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*Michael P. Victorino* 4/17/19  
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Mayor Date

For Transmittal to:

Honorable Keani Rawlins-Fernandez  
Chair, Economic Development & Budget Committee  
Maui County Council  
200 South High Street  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Rawlins-Fernandez:

**SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2020 BUDGET (EMA-3) (EDB-1)**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments regarding the above referenced matter. My response is as follows:

**1. In the FY 2019 Budget, you requested three Civil Defense District Coordinators, 0.25 equivalent personnel each, for Hana, Molokai and Lana'i. The Council declined to fill the positions pending position descriptions.**

**a. What is the status on the position description?**

Our office decided to pursue an alternative to the Civil Defense District Coordinators by



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creating Incident Command Posts (ICP) for Molokai, Lana`i and Hana as prescribe by FEMA and the incident command system (ICS). We have assigned the following individuals to be Incident Commanders (IC) during emergencies: MPD Lt. Ryan Rodrigues for the island of Lana`i, MPD Capt. Jerual Pladera for the island of Moloka`i and MFD Capt. Gale Notestone for the district of Hana. Since these individuals are the highest ranked in their respective departments in the district, they are already in positions of authority and will be more effective in handling emergencies in the area.

**b. Since there is no request for these positions in the FY 2020 Budget, how is emergency management handled in Hana, Molokai and Lana`i?**

Please refer to our response to question 1a. Early last year, our agency created ICPs for Lana`i, Molokai and Hana. We also created protocols where the Emergency Operation Center (EOC) deputy director would serve as the liaison between MEMA's EOC and the EOCs in the isolated areas. In addition, our agency applied for a grant from Homeland Security to purchase equipment for the EOCs on Lana`i and Molokai. The EOC for Molokai is near completion and is located at the Fire Station in Kaunakakai. The EOC for Lana`i is located at the Police Station. Both EOCs will have video teleconference capabilities (funded through the Homeland Security Grant) with MEMA's EOC.

**c. What has changed that you no longer see a need to fill these positions?**

Please refer to our response to questions 1a and 1b. The ICP concept was put to the test last year during Tropical Storms Lane and Olivia. The system worked very well and we were in constant communications with the ICPs and the respective ICs. As such, we were able to fulfill the intent of the proposed Civil Defense District Coordinator through the creation of Incident Command Posts and Incident Commanders.

**2. Relating to page 4-4 of the Budget Details (index code 912014B, sub-object code 6132 Professional Services), explain the increase from \$2,800 to \$45,000 for the period FY 2018 to FY 2019.**

The expenditures for FY 2018 for sub-object code 6132 of \$2,800 was for disaster asset software. The FY 2019 adopted of \$45,000 is for the County of Maui's emergency alert system (Maka`ala).

Should you have any questions or require clarification, please contact me at (808) 270-7285. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Herman Andaya  
Administrator

