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**Guam Environmental Protection Agency
Board of Directors' Regular Meeting
Thursday, November 13, 2025**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER: Director Steven Carbullido called the Board of Director's meeting to order from the Guam EPA conference room at 4:10pm. Roll call certified by Acting Board Secretary, Arlene Acfalle, as follows:

II. BOARD ATTENDANCE:

Chairman Steven Carbullido	- Present - Attending virtually from Hagatna
Vice Chairman Steven Carrara	- Not present
Director Steven Hollister	- Present – In person
Director Fran Castro	- Present- In person
Director Cathleen Moore-Linn	- Present – In person
Director Heather Quitugua	- Present – Attending virtually from Hagatna

Quorum has been established

Guam EPA Staff: Michelle C.R. Lastimoza, Glenn San Nicolas, Arlene Acfalle, Kristan Finney, Connie Aflleje, CAPT. Elizabeth DeGrange, Malia Tom, and Peter Bautista.

General Public: Vangie Lujan (GWA), Chris Budasi (GWA), Vince Arriola (DPW), Linda Ibanez (DPW), Colleen Cruz (GSWA)

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Director Hollister made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Director Quitugua. All voted in favor, zero (0) opposed and motion passes.

IV. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2025 MEETING MINUTES: Director Hollister made a motion to approve the September meeting minutes, seconded by Director Castro. All in favor, zero (0) opposed and motion passes.

V. BOARD DISCUSSION / ACTION:

GSWA – REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE RRF (FY25 3rd & 4th Quarter) – Chairman Carbullido prefaced that GSWA is requesting for reimbursement for 3rd & 4th Quarter of FY25 to bring the total to \$400,000 which is itemized in the budget bill. Chairman inquired with Administrator Lastimoza if Guam EPA recommends board approval to which Administrator advised yes.



Director Castro made a motion to approve the payout of the remaining balance to GSWA in accordance with their previous request not to exceed \$400,000, seconded by Director Moore-Linn. All in favor, zero opposed and motion passes.

DPW- ABANDONED VEHICLES REMOVAL EXPENDITURE PLAN, MOA – Chairman Carbullido prefaced that the DPW (Department of Public Works) expenditure & operations plan that the Agency sent to the board to include in its board packet for the September regular meeting was not the version the Agency wants the board to review as it indicated DPW was requesting for \$10M from the RRF. Chairman noted that the version DPW/GEPA wants the board to review was emailed to the board 10 minutes before this meeting started. Administrator Lastimoza advised what was provided in September's board meeting was correct, the only revision was to the expenditure plan. Chairman again stated that during September's meeting, what was provided in the board's packet was for \$10million for 625 calendar days; the revised version of \$2M was not distributed via email to the board for their review in a timely manner until 10 minutes before this meeting. Administrator Lastimoza agreed.

Chairman asked Administrator Lastimoza if she would like to present the revised expenditure plan since the Board has not had a chance to properly review it. Administrator turned it over to DPW's Director, Vince Arriola for response. Mr. Arriola advised in a nutshell, DPW will be contracting the entire operation out since they do not have the equipment or the human resources to handle a project such as this. Mr. Arriola advised this has been in discussion for over a year with the Governor, Lt. Governor and Administrator Lastimoza and stated we're as close as possible to an epidemic in abandoned vehicles.

Mr. Arriola advised they appreciate the board's support and noted what they are looking to do is receive the money that's allocated to Guam EPA, gather information, do the market research and then put out an RFP to see who would be interested. Mr. Arriola stated he believes there maybe two companies who will be interested in taking these abandoned vehicles, strip and cube them and ship them off-island. Mr. Arriola advised accountability is important so DPW plans to create an accounting system for each vehicle to make sure that what comes in through DPW's system goes out with the contracted company.

Mr. Arriola advised DPW has been currently stockpiling, in the back of their compound, the vehicles they have been collecting on the roadsides and public easements. Mr. Arriola added they are working with Guam EPA to make sure it is at a controllable level and following the guidelines set forth by Guam EPA but DPW needs to start processing them out of their compound and getting these vehicles off-island correctly and legally. Administrator Lastimoza noted there will be one correction to the draft MOA (first page, 2nd whereas) from the amount of \$500,000 to \$2Million which is the amount DPW is requesting.

