

**Department of Environmental Management  
Maui Wastewater Community Working Group Meeting VIII  
Thursday, July 1, 2010  
Waikapu Community Center**

**Meeting Notes  
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**I. Welcome & Introductions**

Leland Chang opens the meeting with CWG member and public introductions.

**II. Agenda Review**

Leland Chang: Objective is to streamline the criteria and strategies in the rating exercises. Major next step is for the Project Team to use the results of pairwise criteria and strategy rating exercises, along with mission and guiding principles, to develop draft preliminary tentative set of recommendations. CWG will then add, delete, refine, improve and prioritize a set of recommendations that hopefully will have consensus support.

Hoped to begin recommendation discussion phase today but it was clear that the group should have a chance to revisit the instruments. Mayor Tavares will visit around 3:15 p.m. And there were emails circulated regarding the role of nitrogen and phosphorous; Pam, Warren and Joie will start a discussion on the role and impacts of N and P on wastewater.

**III. CWG V Meeting Summary**

Robin Knox: Page 6 - limit add "whether or not..."

Bill Frampton: Regarding Page 4, middle of paragraph - asked Robin for clarification. Robin clarifies that injection wells are regulated by Safe Drinking Water Act.

The meeting summary with correction will be posted.

**IV. Evaluation Criteria**

Leland Chang: re. revised criteria -- definitions are intact; criteria reworded to all have a positive value (i.e., if a criterion is met, it's a good thing); e.g., having a high cost of inaction is a positive because it provides incentive to do the strategy.

Leland Chang: Bob Pickering suggested having no more than 12 to 15 criteria. Team discussed what criteria to include in Pair Wise. The conclusion was to respect the CWG's input by not excluding a large number of suggested criteria. Team wanted to include a larger portion of the CWG's input. For a business or organization, one can assume that decision makers have some shared goals. With the CWG, we are assuming greater diversity/heterogeneity -- so we don't want to throw out things unless the CWG says so. We need to strike a balance between being user friendly and capturing your input.

Pam Daoust: Presented her criteria revisions that reduced 33 criteria to 17. She also reworked the strategies to make them clearer and more concise; and added one strategy. Also wants to revisit the Mission Statement with thought of including something on water quality standards. One is safe drinking water and the other is clean water -- tightening up of numerical standards.

After discussion, the CWG agreed on changes to be made to the criteria and agreed to redo the Pair Wise criteria exercise with a quick turnaround.

## **V. Improving the Strategies Rating Exercise**

Leland Chang: presented a handout of Strategies for Rating by the CWG. The listing includes additional strategies from the team and in response to members' comments, bringing the total to 39 possible strategies.

The CWG worked with the team's and Pam Daoust's draft strategies documents and agreed on a revised set of strategies to be used in the rating exercise. A straw poll was conducted, with the following results:

### Policy, Planning, and Coordination:

- A. 5
- B. 5
- C. 5
- D. 7
- E. 4 (gone)
- F. 2 (gone)
- G. 4
- H. 5
- I. 12
- J. 5
- K. 1 (gone)

### Infrastructure and Uses

- A. 9
- B. 11
- C. 8
- D. 1 (gone)
- E. 3
- F. 0
- G. 2
- H. 6
- I. 6
- J. 7
- K. 6
- L. 1 (gone)
- M. 2
- N. 5

O. 2 (gone)

Financing

A. 6

B. 7

C. 4 (gone)

D. 2

E. 11

F. 1

G. 5

H. 3

I. 2

J. 4

K. 3 (gone)

L. 5

Community Education

A. 1 Combine all 3

B. 12

C. 1

Strategies with one or no votes were deleted. The group reviewed the other low scoring strategies and retained those for which there was no consensus to delete.

**Mayor's Visit**

Mayor Charmaine Tavares joined the CWG and provided the following remarks:

- She thanked the CWG for their effort; this is an important step to gather the minds together;
- The goal is 100% reuse of wastewater and we can't get there immediately; but we do need to start somewhere;
- We have concerns about the best way to protect our resources and we are looking and will continue to look for funding sources everywhere. The challenge is finding and obtaining funding;
- While this CWG is working, administration has been pursuing what is needed in this effort, as well as efforts in water conservation. The Energy Working Group also is related to water use and reuse. Potable water that is left to use is expensive to find and to deliver;
- She looks forward to CWG recommendations and further discussions with CWG;
- After thanking everyone for their commitment and dedication, the Mayor invited questions from CWG. There were none.

**VI. Next Steps**

Leland Chang: Those who suggested language on strategies need to get their edits to him by end of business day tomorrow. Do not add new items; just clarify what came up with today. We will

come up with new Pair Wise early next week with a three working day turnaround followed by a revised strategy rating assignment.

Leland Chang: Explained the emails between Pam, Warren and Joie regarding nitrogen and phosphorous. This discussion will be deferred until the next meeting.

Next meeting is August 5<sup>th</sup> at Lahaina Civic Center

## **VII. Public Comments**

Frank de Rego: Re. strategies, there is difference between stakeholders and the public. There's a larger public you need to deal with if looking at increased sewer rates. Public acceptance is an important value and the two should be differentiated, unless you clarify that stakeholders includes public.

Adjourn: 4:20 p.m.