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Solid Waste Receivership to End

Leon Guerrero-Tenorio Administration Gains Trust of Chief District Court Judge

Hagåtña, Guam - After over a decade of Court-appointed receivership, the Government of Guam will finally oversee the day-to-day operations of Guam's solid waste management. The announcement follows District Court Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood's preliminary order transferring day-to-day operations to the Government of Guam and the Guam Solid Waste Authority.

"This is a historic day for Guam because the Federal Court has recognized the effort of our administration to reclaim the responsibilities of our Solid Waste Authority," stated Leon Guerrero.

With the Guam Economic Development Authority (GEDA) leading the effort to ensure the financing plan for the Layon Landfill Cell 3 and Ordot Dump Post Closure Care, Judge Tydingco-Gatewood was extremely impressed and expressed her satisfaction with the efficiency and effectiveness in collaborating with local and federal stakeholders to gain a consensus on an acceptable financing plan for these projects.

"I am really proud of the meticulous and expeditious work by GEDA and members of my Fiscal Discipline Team. They knew that the financing plan to construct a new landfill, relieve the federal receiver, and continue monitoring Ordot Dump was going to be critical for our Administration to demonstrate and they delivered by collaborating with the GSWA Board, the Attorney General's Office, Senator Sabina Perez and my legal team," said Governor Leon Guerrero. **"We look forward to efficiently running the solid waste operations under its new management and remain dedicated to protecting our environment and the health of our people."**

The transfer of day-to-day operations is effective at 5:00 p.m. on April 30, 2019. A continuation hearing regarding the transition of the Ordot Dump Post Closure Care has been scheduled for May 8.

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