Chairman opened the floor for questions or comments.

Director Hollister asked where a vehicle goes if a private citizen was to call a tow truck for disposal. Director Arriola advised it would go to DPW compound.



Director Moore-Lin referred to the Operations plan right above Option 3 and asked what time frame DPW has in mind to pick up vehicles like the ones burned in the side of the road. Mr. Arriola advised typically we give it two days if it's not burned but if it is burned DPW will pick it up the same day. Mr. Arriola advised they are working closely with GPD and DRT to locate the previous owner and added with most of the vehicles the owners have either dumped it or sold the vehicle many years ago.

Director Moore-Lin inquired if the reporting be on an annual basis and if Guam EPA will be monitoring periodically. Mr. Arriola advised for now yes it will be reported annually and monitoring will be done periodically. Administrator Lastimoza also agreed and added DPW will provide their data to Guam EPA.

Director Moore-Linn also inquired on what will be prioritized. Acting Deputy San Nicolas (SN) advised the program is meant for public easements and public properties first as a priority. Acting Deputy SN advised that salvage companies pay to dispose at their facility and added they are supposed to remove the useful parts and dispose of the carcasses at a recycling facility. It's not the government's responsibility to remove the junk vehicles.

Director Castro asked once its approved do they hit the ground running or do they just put out the RFP to hire these companies. Director Arriola advised they are not sitting on this and this is a high priority not only for DPW but for this Administration.

Director Hollister what does DPW see happening in the disposal of the EVU's (batteries). Director Arriola advised they are going to leave that up to the permitted company as it will be part of the RFP. Director Arriola stated DPW will want to know how and where all waste stream from the vehicle will go and what is going to the landfill. Director Arriola advised he was able to tour the JY Recycling operation in Saipan and noted they are setting up shop on Guam awaiting the completion of the 45 day comment period.

Chairman Carbullido inquired when the RFP will be ready to go out. Director Arriola advised he hopes before the end of the year if not sooner. Chairman Carbullido stated considering the board just received the DPW packet before the board meeting, does the board wish to continue discussion or continue this at the next meeting before the new year when DPW will have its RFP documents ready and the board has the time to review the proposals. Chairman also inquired if Guam EPA reviewed and confirmed that the documents provided complies with the law for the RRF and the budget bill. Administrator Lastimoza stated aside from making the changes to the amount on the MOA, it is already on the MOA that DPW will be contracting out these services and that meets the procurement requirement.

Director Quitugua inquired if the MOA has been vetted through legal counsel. Administrator Lastimoza advised the MOA will still go through the Governor's Office and BBMR so Guam EPA can provide a copy to their legal counsel for review and noted the DPW MOA is similar to that of MCOG. Chairman Carbullido chimed in and stated it's similar but also different in the way the cars are to be picked up.



Chairman stated this is why he was asking the following questions.

1. Has the program been approved to go before the board?
2. Has it been reviewed by Guam EPA legal counsel?
3. Does it comply with the RRF (Recycling Recovery Fund) rules and regulations and the budget bill that allows the DPW to receive the funds?

Guam EPA Legal Counsel, Kristan Finney advised she did not review the expenditure and operations plan but she did review the MOA and it is similar to the mayor's council. The only difference is how DPW is going to carry out the program.

Chairman Carbullido asked if anyone would like to make a motion or do the directors want more time to fully review the documents being provided since the RFP will not be ready till end of year and the board only received the amended plan for \$2M 10 minutes before this meeting. Director Moore-Linn asked if they were to make a motion it will only be for the MOA and not the expenditure and operations plan. Chairman stated he would like the motion to reflect what the language is in the law. Ms. Finney chimed in and noted DPW is not able to put out the RFP until they receive the funds from the RRF. The Chairman stated DPW can proceed in good faith in continuing its planning and preparation of their RFP documents as they noted they can complete compiling their RFP package before the end of the year. Mr. Arriola stated DPW has a draft of the RFP and they know exactly what they want and need to get this contracted out.

