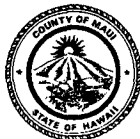


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January 18, 2018

Mr. David Goode, Director
Department of Public Works
County of Maui
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mr. Goode:

**SUBJECT: AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2018 BUDGET:
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (REMOVAL OF
TREES ON PIIHOLO ROAD) (BF-112)**

At its meeting on January 23, 2018, the Budget and Finance Committee will be reviewing the proposed budget amendment for the emergency removal of dead trees along Piiholo Road.

According to your correspondence dated December 14, 2017, the Department has obtained bid proposals with alternative options as follows:

1. Removal of 60 eucalyptus trees located along Piiholo Road within the County right-of-way. The trees will be cut to one- to two-foot stumps and the green waste will be hauled to the Central Maui Landfill.
2. Removal of 360 eucalyptus trees located along Piiholo Road, within 35 feet of the edge of the pavement. About 300 of the trees are within Piiholo Ranch's property. The trees will be cut to one- to two-foot stumps and all green waste and fallen trees are to remain on Piiholo Ranch's property.

The bid proposals from C. Hayes Excavation are \$342,420 and \$448,818, respectively, for each alternative.

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Furthermore, the correspondence states that "Piiholo Ranch has agreed in principle, to allowing us to use their property to lay down the County trees and their trees so as to reduce hauling costs to the landfill."

May I please request the following:

1. Explain why the removal of the trees on Piiholo Road is being declared an emergency. How long has the Department known about the condition of the trees and the hazards they create?
2. Has the Department or the County issued any warnings to Piiholo Ranch providing notice that the dead trees on its property may pose an imminent threat to life and property of passing motorists or pedestrians? Explain.
3. Explain the procurement process for obtaining the bids.
4. Provide a copy of the agreement between the County and Piiholo Ranch for cutting the trees and allowing the green waste and cut or fallen trees to remain on the Ranch's property.

May I please request your response no later than **Monday, January 22, 2018**. To ensure efficient processing, please include the relevant Committee item number in the subject line of your response.

Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Michele Yoshimura at ext. 7663, or Yvette Bouthillier at ext. 7758).

Sincerely,



RIKI HOKAMA, Chair
Budget and Finance Committee

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cc: Mayor Alan M. Arakawa
Budget Director