MEMORANDUM

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DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

SUBJECT: DETERMINATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW REQUIREMENTS FOR LANDFILL DIVERSION BY COMPOSTING AT THE CENTRAL MAUI LANDFILL. TMK: (2) 3-8-003: 019

The County of Maui, Department of Environmental Management has evaluated the proposed interim activity of composting greenwaste with biosolids for commercial and domestic use, for consistency with HAR §11-200.1-11. Use of prior exemptions, findings of no significant impact, or accepted environmental impact statements to satisfy chapter 343, HRS, for proposed actions. The prior assessment document evaluated is the Central Maui Landfill Facilities Final Environmental Assessment (EA) Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) published in The Environmental Notice on August 8, 2019.

The proposed use will occur for an interim period prior to the development of the complete preferred alternative outlined in the above August 2, 2019 Final EA FONSI. The composting facility and ancillary storm water basin will be constructed and operated on an approximately 17-acre portion of the previously analyzed solid waste diversion facility at the existing Central Maui Landfill located at Pulehu Road, Puunene, Island of Maui.

The Central Maui Landfill is located approximately two miles from the nearest residential use and is abutting an existing quarrying operation and currently fallow large scale agricultural fields. The proposed composting use was occurring on the same parcel at the time of the August 2, 2019 Final EA FONSI evaluation however was located approximately 750 feet to the south and
east of the study area. The composting use did constitute a portion of the existing conditions analyzed for the Central Maui Landfill facility and vicinity.

Potential direct, indirect and cumulative effects as well as appropriate mitigation measures will be substantively comparable and proportional to those associated with the proposed uses analyzed by the preferred alternative in the August 2, 2019 Final EA FONSI.

After careful examination and comparison of the proposed use and the August 2, 2019 Final EA FONSI, the Department of Environmental Management has concluded that additional environmental review is not required pursuant to HAR §11-200.1-11 (a) because:

(1) the proposed action is substantially similar to the action that received the FONSI as a solid waste processing activity, for diversion of solid waste from the Central Maui Landfill;

(2) The proposed action is anticipated to have direct, indirect, and cumulative effects similar to those analyzed in the prior Final EA, such as receiving preparation and storage of abandon vehicles, metals processing including receiving preparation and processing of white goods, receiving processing and storing recyclable materials from an open construction and demolition material recovery as well as receipt, management, storage and outgoing transportation of household hazardous waste & electronic waste receiving & storage area; and

(3) The purposed action consists of solid waste processing for diversion from the Central Maui Landfill which was analyzed by the August 2, 2019 Final EA FONSI as the project’s preferred alternative.

In light of the foregoing the Department of Environmental Management request the publication of this evaluation and determination in The Environmental Notice, pursuant to HAR §11-200.1-11 and §11-200.14.

For any questions regarding this determination, please feel free to contact Sage Kiyonaga, P.E., Solid Waste Division, Department of Environmental Management at sage.kiyonaga@co.maui.hi.us or at (808) 270-7875.

Sincerely,

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