving this process forward.

Thank you,
Colleen Mehrer
Kai Lani
Ko Olina

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cristina Martinez". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, flowing "M".

Cristina Martinez
Ko Olina Resident

From: Josephine Quirante <jquirante@cristinapowerhouse.com>
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2023 7:51 AM
To: Takara, Gloria C <gtakara@honolulu.gov>
Cc: Cristina Martinez <cmartinez@cristinapowerhouse.com>; kailaniadm@gmail.com
Subject: Landfill Extension - WGSL

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Thank you,

Joy Quirante for Cristina Martinez
Finance Administrator
Cristina Martinez Company
1699 N. Capitol Ave. #30
San Jose, CA 95132
Phone: 408.519.1022
Fax: 408.934.2010
Fax to email: 408.684.5944
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From: Josephine Quirante <jquirante@cristinapowerhouse.com>
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2023 7:52 AM
To: Takara, Gloria C <gtakara@honolulu.gov>
Cc: Hernani Mendoza <hmendoza@cristinapowerhouse.com>; kailaniadm@gmail.com
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To the Honolulu Planning Commission,

Please see attached and below regarding my deep concerns related to the ongoing issues with the Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill.

Regards,

Anne M. Pianca

May 15, 2023

RE: Community Residents Support Increased Oversight of the Landfill Site Selection Process

To the Honolulu Planning Commission,

I am writing as a resident of Ko Olina to express my deep concerns regarding the ongoing issues related to the Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill (WGSL).

Our community has been adversely affected by the Landfill for years, with residents, workers, and visitors expressing concerns about odors, noise, dust, blasting, visual blight, truck traffic, and flying litter from the Landfill. Additionally, the Landfill released unknown quantities of municipal solid waste, sewage sludge, leachate, and medical solid waste into coastal waters in 2012.

It is unacceptable that the Landfill is still in operation despite the LUC's order to close it by 2008 and to select a new site by 2004. Instead of following these directives and the site selection committee's recommendation, the City selected the existing Landfill as the "new" landfill.

Since then, several site selection processes have taken place, but no site has been selected. The ENV formed a new site selection committee in 2021, but the committee determined that none of the proposed sites were acceptable.

Given the long history of delays and harmful effects on our community, I urge the Honolulu Planning Commission to require ENV to report quarterly in person to the Commission on

its efforts to select a new landfill. This oversight will provide us with reassurance that the risks and benefits associated with the proposed designation of a new site are being properly taken into consideration.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Anne M. Pianca
Ko Olina Resident



Ko Olina Community Association, Inc. Testimony
Project #2023/SUP-2(FK)
May 15, 2023

RE: KOCA Supports Increased Oversight of the Landfill Siting Process

The Honolulu Department of Environmental Services (“ENV”) has missed every deadline associated with the closure and replacement of the Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill (“WGSL” or the “Landfill”). Its pending application seeks to push off the December 31, 2022 deadline to select a new landfill. ENV must be held to its closure deadline of March 2, 2028. To ensure the deadline is met, Ko Olina Community Association, Inc. (“KOCA”) asks that the Honolulu Planning Commission require ENV to report quarterly in person to the Commission on its efforts to select a new landfill. Reporting during Commission meetings will provide the public with an opportunity to provide testimony and enable the Commission to hold ENV accountable.

KOCA is part of the Leeward community that has been adversely affected by the Landfill. Over the years, Ko Olina’s residents, workers, and visitors have expressed concerns regarding odors, noise, dust, blasting, visual blight, truck traffic and flying litter from the Landfill. LUC 11/1/19 Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Decision and Order Approving with Modifications the City and County of Honolulu Planning Commission’s Recommendation to Approve Special Use Permit (“LUC Decision”), Finding of Fact (“FOF”) ¶ 327. Indeed, in 2012, the Landfill released unknown quantities of municipal solid waste, sewage sludge, leachate, and medical solid waste into coastal waters. *Id.* ¶ 340.

The pending application involves the most recent delay in a long history of delays to identify a new landfill. ENV has asked to extend a deadline set by the State Land Use Commission (“LUC”) to “identify an alternative landfill site that may be used upon closure of WGSL.” LUC Decision at 104. The current deadline passed five months ago on December 31, 2022. *Id.*

The Landfill should have been closed and a new landfill opened a long time ago. The Landfill was ordered by the LUC to close by 2008 and a new site selected by 2004. LUC Decision, FOF ¶ 286. Several sites were identified by a site selection committee. Instead of following the LUC’s directives and the committee’s recommendation, the City selected the existing Landfill as the “new” landfill. *Id.* ¶¶ 287-89. The ENV was then ordered to begin the process of identifying and developing a new site by 2010 with reasonable diligence. *Id.* ¶¶ 59, 405. Another site selection process followed, sites were identified, but no site was selected.

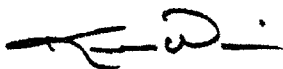
In response to the LUC’s most recent order to identify a new site by December 31, 2022, the ENV formed a new site selection committee in 2021. Six sites were offered as the only alternatives. The committee held eight meetings between October 2021 and June 2022, during which time the committee determined that none of the proposed sites were acceptable.

ENV has asked for more time to address issues posed by Act 73. This law was enacted in 2020, a year before the site selection committee was convened. ENV now proposes to explore the use of federal lands and to work with the Hawai'i Legislature on amendments to Act 73. These avenues should have been pursued prior to the initiation of the site selection committee process.

ENV's request for more time to select a new landfill should be viewed in this context of the long history of delays and harmful effects on the community. To ensure that a new landfill is selected as soon as possible and the closure deadline is met, the Honolulu Planning Commission should require ENV to report quarterly in person to the Commission on its efforts to select a new landfill. Meetings before the Commission will provide the public with a forum to participate in the process and offer public testimony. The Commissioners will be able to consider that public input to ask the right questions and hold ENV accountable. Oversight by the Commission will provide the community reassurance that the risks and benefits associated with the proposed designation of a new site are properly taken into consideration.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,
Ko Olina Community Association, Inc.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken Williams', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Ken Williams
General Manager

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Aloha Ms. Takara,

Please find attached testimony for the Ko Olina Community Association.

Mahalo,

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