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#### **Pāhoa Solid Waste Recycle and Transfer Station Improvements are Complete**

The Pāhoa Recycle and Transfer Station reconstruction has been completed on time and on budget. Mahalo to the Pāhoa Community for their patience and support during the reconstruction.

The \$3.9 million project was designed to meet Pāhoa's growing needs and represents the next generation of recycle and transfer stations. The facility's new one-way traffic circulation pattern provides safe and convenient access to multiple services, which include greenwaste collection, HI-5 redemption, two bin recycling, two refuse chutes, a reuse facility, scrap metal recycling, and appliance recycling. Large overhangs have been added at each waste chute to provide the users with shelter from the rain.

The project features a photovoltaic power system, rain water harvesting, and recycled glass aggregate concrete. A bamboo reuse facility and kiosk is located at the facility along with landscaping that uses native plants to reduce or eliminate the need for irrigation. Landscaping also includes crushed glass, ground tires, and recycled concrete rubble.

Please visit your newly improved Pāhoa Recycle and Transfer Station and avail yourself of the solid waste management services and educational opportunities on green building practices and recycling.

For more information, contact Michael Friend, SWD Civil Engineer, at 961-8296 or go to the County Solid Waste Division's website: [www.hawaii Zerowaste.org](http://www.hawaii Zerowaste.org)