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Meeting Time: 01-10-24 13:30

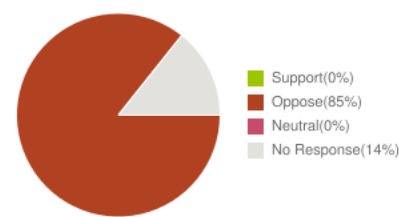
eComments Report

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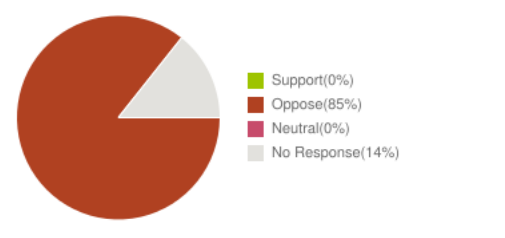
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Agenda Name	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
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DRIP-2(14) ALTERNATIVE 2023 WILDFIRE DEBRIS PROCESSING SOLUTIONS (DRIP-2(14))	4	0	3	0

Sentiments for All Agenda Items

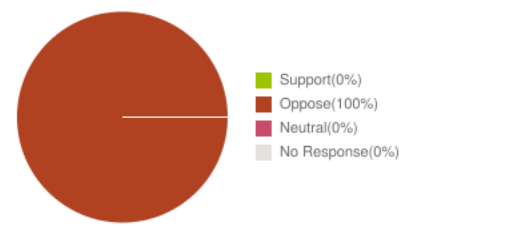
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Agenda Item: eComments for A G E N D A

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Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 10:33pm 01-09-24

We REMAIN OPPOSED to the toxic waste dump at OLOWALU

Experts in the shipping industry are now being brought into this matter; and need at least a few more weeks for their evaluation on what can be done to break up the debris, and ship it to a toxic site in California. Toxic sites in California are WILLING to accept this debris.

Proposals are being prepared to submit to the mayor. Proposals are quicker than the current plan for Olowalu, and less costly.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:35pm 01-06-24

Olowalu should not be used! Even as just a temporary site because it is too close to the ocean and the mother reef!

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 10:31pm 01-05-24

testimony for

Maui County Disaster, Resilience, International Affairs, and Planning Committee

1:30 PM Wednesday, January 10, 2024

re. Alternative 2023 Wildfire Debris Processing Solutions (DRIP-2(14))

from Cory Harden, Hilo

Aloha Maui Council members,

Based on our experience with Brittany Zimmerman on Hawai'i Island, I urge you to have nothing to do with her. There are many red flags.

- Observers have noted that CEOs of large companies with actual financial backers don't spend months travelling to different islands chasing funding, never mentioning a physical corporate headquarters.

- Yummet, Zimmerman's company, required the director of Hawai'i County Research and Development to sign a non-disclosure agreement. So the director took a taxpayer-funded trip to see a Yummet project in Minnesota, but cannot tell taxpayers what he learned.

I spoke with Zimmerman at a Hilo event and asked if Yummet had any actual projects up and running. She said there were five in several states, but that to get information, I would also have to sign a non-disclosure agreement.

- The website for Yummet, Zimmerman's company, says

"Our concrete is certified and showcased in the Department of Transportation MnRoad Facility."

<https://www.yummet.com/green-concrete>

But I am unable to find any mention of Yummet on the MnRoad website.

- Zimmerman claimed "each of our facilities can scale very large...we [looked at implementation] for example, in Savannah, Georgia, and that can scale to remove a billion tons of carbon dioxide directly from the environment annually."

*somewhat unintelligible

Zoom meeting with Sustainable Energy Hawai'i, July 29, 2022,

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JQOVKWCs2vg>

at 17:17 minutes

But the 15 facilities worldwide now doing direct air capture remove fewer than 10,000 tons of carbon dioxide a year.

"Direct air capture removes carbon dioxide from the air by passing it through liquid chemical solutions or by chemically binding it with solid filters. However, the 15 facilities currently in operation globally capture only 9,900 tons of carbon dioxide each year."

UCLA Institute of the Environmental and Sustainability, April 1, 2021

<https://www.ioes.ucla.edu/article/carbon-sequestration-a-critical-but-less-understood-piece-of-the-climate-puzzle/>

And it takes all the world's forests to remove 16 billion tons a year.

"The world's forests currently absorb around 16 gigatons [16 billion tons] of CO2 each year."

<https://www.edf.org/article/carbon-capture-fight-climate-change-stop-climate-pollution>

Spring 2022 issue of EDF's Solutions magazine

- Resident Michele Mitsumori [in testimony to the Hawai'i County Environmental Management Commission] noted

that Yummet was said to be “establishing” a production facility. “Does this mean a working facility with a track record of success and safety does not yet exist?” she asked.

