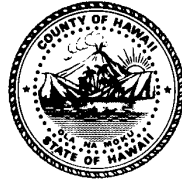


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Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan Update INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

Every 10 years, the County of Hawai'i Solid Waste Division ("Division") is required to update its Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan (ISWMP or the Plan), per Hawai'i Revised Statutes Section 342G.

The current planning cycle began in May of 2018, with the Solid Waste Advisory Committee holding monthly meetings which were open to the public. The committee worked with the Division and its consultant to develop the revised Plan. The *draft* Plan will be available to the public in pdf format on the Division's website on December 6, 2019 (www.HawaiiZeroWaste.org).

The public comment period will be open for sixty (60) days, from December 6, 2019 through February 4, 2020, and we encourage all those interested in submitting comments to do so during that time period.

Two informational meetings will be held for the public to learn more about the Draft Plan, the findings, recommendations and to answer any questions the public may have. We hope this will assist the public if they choose to provide testimony regarding the draft report. The dates, times, and locations of the informational meetings are below.

Written testimony will be accepted throughout the entire public comment period, and oral testimony will be taken at public hearings which will be held on January 21 and 23, 2020. Details for the public hearings will be announced at a later date.

INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

Kona

Monday, December 9, 2019 5:00 - 7:00 pm
NELHA Gateway Visitors Center
73-4460 Queen Ka'ahumanu Hwy, Suite 125
Kailua-Kona, HI 96740

Hilo

Wednesday, December 11, 2019 5:00 – 7:00 pm
Aupuni Center Conference Room
101 Pauahi Street, Suite 1
Hilo, HI 96720

For further information, please visit our website at www.hawaiiizerowaste.org or call the Solid Waste Division office at 961-8270.