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For Transmittal to:

Honorable Riki Hokama, Chair
Healthy Families and Communities Committee
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Hokama:

SUBJECT: FERAL ANIMAL MANAGEMENT ON MAUI (HFC-24)

We are in receipt of your letter dated January 17, 2020 requesting the Department's task force report on feral cats.

In 2017, the Department held meetings with an organized task force comprising of citizens interested in managing feral cat colonies within our Maui County parks. The goal for these meetings was to provide feedback on the development of permitting managed feral cat colonies on park land. Attached is the Summary Report which includes the recommendations of the task force.

Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at Ext. 7385.

Sincerely,

KARLA H. PETERS
Director of Parks and Recreation

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Summary Report

December 14, 2017

Four meetings have been held under the direction of Sue Kiang, Community Partnership Coordinator. Citizens that have an interest in managing feral cat colonies in public parks came together for four meetings. They discussed the merits of a trap, spay and return method of managing the numbers of cats. Overtime as sterilized cats are returned to the location, the numbers are reduced. They realize there is a great need for public education in understanding the merits of the program. The purpose of the meetings was to provide feedback to the Department of Parks and Recreation as they develop a process for granting permits. The current Administrative Rules that governs Parks call out for permits to be granted to colony managers.

Other topics of discussion included signage for the parks with feeding sites, rules that would accompany a permit application, and the future needs of a program which would require dedicated funding.

The recommendations to the Administration of Parks included the following:

Establish a pilot program that would allow the gathering of data.

Utilize the offer of Neighborhood Cats in registering colonies.
The site is confidential and could gather data.

Timely adoption of the process to register colonies.

The participants have indicated that they represent more people than have been able to attend the meetings. One person said she could take the application to ten that she knows of that are willing to become managers. Another said there were 25 waiting to hear.

Sue has found the individuals to be very dedicated to their cause. They are more than willing to enter into a partnership which would result in the humane treatment of members of the Maui community.

Respectfully submitted: Sue Kiang 12/15/17