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MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
TRANSCRIPT
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2024



The Planning Commission held a meeting on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, 1:30 p.m., in-person and remote meeting at Honolulu Hale, Mayor's Conference Room, 3rd Floor, 530 South King Street, Honolulu, Hawaii. Chair Meatoga III presided.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Pane Meatoga III, Chair
Ryan Kamo, Vice Chair
Hilarie Alomar, Member
Kai Nani Kraut, Member
Joy Kimura, Member
Jason Woo, Member

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED: Nathaniel Kinney, Member
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Melissa May, Member
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Elena Bryant, Member
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DEPUTY CORPORATION COUNSEL: Rozelle Agag
[Advistory to the Commission]

COMMISSION STAFF: Gloria Takara
Secretary-Reporter

DIT STAFF: Gregory Cieless
Webex Management

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CHAIR MEATOGA III: [bangs gavel] Aloha everyone and welcome fellow Commission members to the November 20th meeting of the Planning Commission. For our listeners and for the record, I'm Chair Pane Meatoga III. The following members are physically present here in Honolulu Hale, Mayor's Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Vice Chair Ryan Kamo and myself Chair Meatoga III.

And joining us remotely we have Commissioner Kainani Kraut, Commissioner Joy Kimura, and Commissioner Jason Woo. For those of our Commissioners who are online, can you please confirm that if anyone else is present with you at your remote location, or if you are alone or by yourself?

ALOMAR: Commissioner Alomar, still here, and I am present and alone.

CHAIR MEATOGA III: Thank you. We'll go to Commissioner Kraut. [pause] Sorry Commissioner Kraut we cannot hear you for some reason. Could you just thumbs up, I guess?

DIT GREGORY CIELESS: She's not muted, but we can't hear her.

CHAIR MEATOGA III: Okay. For some reason--Okay. Thumbs up, we got it. For some reason we can't hear you,

1 but you are not muted, so we're not--Okay. We'll take that
2 thumbs up as confirmation. Commissioner Kimura.

3 **KIMURA:** I'm present and alone in my workstation.
4 Thank you.

5 **CHAIR MEATOGA III:** Thank you. And Commissioner
6 Woo.

7 **WOO:** Commissioner Woo present and alone in my
8 office.

9 **CHAIR MEATOGA III:** Thank you very much. Present
10 here today is the Planning Commission and DIT staff to
11 manage and support the Webex audio-visual platform. Also
12 joining in with us today remotely is the Commission
13 attorney, deputy corp council Rozelle Agag.

14 **COUNSEL AGAG:** Hello, good afternoon.

15 **CHAIR MEATOGA III:** Good afternoon. Couple of
16 housekeeping matters. For those persons here in the
17 Conference Room bathrooms are located on each floor of the
18 building, and we have this Conference Room until 4 p.m.

19 At this time I'd like to officially open the
20 hearing. For the record it is now 1:35. And just as a
21 reminder for us Commissioners, we need to identify ourselves
22 first before we speak or make any motions. With that being
23 said, the first item on the agenda is the approval of the
24 minutes, the minutes of the September 18, 2024 meeting as
25 previously circulated to be approved by the Commission. Do

1 I have a motion to approve?

2 **KAMO:** Commissioner Kamo makes a motion to approve
3 the September 18, 2024 minutes as previously circulated.

4 **CHAIR MEATOGA III:** Thank you, Commissioner Kamo.
5 Do I have a second?

6 **ALOMAR:** Commissioner Alomar, second.

7 **CHAIR MEATOGA III:** Thank you, Commissioner
8 Alomar. Is there any discussion, any objections, any
9 reservations? [no response] Hearing and seeing none the
10 Chair votes aye. The minutes of the September 18, 2024
11 meeting as previously circulated has been approved.

12 Next up, we have the status report. This is the
13 4th quarter update for information only, no action is
14 required by the Commission. This is for the Waianae State
15 Special Use Permit 2008/SUP-2, Waiamanalo Gulch Sanitary
16 Landfill.

17 All right. For the presenters, for ENV please
18 proceed and introduce yourselves.

19 **DR. BABCOCK:** Yes. Thank you. Thank you, Chair
20 and Commissioners for being here today, for having us. I'm
21 Roger Babcock, Director of the Department of Environmental
22 Services for the City, and we do take care of
23 wastewater and solid waste including the, including the
24 landfill. So pleased to present our 4th quarter update to
25 the Commission and that in the Decision and Order requires,

1 you know, certain, certain things for us to talk about
2 today. So happy to do that.

