*Abstract*

*This research is based on the main issue of bad waste management. The issue allegedly results from the minimum role of the community development agency in the waste management in Buah Batu district, Bandung city.*

*The approach of the research is the role of the community development agency in waste management seen in the context of public policies and public administration which are the main theories to develop the science of public administration.*

*By using a qualitative method, researchers could provide complex details of a phenomenon which is hard to reveal when they apply a quantitative method (Anselm Strauss & Juliet Corbin, 2003). This method was applied to describe the role of a community development agency in waste management. The approach of the research of the community empowerment is viewed as a bridge for macro and micro development concepts. The concept of empowerment is one of the effective ways in community development, especially in waste management. The concept of empowerment is a process for the community to have their ability and independence in order to reach a better standard of living.*

*The research shows a general conclusion that the community development agency in Buah Batu district Bandung city plays their role in waste management, yet there are still weaknesses of their role. The research results in five findings based on the observation and interviews conducted.*

*First, the community development agency plays their role in adaptation to waste management as the respondents said that there was a contribution from the community in waste management. Second, in terms of the dimension of the achievements of the objectives in waste management, the communities in some of the villages show their understanding of economic aspects of the trash in waste management. In fact, they wisely sorted the trash. However, despite the government regulations, the implementation of the waste management is still weak due to the lack of the supervision. Third, in terms of the dimension of the integrity of the waste management in Buah Batu district Bandung city, the communities in some of the villages show their understanding of waste sorting. They have the facilities although the uses of the facilities are not maximized yet. Fourth, in terms of the dimension of the maintenance, the pattern of the maintenance conducted by the community development agency is not enough. The level of the consistency for the maintenance of the waste management is still poor.*

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