Chairman Carbullido stated he prefers to have a continuation meeting for this so DPW's plans can be fully reviewed but also stated if the remaining board members are ready to make a motion he is open for discussion. No motion was made. Continuation meeting was scheduled for 12/4/25.

DIELDRIN INTERIM ACTION LEVEL, RULES & REGULATIONS - **Copy of Draft Risk Assessment Document available upon request**

CAPT. DeGrange advised that the Risk Assessment document which went out for public comment in 2024, was approved by the board in November 2024 and is currently published on our Guam EPA website. CAPT. stated Guam EPA realized that on the original writing of the document it didn't have enough detail about what to do when treatment has been put in place and in dealing with the situation at Well Y-15 we realize it was an oversight. So what Guam EPA has done is proposed draft updates to the Risk Assessment document to reflect more current data and to be more explicit about monitoring and specifically about monitoring requirements after mitigation or treatment has been put in place, interim or permanent. CAPT. stated the general public will appreciate the extra detail added to the document and noted it also includes additional monitoring requirements to detail how Guam EPA could lift the public notification that is required in the IAL (interim action level) Risk Assessment document. CAPT. advised Guam EPA will prepare for a public comment period hopefully by next Friday for about 2 to 3 weeks and also may to do a press release advising of the public comment period.

Ms. Finney chimed in to clarify that Guam EPA is not asking for a board approval right now. Ms. Finney stated after the public comment period and once the agency responds to those comments the document will come back to the board for its approval. Chairman inquired if this will be ready



by the December 2025 meeting or January 2026 meeting. CAPT. Degrange hopes to have it ready by the December board meeting.

Administrator Lastimoza advised GWA representatives were present for comment. Mr. Chris Budasi, GWA Acting General Manager, stated they are grateful Guam EPA is taking steps to have a remedy to lift the “Do Not Drink without Treatment” advisory however, GWA is requesting for Guam EPA to make a public statement that the water coming out of the Y-15 well after treatment is safe. Mr. Budasi stated there is a lot of public confusion and anxiety by the people affected and all they want to know is that the water is safe. Mr. Budasi advised GWA has put in treatment and has remedied the situation.

Administrator Lastimoza advised Guam EPA will be preparing a press release to that effect and after much discussion with the IAL and its restrictions, Guam EPA is not looking to the IAL to be able to lift the advisory but rather to look at our statutes and regulations to “treat the treatment” differently to be able to lift the advisory. Administrator added the letter is on her desk for signature. CAPT. Degrange also stated Guam EPA agrees that the data GWA presented is a clear indicator that the water being produced from Y-15 is safe for all uses and added Guam EPA made sure to do its due diligence in making sure we cite the correct parts of our current regulation and also addressing the conditions for monitoring so that we all can be transparent and comfortable that the treatment is being maintained. Director Moore-Linn this will bring relief to the general public knowing that testing and monitoring will go on.

Ms. Vangie Lujan chimed in stating this is a good example on how we can move forward as emerging contaminants are right at our door step. Ms. Lujan stated one thing that was confusing for GWA is that the advisory, unlike the boil water notice, is to be clear on how to lift the advisory. Ms. Lujan mentioned they are providing testing, upon request, for residents that have installed their own POE’s or POU’s by contacting GWA.

STATUS REPORT FOR DIELDRIN: CAPT. Degrange advised aside from processing GWA’s request to lift the advisory, Guam EPA has also started to conduct pesticide farm inspections/ investigation along with Department of Agriculture (DoAG). Capt. stated from those inspections we are not finding any illegal pesticides at this time but noted we found some improper storage which have been corrected and also some solid waste issues.

Capt. advised she met with the director of DoAG and Guam EPA’s monitoring team is drafting a proposal for a potential study around Y15 and also other parts of the island. Capt. continued by stating in August 2025 Guam EPA put out a Total Maximum Daily Limit (TMDL) for Tumon Bay because its impaired with Dieldrin and Chlordane to try and implement actions that will reduce the amount of contamination that is in a particular area. Capt. stated with dieldrin it’s difficult because we don’t have a point source that we have been able to identify yet so we are trying to put together a sampling plan that will help us with source investigation. Capt. also mentioned there have been discussions with USEPA’s Superfund group, because AAFB is a Superfund site, to see what historical data can be used and what data will be useful for us to collect now. Mr. Peter Bautista, Chief Engineer, will be assisting in contacting WERI for some hydrology analysis as well. Guam EPA



is trying to look at all the data to see what parts are missing and how we can make the data useful in telling the story.