3 [PowerPoint presentation by Dr. Babcock]

4 The presentation is here, and we will send you
5 that file after. So we can go ahead and proceed to the next
6 slide.

7 **DIT GREGORY CIELESS:** Oh, the button clicker.

8 **DR. BABCOCK:** Oh, the button clicker. Okay.

9 Let's see if that'll work. It does work. Okay. So then
10 there's--Let's see what happens there. Oh, but there's some
11 things missing, that's kind of weird. I apologize for that.
12 The--So I can just kind of--I'll just tell you what it's
13 supposed to say there. I'm not sure why. There's stuff
14 missing from that one too, so I'm not really sure why that
15 is. Maybe they're in a different controller or something.
16 Somehow in the PDF it must not have gotten transferred
17 correctly. So, I'll go back to the timeline. So this is a
18 timeline that you're familiar with. In August 23, 2024, the
19 City's deadline to site, to name a new site for the landfill
20 was extended to December 31st 2024 by the Land Use
21 Commission. The deadline had been December 31st of 2022.
22 And so we since then--you just approved the minutes of
23 September 18th.

24 We presented our 3rd quarter update to the
25 Planning Commission. And the tasks that we were working on

1 at that time were the completion of O'ahu Landfill Siting
2 Study Supplemental Technical Memorandum, and we presented
3 some of that information last time, and so I will update
4 that here in a second.

5 And then continued evaluation of alternative
6 sites, restrictions and obstacles, location, size, distance
7 and proximity, site characteristics, availability, costs,
8 environmental cultural, and socio-economic, restrictions and
9 obstacles. So now we are to, and I'm sorry it doesn't
10 appear on there to November 20th.

11 This is our 4th quarter update and so the tasks
12 are that we have finalized now our O'ahu Landfill Siting
13 Study Supplemental Technical Memorandum and that has
14 affected a final date of October 15th as the final. That
15 report is available on our website, which is
16 Honolulu.gov/opala is where that can be found and along
17 with, you know, everything else associated with the landfill
18 siting studies and evaluations. So what we're still working
19 on is we're continuing our evaluations. We'll be making a
20 decision this quarter and announcing the selection. And as
21 the last milestone there shows December 31st, 2024 is the
22 deadline to identify the alternative landfill site that we
23 are pursuing.

24 So the next slide is a little bit incomplete. And
25 this slide is actually exactly the same as what we presented

1 last quarter. So there are no new sites, you know, under
2 consideration.

3 We--Sorry the things that are not shown there are
4 the six sites that were a part of the Landfill Advisory
5 Committee evaluation that occurred between in 2021 and 2022.
6 And then the restrictions did show up there. All of those
7 were in the No Pass Zone. So in that upper block there's
8 actually six sites. They're actually just called site, Area
9 6; Area 7; Area 3, and Area 2.

10 So the restrictions are unchanged. There are all
11 in the No Pass Zone. Some of them are in a well captured
12 zone. The rest are all in prime agricultural lands. Then
13 there are some other ones listed on this same table. Couple
14 of the names are missing over there, I apologize for that.
15 The one that's missing--So I'm talking about the darker,
16 kind of darker shaded blue box on the lower, on the left.
17 It says area adjacent to Waiamanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill,
18 and the restriction there is it's a West side location and
19 it has been eliminated from consideration. The other one
20 that's missing there is, it says area east of Community of
21 Maile or also known as Lualualei military installation, but
22 the restrictions there are the same, are correct, Federal
23 land, West side location and has been eliminated from
24 further consideration. And then there are the other two
25 that are there that we've talked about before. The Waipio

1 Peninsula, the City Soccer Complex, as well as the West Loch
2 Annex, also known as Iroquois Point. And both of those have
3 been eliminated for further considerations. So those were
4 the--three of those were Federal sites that previously had
5 been excluded when during the evaluation of the Landfill
6 Advisory Committee because they were Federal.

7 And since then, since they completed their work in
8 June of 2022, we have continued to do--evaluate, you know,
9 we had meetings with military and essentially confirmed that
10 those were a no go.

11 **CHAIR MEATOGA III:** Can I interject?

12 **DR. BABCOCK:** Yes.

