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October 30, 2017

Honorable Alan M. Arakawa
Mayor, County of Maui
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For Transmittal to:

Honorable Riki Hokama
Chair, Budget and Finance Committee
Maui County Council
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL


Acting Mayor
11/1/17
Date

Dear Chair Hokama:

SUBJECT: CATEGORY VII REFUSE DISPOSAL FEES AT THE CENTRAL MAUI LANDFILL (BF-91)

The County is in receipt of the above Budget and Finance (BF) Committee requested information dated October 18, 2017. We appreciate your questions and involvement on this new pilot project. Data and operational impact review is ongoing with our Solid Waste Division field and fiscal staff. Your requests and corresponding answers are provided below.

- 1) *Provide the amount of revenues collected from the implementation of the \$3 fee, through September 30, 2017.*

JULY 2017	\$36,033
AUGUST 2017	\$33,242
SEPTEMBER 2017	\$32,628
TOTAL	\$101,903

- 2) *Did the implementation of the fee result in an increase of staff hours at the Central Maui Landfill? If so, how did the Department adjust staffing levels? Please explain.*

Yes, implementation of the fee did result in increased staff hours and overtime by our Cashiers, Landfill Supervisor, Admin Assistant our Solid Waste fiscal section and MIS staff. Additional duties tasked include accepting payments, educating the public, verifying cash register amounts, deposits, transporting to carrier pick up and fiscal oversight, computer systems install, etc. Additional hours are required to perform these functions, including overtime, staff working on days off, etc.

Beginning the week of August 21st, temporary labor was hired to perform the function of cashiering.

Initially the Department had intended an implementation date of January 1, 2018 with the intention of installing an automated unmanned payment station with an automated entry gate. The implementation date was moved up to July 1, 2017.

An RFP is currently being developed for an automated, unmanned payment station with an automated entry gate to be installed as soon as possible. This infrastructure and automated system may alleviate the need for an additional expansion position(s) attendant to collect the fee. As we move forward, this will flesh itself out.

- 3) *What method of payment is accepted at the Central Maui Landfill? How is the number of residential hauling units monitored and tracked?*

Beginning July 1, 2017, only cash was accepted for the \$3 fee. After coordinating with MIS and installing necessary infrastructure, Debit and Credit Card acceptance was setup and implemented on September 28, 2017. The number of transactions had been tracked by cash register reports and are currently tracked through the County's INOVAH cashiering system.

Utilizing a point of sale system, the resident is issued a receipt, so that each transaction is tracked in the cash register report or the cashiering system.

- 4) *Since the implementation of the fee, has there been an increase in the amount of trash left on the side of the road or other public areas? If so, what has the Department done to mitigate the matter?*

Historically, Pulehu road near Central Maui Landfill, does experience wind-blown litter and some dumping trash along the sides of Pulehu road, and/or unsecured loads falling off their trucks, etc. (as do all landfills). That said, since the implementation of the fee, there has not been an appreciable increase in the amount of trash left on the road.

The Landfill has always hired out litter control services to private contractors to maintain Pulehu road litter as we don't have in-house staff to perform this work. The current contractor is operating under a Civil Service Exemption expiring in January 2019. In FY 19 expansion positions are being requested to sustain the litter control and permit requirements.

Please let us know should you need any additional information. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Stewart Stant". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Stewart Stant, Director
Department of Environmental Management

Attachments

Cc.: Solid Waste Division

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Mr. Stewart Stant, Director
Department of Environmental Management
County of Maui
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mr. Stant:

**SUBJECT: CATEGORY VII REFUSE DISPOSAL FEES AT THE
CENTRAL MAUI LANDFILL (BF-91)**

Beginning July 1, 2017, a fee of \$3 was implemented at the Central Maui Landfill for residential refuse hauling for light trucks or other vehicles with a gross vehicle weight of less than 10,000 pounds.

May I please request the following information:

1. Provide the amount of revenues collected from the implementation of the \$3 fee, through September 30, 2017.
2. Did the implementation of the fee result in an increase of staff hours at the Central Maui Landfill? If so, how did the Department adjust staffing levels? Please explain.
3. What method of payment is accepted at the Central Maui Landfill? How is the number of residential hauling units monitored and tracked?
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Mr. Stewart Stant
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May I further request you provide your response **no later than October 31, 2017**. To ensure efficient processing, please include the relevant Committee item number in the subject line of your response.

Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Michele Yoshimura at ext. 7663, or Yvette Bouthillier at ext. 7758).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Riki Hokama", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

RIKI HOKAMA, Chair
Budget and Finance Committee

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cc: Mayor Alan M. Arakawa