Capt. mentioned in discussion with Chelsa Muna (DoAG) they are looking to making a joint request to US EPA or GovGuam for additional funding to help support that investigation. Discussions with DPHSS about an epi study to see if cancer rates are actually different in that area versus across the island and also the division of environmental health to see where they can assist us in collecting additional samples. Director Moore-Linn mentioned there is a Guam cancer survey that is in existence in which Capt. Degrange advised she has that data however at a quick glance the rates don't appear to be higher.

VI. Administrator's Report

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Personnel:

- As of 11/13/2025: **54 FTEs** (Full-Time Equivalent)

DIVISION	PROGRAM	EMPLOYEES
Administration	EXECUTIVE	3
Administrative Services	ADMINISTRATIVE	6
Administration	PERMITTING	2
Air and Land	SOLID WASTE	4
Air and Land	HAZWASTE	3
Air & Land	AIR POLLUTION	2
Air & Land	DSMOA	2
Air and Land	GREEN PARCEL	3
Air and Land	PESTICIDES	3
Air and Land	RECYCLING	1
Water	CHIEF ENGINEER	1
Water	WATER POLLUTION	3
Water	SAFE DRINKING WATER	3
Water	WATER RESOURCES	2
Water	INSPECTORS	5
EMAS	LABORATORY	3
EMAS	MONITORING AND ANALYTICAL	5
EMAS	SENIOR SCIENCE ADVISOR	1
EMAS	NON-POINT SOURCE	2
TOTAL		54

Recruitment:



DIVISION / PROGRAM	POSITION	#	STATUS
ADMINISTRATION	PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER	1	Pending Certification from DOA
WATER	ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNICIAN	1	Placed on continuous listing with DOA
WATER	ENGINEER I	3	Pending announcement with DOA
EMAS	ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST I	1	Interviews completed. Selection made

Agency Headquarters:

- **UPDATE:** Negotiations complete – Contract for A&E services signed by Governor. Contract with DPW to be recorded with DOA as of Nov. 6, 2025
- BBMR requesting for Phase II design/scope (construction) for USACE review under NEPA requirements to issue Authorization to Proceed (ATP)
 - GEPA staff working on Phase II scope

POLICY:

Public Hearing on Proposed Onsite Wastewater Treatment and Disposal System Regulations For Residential Septic Tank and Leaching System and Temporary Toilet Facilities

- 22 GAR 12 (Onsite Wastewater Treatment and Disposal System Regulations)
- July 30, 2025 at 4:00pm

Oversight hearing on Dieldrin Contamination – 10/23/2025

- Submitted presentation on the chronology of events regarding the development and implementation of the Interim Action Level (IAL) for Dieldrin.

PROGRAMS/PROJECTS/PARTNERSHIPS:

GWA-GEPA Dieldrin Response

- Press Release No. 3 – GAC treatment effectively reduces Dieldrin levels at Y-15. At present, water sourced from Y-15 has been “NON-DETECT” for dieldrin.
- Guam EPA’s IAL does not currently address the lifting of the advisory and is working towards revising the IAL to legally lift the notice.
- Guam EPA working with USEPA CERLA/Superfund program to assist in an investigation in determining the source of Dieldrin.