13 **CHAIR MEATOGA III:** Just really quick. Board
14 members, are you seeing the list of the site names there?
15 We can't see it on our end. Are you folks, can you see it
16 on there?

17 **ALOMAR:** No.

18 **CHAIR MEATOGA III:** Okay. We took a picture of
19 the printed file. Glo is going to send that to you folks so
20 you have that.

21 **ALOMAR:** Okay.

22 **KIMURA:** I can see two, two site names. Is that
23 all that's on the list?

24 **CHAIR MEATOGA III:** There's more. Each line on
25 the right has--So Glo is going to send that to you guys.

1 It's kind of important that you guys have this. Glo is
2 going to send it out. We took a picture of it and sent it
3 over so that you guys have it.

4 DR. BABCOCK: And, I think we're gonna have that
5 with the other, the other slides here too.

6 CHAIR MEATOGA III: Probably so. We'll go on
7 and--

8 ALOMAR: Do you know if Glo will be sending it
9 over?

10 CHAIR MEATOGA III: Yes. She's sending it right
11 now.

12 ALOMAR: Okay. Perfect.

13 CHAIR MEATOGA III: Okay. You can continue.

14 DIT GREGORY CIELESS: Chair, we can scan the paper
15 document, and if we could take a few minutes.

16 CHAIR MEATOGA III: Can we do that? That'll be
17 actually--Okay. We're going to take a recess for 5 minutes
18 just so that we can get this squared away.

19 DR. BABOCK: Apologies for the technical
20 difficulties.

21 [Chair Meatoga III called for a recess and reconvened]

22 CHAIR MEATOGA III: Okay. All right. We're going
23 to reconvene. Did you guys want to start again or just
24 continue on from where he left off?

25 KRAUT: I'm good with--

1 **DIT GREGORY CIELESS:** I'm sorry, I have to advance
2 for you, so just tell me next slide.

3 **CHAIR MEATOGA III:** Okay.

4 **DR. BABCOCK:** Okay. So go ahead and go to the
5 next one. This was the timeline, and I kind of read through
6 that basically the tasks and the milestones there. And so
7 we are at the November 20, and so we're just about finishing
8 up with this, with this process. Okay. So next slide was
9 the one that took a while to read all of the things there.
10 Again, these are sites that--There's no new sites on here,
11 the same as what we've reported on and this, this slide is
12 actually unchanged from our September 18th meeting. And so
13 no real updates there.

14 The next slide is other sites under consideration.
15 So this is really kind of a summary of that Supplemental
16 Technical Memorandum which has lots of pages in it, but
17 basically this, this tells you the sites that become
18 available if the restrictions in Act 73 are reduced or
19 lessened or eliminated. And again this slide is unchanged
20 from the last time. So it's just kind of a review, a
21 reminder. So what we did is we, again, we looked at
22 eliminating the conservation restriction and then reducing
23 the buffer distance from 1/2 mile, which is what's in Act 73
24 to 1/4 quarter mile. And so the four sites at the top
25 listed in the top of this table are new areas that become

1 available if those restrictions are reduced as stated. So
2 there's Waimbualo Country Farms, area near University of
3 Hawaii West O'ahu, Pali Golf Course, and part of the South
4 Quarry of the HC&D Quarry
5 over on the Kailua side.

6 Then if you eliminate the buffer completely,
7 there's another six sites that become available which are
8 listed, are listed there. The other side of the quarry and
9 the other sites listed there. Now, so those, those are the
10 sites that we are still, those two pages are the sites that
11 we are still either still considering or some of them have
12 been eliminated. So that's where we're at in terms of the
13 sites.

14 So the next slide shows the list of obstacles
15 affecting the ability to choose a site. So, again, this has
16 not changed. These list of obstacles are the same, but it
17 is one of the things that's in the Decision and Order that
18 we need to, that we need to report on. What are our
19 obstacles? And so there are Federal regulations, there's
20 Act 73 and other state regulations. There's the Federal
21 lands, which has turned out, you know, that we we've been
22 told now.

23 And then there's developed and already, already
24 developed or approved for development lands, and then of
25 course there's the No Pass Zone. So these are a list of our

1 obstacles.

