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April 5, 2024

Ms. Rogerene (“Kali”) Arce, Director
Department of Agriculture
County of Maui
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Ms. Arce:

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR (“FY”) 2025 BUDGET (BFED-1) (AG-4)

Thank you for participating in the Committee’s discussions on April 3, 2024. The Committee respectfully submits the follow-up questions listed below. May I further request that, after approval by the Office of the Mayor, you transmit a written response to bfed.committee@mauicounty.us by **April 11, 2024**.

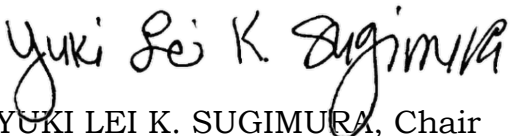
1. Relating to the Upper Maui Agriculture Park Expansion Project (UMAP):
 - a. Please provide an update on the UMAP project and whether the Department needs assistance receiving the \$10,160,000 from the State of Hawai‘i, Department of Agriculture.
 - b. Please provide an overview of the infrastructure being installed at the Park as it pertains to water.
 - c. What is the status of the booster pump for the Park? Is the Department waiting for a permit to be approved?
 - d. Please elaborate on the barriers the Department is facing with creating a water delivery system to the Park.
 - e. What other opportunities is the Department exploring or considering regarding expanding water infrastructure at the Park and for farmers Countywide?

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2. Please provide the FY 2021 report for the MEO Agricultural Micro Grants Program.
3. Explain the Departmental impact if there were no new CIPs added for FY 2025. Without new CIPs, would the Department be able to focus on current CIPs, especially FY 2024 CIPs that have appropriations set to lapse at the end of 2024?

Thank you for your attention to this request. Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (James Krueger at ext. 7761, Kasie Apo Takayama at ext. 7665, or Yvette Bouthillier at ext. 7758).

Sincerely,



YUKI LEI K. SUGIMURA, Chair
Budget, Finance, and Economic
Development Committee

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cc: Mayor Richard T. Bissen, Jr.
Acting Budget Director

BFED Committee

From: BFED Committee
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 3:27 PM
To: Rogerene Arce
Cc: BFED Committee; Koa.Hewahewa@co.maui.hi; Kahea Ueshiro; Michelle Santos; Zeke Kalua; Lesley Milner; Kristina Cabbat
Subject: PLEASE READ attached letter re: FISCAL YEAR ("FY") 2025 BUDGET (BFED 1) (AG-4); reply by 04/11/24
Attachments: (AG-4) Correspondence to Agriculture 04-05-2024.pdf

Ms. Arce: Please refer to the attached letter from the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development (BFED) Committee Chair, dated April 5, 2024. Please respond by **April 11, 2024**.

Mayor's Office (attention: Michelle Santos and Zeke Kalua): Please forward the attached letter to Mayor Bissen for his information.

Ms. Milner: FYI

Thank you,
Yvette Bouthillier, Senior Secretary
BFED Committee

RICHARD T. BISSEN, JR.
Mayor

ROGERENE K.M. ARCE
Director

KOA HEWAHEWA
Deputy Director



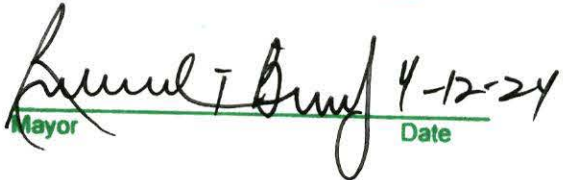
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April 12, 2024

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Honorable Richard T. Bissen, Jr.
Mayor, County of Maui
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APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL



Mayor Date

For Transmittal to:

Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Chair
Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee
Maui County Council
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Ms. Sugimura:

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR ("FY") 2025 BUDGET (BFED-1) (AG-4)

Thank you for your letter dated April 5, 2024 requesting follow up questions. Please see responses below.

1. Relating to the Upper Maui Agriculture Park Expansion Project (UMAP):
 - a. Please provide an update on the UMAP project and whether the Department needs assistance receiving the \$10,160,000 from the State of Hawai'i, Department of Agriculture.

Conceptual design of the UMAP project is complete and a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) was distributed for pre-consultation comments in 2022. However, due to the need to incorporate off-site water system improvements into the UMAP project, the EA was put on hold in 2023 while a conceptual design was developed for the water system. Once the conceptual design is complete, the EA for UMAP will be re-drafted to

incorporate the off-site water system improvements and design work for both UMAP and the water delivery system can proceed. Once the HRS Ch. 343 process is complete, construction of said improvements can proceed as well.

The Department has been in communication with local representatives about the state legislature appropriation of \$10,000,000 under Act 164, SLH for the Kula Agriculture Park. The Department is currently preparing correspondence to the legislature to request additional guidance and will continue to communicate with the Committee about the status of these funds.

b. Please provide an overview of the infrastructure being installed at the Park as it pertains to water.

- A 12-inch distribution waterline that will provide raw water for fire protection (fire hydrants spaced every 500-feet) and agricultural needs;
- A pressure reducing valve and related appurtenances within a concrete vault
- A raw water storage reservoir (2.5 to 4.5 Million Gallon capacity) within the Kula Ag Park, adjacent to the existing lower reservoir;
- The addition of two (2) booster pumps and motors to the proposed CIP “Kula Ag Park Booster Pump Station Relocation” project (included in plans as “future”).

c. What is the status of the booster pump for the Park? Is the Department waiting for a permit to be approved?

The status of the Kula Ag Park Booster Pump Station Relocation project is approximately 95% complete and will be ready to bid upon any major comments associated with the Building Permit review. Tentative Bid Advertising Date: End of April.

Yes, the Department of Water Supply and Department of Agriculture are waiting on the first round of review comments to be addressed prior to bidding. (Submitted to MAPPS 12/5/2023)

d. Please elaborate on the barriers the Department is facing with creating a water delivery system to the Park.

Potential barriers include:

- Incorporating the water delivery system into the existing EA for UMAP (additional cultural & geological studies may be required)
- Completing the Ch. 343 environmental review process with the issuance of a Finding of No Significant Impacts (FONSI) for the EA
- Amending lease of Kula Ag Park tenant, UH CTAHR, for the placement

of a new tank or reservoir for the water system because UH CTAHR Administrator is not willing to part with any acreage. The Department is looking at an alternative site nearby existing KAP reservoir.

- Preparation of the design and construction plans for the water system in a timely manner along with the applicable funding for these improvements.
- e. What other opportunities is the Department exploring or considering regarding expanding water infrastructure at the Park and for farmers Countywide?
No, the Department has not because of capacity and focusing on current infrastructure.
2. Please provide the FY 2021 report for the MEO Agricultural Micro Grants Program.
OED and MEO can provide the report
3. Explain the Departmental impact if there were no new CIPs added for FY 2025. Without new CIPs, would the Department be able to focus on current CIPs, especially FY 2024 CIPs that have appropriations set to lapse at the end of 2024?
The Department does not have any new CIPs in FY 2025.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office at ext. 8278 or by email to rogerene.arce@co.maui.hi.us

Sincerely,



Rogerene "Kali" Arce
Director

BFED Committee

From: Shirley Blackburn <Shirley.Blackburn@co.maui.hi.us>
Sent: Friday, April 12, 2024 4:50 PM
To: BFED Committee
Cc: Kayla Ueshiro; Rogerene Arce; Travis Hewahewa
Subject: (BFED-1) (AG-4)
Attachments: Shirley Blackburn.vcf; (BFED-1) (AG-4).pdf

Aloha,

Please see attached correspondence from Department of Agriculture.

Mahalo,

Shirley L. Blackburn

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