Landslide October 15, 2025

- GEPA issued a stop-work order to Palisades Estates, a housing development being built on the Maite cliff line on October 15, 2025.
- A Notice of Violation and Order of Compliance (NOV/OC) was issued on October 31, 2025. Eight separate violations under the water pollution and soil erosion regulations, with fines up to \$1.7M.
- After mitigations plans were submitted to properly address the stormwater management, Guam EPA lifted the stop-work order in order for the developer to finish and maintain the stormwater management system for the duration of construction, which will reduce the risk of another land slide.
- Administrator advised Palisades intends to submit a Notice of Appeal so that will be forthcoming



DPW-GEPA MOA – Abandoned Vehicles

- Pending Board Decision on 11/13/25at 4pm
 - DPW's \$10M Operational Plan and Expenditure Plan was submitted to the Guam EPA Board of Directors on October 2, 2025.
 - MCOG wants to extend expenditure of FY23 funds (\$275,855) and FY24 funds (\$176,136) to December 2025.
 - MCOG village mayors voted that starting in Fiscal Year 2026, they won't be responsible for cleaning up abandoned cars or hauling away recyclable waste.
 1. However, the MCOG still wants to use FY25 funds (\$1.5M) (which was unspent in FY25) into FY26 (March 31, 2026).
 2. MCOG will return FY26 (\$1.5M) appropriations back to the RRF.

Chairman Carbullido inquired if MCOG just wanted to return the abandoned vehicles program and inquired on the white goods. Administrator Lastimoza advised MCOG terminated all of the collection of everything under the IWECP but they want to extend using the funds until March 31, 2026.

INSPECTION ACTIVITY September 15- October 31, 2025

DIVISION	PROGRAM	TYPE OF INSPECTION	# OF INSPECTIONS
AIR & LAND	DSMOA	Project Site	0
AIR & LAND	GREEN PARCELS	Project Site	2
AIR & LAND	HAZWASTE	Above Ground Storage Tanks	0
AIR & LAND	HAZWASTE	Underground Storage Tanks	0
AIR & LAND	PESTICIDES	Inspection & Investigation	5
AIR & LAND	SOLID WASTE	Occupancy inspections	17
AIR & LAND	SOLID WASTE	Complaints	14
AIR & LAND	SOLID WASTE	Disposal Plan	59
AIR & LAND	SOLID WASTE	Paper Bag Outreach	76
AIR & LAND	SOLID WASTE	Building Permits	34
		Litter Citations	0
		Written Warnings	5
WATER	INSPECTORS	Ocular, Septic & leaching, Grease trap inspections, complaints, H2, stormwater, compliance, UIC, Product / Irrigation wells and occupancy permits	204
WATER	SAFE DRINKING WATER	Sanitary Inspection	0
WATER	SAFE DRINKING WATER	Dieldrin Water Sampling	3
WATER	SAFE DRINKING WATER	Lead Free Inspection	19



WATER	WATER RESOURCES	Underground Injection Production Well Inspections	15 4
EMAS	MONITORING	Aggregate Beach Monitoring Monitoring Inspection Complaint Analytical	1 44 11 5 9
TOTAL	527		

PERMIT ACTIVITY: September 15 – October 31, 2025

PERMIT TYPE	APPLICATIONS*	ISSUANCES**	HOLDS***
Building Permit Clearance	45	38	1
Clearing/Grading Clearance	6	6	0
Occupancy Clearance	26	23	0
Underground Injection Control Permit	3	109	0
H2B Clearance	23	15	0
Well Operating Permit	1	1	0
Well Abandonment Permit	1	1	0
Well Drilling Permit	3	1	0
Test Boring Permit	15	7	0
Application Review Committee Review	4	4	0
Aboveground Storage Tank (AST)	10	10	0
Underground Storage Tank (UST)	5	5	0
Solid Waste Management Permit	Not on WALTERS	4	0
Wastewater Collection Permit	Not on WALTERS	0	0
MILCON	6	4	0
Highway Encroachment	6	6	0
Fumigation	Not on WALTERS	0	0
Burial at Sea	Not on WALTERS	0	0
Environmental Clearance (Aggregate)	Not on WALTERS	1	0
Notice of Arrivals (Pesticides)	Not on WALTERS	273	0
Air Pollution	Not on WALTERS	1	0
TOTALS	154*	558**	0***



*Applications received between September 15 – October 31, 20225

**Includes approved permits and clearances granted to applications submitted prior to September 15, 2025.

***Includes permit and clearance holds applied to applications submitted prior to September 15, 2025.

NOTICE OF VIOLATION'S – Chairman Carbullido inquired on any other NOV's to report aside from Palisade. Board Secretary Acfalle advised there were no other new NOV's reported however she noted that Core Tech paid the penalty fee of \$24,476 on Sept 8th and this NOV is now closed.