2 So the next slide or almost last slide, next slide
3 is a--Again, we need to report on our investigations of
4 alternative technologies for landfill. So this list hasn't
5 changed except for the bottom one. There's a little more
6 information. So those basic technologies are all the same,
7 and we do continue to look at those, and that will not
8 change, will not stop even after we have another landfill
9 because we still need--We'll be looking at technology
10 development, and we are in--We have meetings regularly with
11 folks that want to sell us new technology and bring forth
12 proposals, and we actively continue to evaluate those
13 things.

14 The bottom one does say shipping of waste
15 off-island. We did, kind of recently, I think since the
16 last meeting we did initiate an RFI for folks who would be
17 interested in providing this service to indicate their
18 interests and to give us some technical idea about the
19 technical attributes of that of trying to offer that
20 service. So this is not an RFP or an RFB which would be to
21 request bids or cost proposals. It is more of an interest
22 request for interest. And it is still open until December
23 2nd, and so we will see if we get anything interesting. So
24 we would be looking at this not necessarily to--So we would
25 not have any landfill because as we've stated before, we

1 need to have a landfill for operation of pretty much to get
2 a permit of any technology. You need to have a place to put
3 residuals, but also there are times when your primary volume
4 reduction technology is not operating, and or when we would
5 have perhaps things that could not be treated in those
6 processes, but also if there's a natural disaster, and we
7 have a large amounts of debris that we wouldn't be able to
8 process there. So we did need to have landfill. But if we
9 are able to cost effectively do some shipping of either MSW
10 or ash or other non, perhaps non-burnable things, we are
11 interested in that. So we have--We've sort of taken the
12 step.

13 So it is something that's new to report today.
14 And I did add--Next slide. I did add one other slide and
15 that is sort of some of the improvements of things that
16 we're doing now. And we have reported on some--May be a
17 couple of these things, but not all of them, and it's just
18 to kind of highlight our efforts at waste diversion and
19 processing and all things that are, you know, really kind of
20 new and very or very recent. So food waste and manufactured
21 combustibile materials would be included in curbside
22 recycling.

23 So that's the green carts that all residents have
24 and by Ordinance that's supposed to be operational on July
25 1st of next year. However, it requires a construction

1 project which has been delayed in getting its permits, and
2 as well as a Department of Health operating permit, but we
3 anticipate that will all--a contract has been awarded, you
4 know, to do that work. And so we will be following through
5 with that and just so you know our waste characterization
6 studies show that about 25%, up to 25% of the gray cart
7 waste, which is what goes to H-POWER is considered food
8 waste, which could be recycled into compost. So that is our
9 intention and we are moving forward with that, which will be
10 good for the whole program.

11 Then the H-POWER ash recycling. I think we've
12 talked about that before. We have a name for that process
13 facility called Honolulu Advance Resource Recovery from Ash
14 or HARRA. That is in the permitting process for getting
15 permits to construct that facility, but it will take some
16 time. We still need to get permits, then we gotta finish
17 the design and then do the construction, so it's probably
18 three years before it's functional, but that will recycle an
19 estimated 70% of the ash, so it will greatly reduce the or
20 extend the life of the next landfill. Just so you know the
21 sizing of the next landfill that we've been trying to site
22 does not include that Ash. It's for our current ash
23 disposal rates, plus all of the C and D waste. So 20 years
24 of that quantity is how the new landfill is sized.

25 We also doing rechargeable batteries. We have an

1 RFB out for that, and it is closing or actually closed. And
2 then we have our collection of electronic waste, E-waste,
3 RFB also. So we'll be awarding those contracts.
4 Rechargeable batteries, that's the lithium ion batteries,
5 and they cause us a lot of headaches. At H-POWER we get
6 daily updates, and we just had our 30th or 31st fire at
7 H-POWER from lithium ion batteries this year. So it's
8 almost, it's almost every week that there's a fire. And
9 they don't always cause shutdowns. Most of them don't, but
10 they do cause problems. So we're trying to get those out of
11 the way stream, as well as all the E-waste.

12 Currently E-waste, according to our guidelines
13 goes in the gray cart, and it gets burned. So, that will
14 all be recycled, and it will be shipped, it will be shipped
15 off-island for recovery and stuff like that. So that's very
16 significant, we're very excited about that. And then we
17 also have the collection of mixed waste paper from city
18 agencies and that's also an RFB, so we'll be awarding that.
19 So that will remove that material to be recycled from the
20 way stream. Okay. So, that's actually my last slide.