“I am concerned that Yummet Earth Solution’s founder/CEO’s online bio lists impressive accomplishments as an astronaut and space professional, but apparently none related to biochar production or production facilities management,” she said.

Brittany Zimmerman Sells Her Vision To Hawai_i County – But Is It For Real? Environment Hawai’i, August 2023, <https://www.environment-hawaii.org/?p=15279>

- Zimmerman holds three patents, but all are held jointly, and apply to space, not Earth. <https://patents.justia.com/inventor/brittany-lynn-zimmerman>

- Was Zimmerman six years old when she started working on her skills?
In 2021 she said she'd been in the "20 under 35 cohort of 2020".
So by 2021 she couldn't be older than 36.
Then she "spent 30 years" working on skills.
36 minus 30 equals 6.

"Brittany has spent 30 years working on expanding her breadth of skills...Brittany is a member of the 20 Under 35 cohort of 2020"

bio from Thesis Defense by Brittany Zimmerman on April 30, 2021
<https://blogs.und.edu/jdosas/2021/04/thesis-defense-by-brittany-zimmerman-on-april-30th/>

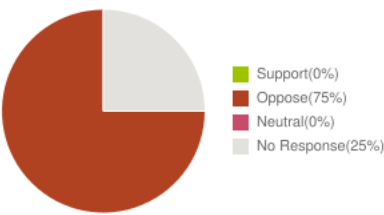
- Zimmerman cited nuclear energy as “renewable”.
Zoom meeting with Sustainable Energy Hawai’i, July 29, 2022, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JQOVKWCs2vg>
at 26:50 minutes

Councilmembers, please beware. Mahalo.

Cory Harden, Hilo

Agenda Item: eComments for DRIP-2(14) ALTERNATIVE 2023 WILDFIRE DEBRIS PROCESSING SOLUTIONS (DRIP-2(14))

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Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 12:34pm 01-10-24

Aloha my name is Olani Lilly and I am sharing my support on behalf of Changemakers Community Economic Development Corporation, a nonprofit organization located on Hawai_i island.

I am writing to provide a strong endorsement for Yummet and Brittany Zimmerman as an amazing community partner. Brittany was an eager partner in helping us access and understand the benefits of biochar for our Hawai_i island farmers. They were a key partner in successfully receiving Regional Conservation Partnership funding through USDA. I have had the pleasure of collaborating with Yummet on various agricultural and environmental initiatives, and I am confident in their ability to assist us in making a meaningful impact.

Changemakers Community Economic Development Corporation is a nonprofit organization located on the island of Hawai_i. Changemakers is championing economic equity and justice by promoting economic development that engages communities, creates access to financial resources, and supports passion professions.

Yummet_s commitment to sustainable agriculture and environmental stewardship aligns perfectly Changemakers and our work. Yummet_s commitment to community engagement and collaboration is exemplary. They have a proven track record of working closely with local stakeholders, agricultural experts, and community members to ensure that projects are not only successful but also inclusive and culturally sensitive. This is particularly crucial in Hawai_i, where the agricultural community is diverse and deeply connected to the cultural fabric of the islands.

Mahalo nui

Ka'ahui 'Ohana

Location:

Submitted At: 12:13pm 01-10-24

On behalf of the Kaahui Ohana:

As the Council and County explore alternative solutions for toxic waste removal and remediation, there are other vendors such as Crowley, and Clean Harbors who would like the opportunity to submit proposals and work to secure gap funding should expenses fall outside the established budget. Funding can be derived from government grants and philanthropic sources outside of FEMA and County sources.

Using an option like shipping containers will mitigate the urgency, ideas like this can be brainstormed and vetted. Funding should never be on the front when brainstorming because it preempts a discussion.

Crowley is familiar with responding to large scale disasters like the Haiti Earthquake and Hurricane Maria.

Foster Ampong

Location:

Submitted At: 4:16am 01-10-24

On behalf of Kimokeo Ohana of Lahaina we oppose establishing the County of Maui's Temporary Debris Staging Reduction Site and Weigh Station at the Olowalu Cinder Pit in the County of Maui, Hawaii.

Our Ohana supports alternative remedies such as containing debris from the 2023 Wildfire in Cargo Containers until an appropriate final disposal site can be determined.

Note: Any site selected, albeit on-Island or off-Island the debris in its entirety will take months to be removed. The health risk to the environment and community is not negated. Continued exposure to the elements is a health risk to everyone.

Containment of the 2023 Wildfire Debris is paraount.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 1:32pm 01-08-24

PLEASE DO NOT VOTE ON THIS ACTION UNTIL A PLAN TO BREAK UP THE DEBRIS AND SHIP TO CALIF HAS BEEN PROPOSED AND SUBMITTED TO THE MAYOR!