The Chairman opened the floor for comments.

Director Hollister inquired if the data provided on the Administrator's report is necessary on a monthly basis and asked if it can be provided on a quarterly or annual basis as he feels it is not in the board's purview. Directors Carbullido, Castro, Moore-Linn, and Quitugua, were all in agreement that the Agency should provide the data on a monthly basis. The data is provided as an update to the board and the people, and it speaks to the capacity of Guam EPA, the volume of work being done with the number of current employees. Acting Deputy SN chimed in stating providing data that is just "nice to know" information takes away a lot of time from the staff to do their work. Acting Deputy SN also mentioned the agency is also bombarded with a lot of FOIA request during major events and on top of that inspections, complaints and notices/ enforcement actions (to name a few) still need to be done with limited time and resources. Acting Deputy SN asked the board if they can scrutinize the information they are requesting to be reported it out bi-annually or annually instead of monthly. After much discussion, Chairman Carbullido noted it is his understanding that the Agency collects the information already on a weekly basis and they only report the monthly numbers to the board. Chairman Carbullido noted if there is a bottleneck somewhere in the process of providing the already-collected data, then we can discuss rolling up the data so that it is not as detailed where everyone is comfortable.

Chairman inquired if the board of directors were available for a continuance meeting on December 4, 2025 at 4pm to give the board time to review and approve the DPW documents and to get a status update on the dieldrin IAL. All board members present agreed to the time and date of the continuation meeting.

CONTINUANCE MEETING

December 4, 2025

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Director Steven Carbullido called the Board of Directors November continuance meeting to order from the Guam EPA conference room at 4:04pm. Roll call certified by Board Secretary, Arlene Acfalle, as follows:

II. **BOARD ATTENDANCE:**

Chairman Steven Carbullido	- Present - In person
Vice Chairman Steven Carrara	- Present – n person
Director Steven Hollister	- Present – In person
Director Fran Castro	- Present - Attending virtually from Ipan
Director Cathleen Moore-Linn	- Present - Attending virtually from Ipan
Director Heather Quitugua	- Present - Attending virtually from Hagatna

Quorum has been established



DPW-GEPA MOA – Abandoned Vehicles

Chairman Carbullido turned it over to Administrator Lastimoza for the update.*Copy of draft Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and Expenditure Plan (EP) available upon request*

Page 1 -3rd Whereas – Revised to end at Guam EPA Board of Directors.

Eliminated the portion of the Whereas that states ““who shall review the expenditure plan no later than 30 days upon receipt of the plan and amend as needed to abide by the current statutes and shall not include requirements for proper invoicing, documentation and oversight to ensure procurement regulations are properly followed”.

Page 2 New #5:

Ensure that administrative costs do not exceed 10% of the total amount of this MOA.

Chairman Carbullido advised the DPW Operations plan was previously provided however the board is not required by law to review it. Administrator added that the only other revision to the Expenditure Plan was to include the 10% administrative cost.

Director Castro noted a typo error on the EP 2nd paragraph from contact to contract and asked it be corrected. Director Castro asked for clarification on Table 1 and Table 2 on the EP. Directors Castro and Moore-Linn also asked for clarification as to why Table 2 shows \$2,499,972.22 as it does not match the amount on the MOA.

Table 1.

RESOURCE	RATE	UNIT
Equipment Operator 2	\$215.69	Day
Equipment Operator 3	\$291.28	Day
Laborer	\$197.23	Day
55-ton detachable lowboy trailer	\$500.00	Day
Day cab truck, 430 HP	\$100.00	Day
Wheel loader, 6.5-yard bucket	\$1,900.00	Day
Vehicle disposal contract	\$4,800.00	Day

Table 2.