21 The next slide, if you could go to it, it's just a
22 mahalo and request for any questions that you have for us.

23 **CHAIR MEATOGA III:** Okay. Thank you, Director.
24 Board members, we're gonna move into public testimony first,
25 and then after that we'll have Q and A from the

1 Commissioners. Okay. At this time we'll go into public
2 testimony. Telephone participants can press *6 to unmute
3 and unmute themselves. Please mute your device except when
4 to testify, and we ask for your patience as there may be a
5 delay. We ask that you state your full name, spell both
6 your first and last names that then start your testimony.
7 If you have already submitted written testimony, please do
8 not repeat or read it, instead summarize and add anything
9 new that you may have to add.

10 Each speaker may not have anyone read their
11 statement and will be limited to 3 minutes. Let's begin.

12 First, we will take the public testifiers present
13 here in the Conference Room and next the registered remote
14 testifiers. Do we have anyone in the Conference Room that
15 would like to testify? [no response] Do we have any remote
16 online testifiers that would like to testify? [no response]
17 Do you see anyone on there, Greg?

18 **DIG GREGG CIELESS:** No raised hands.

19 **CHAIR MEATOGA III:** No raised hands. Okay.

20 **DIT GREGORY CIELESS:** I don't see anybody
21 unmuting.

22 **CHAIR MEATOGA III:** Okay. Commissioners, looks
23 like we do not have anyone online or in person. Do I have a
24 motion to close the public testimony of this public hearing?

25 **KAMO:** Commissioner Kamo makes a motion to close

1 the public testimony portion of this hearing.

2 **CHAIR MEATOGA III:** Thank you, Commissioner Kamo.
3 Do I have a second?

4 **KIMURA:** Commissioner Kimura, I'll second.

5 **CHAIR MEATOGA III:** Okay. Thank you, Commissioner
6 Kimura. Is there any discussions, objections, reservations?
7 [no response] Hearing and seeing none, the Chair votes aye,
8 and the public portion of the public hearing is now closed.
9 With that done, Commissioners, we are open for questions to
10 Director Babcock? Who would like to start off?

11 **KAMO:** Chairman, Commissioner Kamo. Thank you for
12 the presentation and walking us through the complexities of
13 trying to select a new site. Just from our quarterly
14 reporting, it doesn't look like there's made much progress
15 towards the identification of a new site by our deadline
16 December 31st. Is that fair to say?

17 **DR. BABCOCK:** Yeah. So, I don't need to say my
18 name again, right? Roger Babcock, Director, Department of
19 Environmental Services. Happy to answer that question,
20 Commissioner. So, no, we have made progress, and we are in
21 the process of sort of finalizing our--essentially getting
22 ready to make our announcement, and so we're not in a
23 position to announce that. I'm not in a position to
24 announce that today, but that is coming up shortly. The
25 quarter is ending and the deadline is approaching, and so we

1 will be making an announcement. The Mayor will be doing a
2 press conference, and we will be making an announcement soon
3 in less than a month. Yeah. So, we have made progress. We
4 are just about there.

5 **KAMO:** Great.

6 **CHAIR MEATOGA III:** Okay. Questions from the
7 Commissioners?

8 **KRAUT:** Commissioner Kraut. In hearing, again, I
9 think I echo Commissioner Kamo's comments on how difficult
10 this whole engineering solution is from what's presented and
11 what is in the supplemental report. It seems all sites
12 under current--currently under consideration would require
13 an amendment to Act 73? Is that a fair characterization?

14 The remaining viable sites would require that
15 Legislative change?

16 **DR. BABCOCK:** So, yeah, I'll go ahead and answer
17 that. So as shown in the tables there are the potential
18 sites under consideration. There's two tables, right. The
19 second one is the sites under consideration that require
20 Legislative action with respect to Act 73. And then there
21 are--There is the other table of sites that are listed and
22 those do not say, do not all say that they've been
23 eliminated from consideration. So, those sites are still
24 under consideration, the ones that do not say otherwise.

25 **KRAUT:** Yeah. I'm actually looking at the

1 technical memo. May be Glo sent the presentation. I
2 haven't looked at my email. So, I'm--Do you have that with
3 you? I'm in the summary table 2-

4 **DR. BABCOCK:** Okay.

5 **KRAUT:** And it looks like the first step that has
6 applied the Act 73 restrictions and all of those have been
7 eliminated. So in that table, I'm not seeing anything
8 currently under consideration that doesn't require a
9 modification to Act 73.

