

Elle Cochran, Chair
Infrastructure and Environmental Management Committee
Maui County Council

Albert Perez, Executive Director
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June 19, 2018

Re: IEM-63 CC 18-128

Aloha Chair Cochran and members of the committee:

My name is Albert Perez, and I am the Executive Director of Maui Tomorrow.

We have a couple of comments regarding Anaergia's proposed sludge processing, energy generation, and biocrop growing/burning project at the Wailuku-Kahului Wastewater Reclamation Facility.

1. The timing of the County's Contract for this project in relation to the County's other contract with Anaergia at the Central Maui Landfill is questionable. Here is a timeline:
 - a) the RFP was issued 3/16/2017.
 - b) the Anaergia sludge drying lease at the Wailuku-Kahului WWRF was pulled out of the IEM committee and signed in Exec. Session on 12/16/2017.
 - c) the contract amendment to release sludge from the Anaergia landfill contract was signed on 2/14/2017.
 - d) a new contract was signed for the MANA project to incorporate sludge drying on 2/14/2017.

It appears that these amendments were intended to correct an oversight regarding the sludge. This means that it is possible that other companies might have bid on the contract, and that the procurement may have been invalid.

2. The proposed Anaergia sludge drying lease at the Wailuku-Kahului WWRF is in the tsunami zone. A report prepared in 2014 says that tsunami heights in the area of this facility are 30 feet instead of the 20 feet that the tsunami wall is designed for. This facility is also in the area projected to be inundated by 3-foot sea level rise. As the sea level rises, the tsunami heights will also be higher relative to the existing tsunami wall. It is critical that we adopt proven methods to move this facility inland, instead of allowing more investment in a known

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hazard area. It is just a matter of time before we have a tsunami that will take this wastewater plant out, filling Kanahā Pond with contaminated water; then we will have a huge environmental disaster on our hands.

Mahalo.