Average cost of vehicle collection	\$534.03
Average cost of vehicle disposal	\$800.00
Average cost of collection and disposal per vehicle	\$1,334.03
Number of vehicles to be collected and disposed	1,874
TOTAL PROJECT ESTIMATE	\$2,499,972.22

Administrator Lastimoza and Deputy Director Ibanez clarified that the amount on Table 2 of the Expenditure Plan was if DPW was going to do the work themselves and not contract it out. Director Quitugua noted the 3rd page of the EP still shows 20% administrative cost. Administrator Lastimoza apologized as the Expenditure Plan was not revised and noted that it will be corrected to reflect the agreed amount of 10% administrative cost.



Director Moore-Linn inquired if the board is just reviewing the expenditure plan opposed to approving it. Chairman advised the board is not approving the MOA and noted the 4th **WHEREAS**, *DPW shall prepare and submit an expenditure plan for said removal and disposal of materials and zero waste initiatives in accordance with 10 GCA, Chapter 51 to the Guam EPA Board of Directors.*

Chairman Carbullido again inquired on what the law requires the Guam EPA board to do. Administrator Lastimoza advised to review the expenditure plan and approve the distribution of funds to DPW from the RRF account. Chairman stated he does not see that as a “Whereas” on the MOA and recommends the agencies to have the MOA cleaned up based on today’s discussion and before it’s sent for signatures.

Chairman commented that DPW’s EP projects to remove 1, 874 vehicles totaling \$2.5Million at a unit cost of \$1334 per vehicle and noted it will probably be cheaper based off historic data from MCOG. The proposal looks to go out for an IFB (invitation for bid) so it will be the lowest responsible bidder.

DPW Director Vince Arriola chimed in to advise DPW is putting an RFI together first before they issue an RFP or IFB for contractual services. The information being received from two up and coming companies is that the amount of money they will be charging, based on the market, is significantly much lower than what we are seeing today. The Chairman stated he sees no issues with agreeing with Guam EPA and DPW and allocating \$2Million from the RRF for the program.

Director Hollister inquired if legal counsel Kristan Finney has had a chance to review the MOA. Ms. Finney advised she did review it and also worked on the language and believes everything should be good.

Director Quitugua clarified the amount to be transferred is \$2Million and inquired if the amount on Table 2 includes the 20%. Administrator Lastimoza advised the 10% will be inclusive of the \$2Million which results to \$200,000 maximum for administrative costs and \$1.8Million will go towards collection and disposal either through DPW’s efforts or contracted out. Administrator added the expenditure plan is a rough estimate until DPW finalizes the contractual services and noted DPW is required to submit the report to Guam EPA by end of FY2026.

Director Hollister made a motion to approve the transfer of \$2Million from the Recycling Revolving Fund (RRF) to Department of Public Works (DPW) for the pickup and disposal of abandoned vehicles, seconded by Vice Chairman Carrara. All in favor, zero (0) opposed and motion passes.

DIELDRIN INTERIM ACTION LEVEL (IAL), RULES & REGULATIONS – CAPT. Elizabeth Degrange updated that the Risk Assessment Document on Guam EPA’s website which initiated the IAL (which was approved in November 2024) has been updated to primary address what happens after treatment is installed. CAPT. added the way it was previously written basically left no option for Guam EPA to lift the “Do Not Drink without Treatment” advisory until we had a running annual average. After treatment and when the water was deemed safe it was inappropriate to keep the advisory in place. The IAL has been updated to include more current information and primarily to update the monitoring. Guam EPA



also update some of the notification language to be consistent with US EPA's language for other pesticides.

CAPT. Degrange advised it went out for public comment on November 26th through December 17, 2025. The Public Hearing will be at 3pm on December 17th in the Guam EPA Administration conference room. CAPT. added this was also sent to all the PWS's (public water systems) on island so they are made aware.

CAPT. updated Guam EPA had meetings with, US EPA and GWA, WERI and with Guam EPA's Brownfields program to see if we can get a CERCLA assessment of that area. That proposal is currently with US EPA Headquarters for review and evaluation to hopefully get funding to do a Superfund Assessment to focus on the area surrounding the Y-15 well.

New Meeting Date/Adjournment: Next regular meeting was tentatively scheduled for January 15, 2025. Director Hollister made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Vice Chairman Carrara. All in favor, zero (0) opposed, and regular meeting adjourned at 4:45pm.

Arlene M.S. Acfalle
Acting Board Secretary