10 **DR. BABCOCK:** Yeah, yes-

11 **KRAUT:** I could absolutely be seeing it wrong
12 also.

13 **DR. BABCOCK:** No, no, absolutely. So the
14 technical that technical memorandum, you'll have to look
15 somewhere in the text or in the table of footnotes. It says
16 that it's only looking--So the task of that memo was to look
17 at anything that's outside of the No Pass Zone. So
18 everything in that memo looks at stuff that's outside the No
19 Pass Zone. Whereas the things--and so that's how you get
20 that table and all those steps, but the table in our report
21 shows also the six original sites that the Landfill Advisory
22 Committee evaluated, which are in the No Pass Zone.

23 **KRAUT:** Okay. Thank you.

24 **CHAIR MEATOGA III:** Okay. Commissioner Alomar, I
25 see you're unmuted. Did you have a questions? Oh, okay,

1 got it. All right. Commissioners open for more questions?
2 [no response] Okay. This is Chair Meatoga, I do have a
3 question.

4 DR. BABCOCK: Yes.

5 CHAIR MEATOGA III: Have you guys submitted your
6 extension?

7 COUNSEL HU: I'm sorry, what?

8 CHAIR MEATOGA III: Have you submitted an
9 extension? If your deadline is December 31st, are you guys
10 submitting an extension?

11 DR. BABCOCK: So, no, because I believe the
12 Special Use, the SUP goes through the end of 2028. So
13 that's our existing Special Use Permit.

14 COUNSEL HU: Which extension to the, which
15 deadline are you referring to?

16 CHAIR MEATOGA III: I'm sorry, the December 31st
17 deadline to identify.

18 DR. BABCOCK: Oh, to identify--

19 CHAIR MEATOGA III: Did you need to submit an
20 extension for that if you don't--You're gonna make an
21 announcement within less than a month, is that correct?

22 DR. BABCOCK: That is correct. We're not--We will
23 not be seeking an extension.

24 CHAIR MEATOGA III: Okay. So there's no extension
25 filed for that part?

1 **DR. BABCOCK:** That's right. There is nothing
2 filed. Thank you for clarifying.

3 **CHAIR MEATOGA III:** Okay.

4 **DR. BABCOCK:** Yeah. No, no, I get it.

5 **CHAIR MEATOGA III:** Okay. In the list of
6 alternatives that you had down there, you kind of breezed
7 over, you know, that we're looking at it. From that list,
8 is there anything in particular that you guys are more, I
9 guess, researched in than others on that list? Is there
10 something that you guys are looking more seriously than
11 others in the list of alternative?

12 **DR. BABCOCK:** Okay. Yeah. I'll go ahead and
13 answer. So yeah, the, we've actually done extensive--I would
14 say what we would call, we would call site layouts for all
15 the sites that have not been removed from further
16 consideration.

17 **CHAIR MEATOGA III:** Okay.

18 **DR. BABCOCK:** So we've done quite a bit of site
19 evaluation for all of them and looking at ownership of the
20 sites and etc. So site characteristics and looking at what,
21 if there would be any, anything that would prevent these
22 places being viable sites. With respect to the original
23 six, there was really a lot of work done during that
24 process. Site layouts, view plain things, looking at
25 details of soil characteristics and all that kind of stuff.

1 So that, you know, that was all done as part of that
2 process. And actually those sites had been well known even,
3 even in previous evaluations going back to the 2012 and 2017
4 evaluations. So those sites have been around for a long
5 time. But for the new sites, we did a fair amount of due
6 diligence also looking at ownership, site characteristics,
7 slopes, soils, you know, those kind of things and whether
8 there would be, whether there's groundwater wells and those
9 kind of things and doing some preliminary site layouts. So
10 I would say that we have done quite an extensive analysis
11 for all the sites on the list.

12 **CHAIR MEATOGA III:** Okay. Any other questions
13 from Commissioners? [no response]. Okay. That concludes my
14 side of things. Okay. Let's see, if we have no further
15 questions, going once, going twice.

16 **KIMURA:** Actually this is Commissioner Kimura, may
17 I ask a question? This is regarding the potential sites
18 under consideration. I know Commissioner Kraut had brought
19 up some concerns and my question is, if these potential
20 sites are still under consideration, will you be introducing
21 any Legislation to amend Act 73 so that these sites would be
22 viable?

23 **DR. BABCOCK:** Yeah. So that will be necessary in
24 order to make those sites truly viable and to be
25 implemented. So the requirement is to identify a site that

1 we are planning to procure and develop, but no matter what
2 site we choose, there will be multiple steps that have to
3 happen between when we identify it and when it can actually
4 open. Some sites as you mentioned will require Legislative
5 action, other sites-- Well, all sites would require
6 environmental impact statement, land procurement, perhaps
7 condemnation, etc. So there's, hopefully that answers your
8 question, but basically, yes, you are correct. There are
9 some of the sites that are still under consideration which
10 do require Legislative action, which we will do as
11 necessary. That's part of the continuation, the next steps.

12 CHAIR MEATOGA III: Okay. Thank you. I do have a
13 follow-up question then.

14 DR. BABCOCK: Yeah.

15 CHAIR MEATOGA III: Sorry. Just to refresh my
16 memory, your Special Use Permit is up in--

17 DR. BABCOCK: It is 2028, and I believe for the
18 landfill closure. Yeah. It's 2028, I believe it is
19 December 31st, but--

20 COUNSEL HU: No, it's not--I think it's March 2nd.

21 DR. BABCOCK: Okay. Sorry, It's March 2nd. Yeah.

22 CHAIR MEATOGA III: So, you would have to pass
23 Legislation if you were to use one of these Act?

24 DR. BABCOCK: I'm sorry what was Act 73.

25 CHAIR MEATOGA III: You would have to pass that

1 Legislative session next year 2025 in order to try and get
2 something up and running within four years?

3 **DR. BABCOCK:** Yes. The timeline is, the timeline
4 is a challenge no matter what site we name for a bunch of
5 reasons, and that is one of them, but there are various, a
6 bunch of other issues that we have to deal with
7 environmental impact. There's a lot of public outreach and
8 a lot of other work to do in terms of site development,
9 procurement site development in order to get them, get that
10 operational.

11 **CHAIR MEATOGA III:** So in the meantime, if, you
12 know, trying to get it up and running in four years, if that
13 deadline does not happen, I mean you don't hit that deadline
14 and get something up and running, then you guys will come in
15 for an extension?

16 **DR. BABCOCK:** That is correct. We would, we would
17 have to do that if we're not able to meet that, that
18 deadline, end of the permit.

19 **CHAIR MEATOGA III:** Yep. Thank you. Any
20 additional questions, Commissioners? [no response] Going
21 once, going twice. All right, sold.

22 Okay. With that said, do we have any
23 announcements from Commissioners or from DPP? [no response]
24 Okay. Thank you very much. We are, do I have a motion to
25 adjourn the Planning Commission November 20, 2024 meeting.

1 **KAMO:** Commissioner Kamo makes a motion to
2 adjourn.

3 **CHAIR MEATOGA III:** Do I have a second?

4 **ALOMAR:** Commissioner Alomar, I'll second the
5 motion.

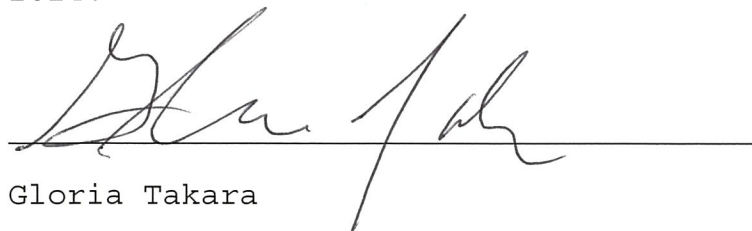
6 **CHAIR MEATOGA III:** Thank you. Any discussions,
7 objections or reservations? [no response] Hearing and
8 seeing none, Chair votes aye. The Planning Commission for
9 November 20, 2024 meeting is adjourned. It is now 2:12.
10 Thank you, everyone.

11 [the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:12 p.m.]

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13 I certify that the foregoing is a
14 true and correct transcript of the
15 proceedings, prepared to the best
16 of my ability of the meeting
17 held on Wednesday, November 20,
18 2024.

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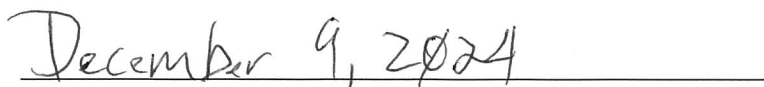
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