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COUNTY OF MAUI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT 2145 KAOHU STREET, SUITE 102

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March 7, 2024

Honorable Richard T. Bissen, Jr. Mayor, County of Maui 200 South High Street Wailuku, HI 96793 APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL

For Transmittal to:

Honorable Tom Cook, Chair Water and Infrastructure Committee 200 South High Street Wailuku, HI 96793

Dear Councilmember Cook:

SUBJECT: OPERATIONAL AND BUDGETARY REVIEW OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (EXCLUDING ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISION) (WAI-1(17))

In response to your request for information dated February 23, 2024, your request and the corresponding answers are provided below by the Department of Environmental Management (DEM):

1. Please provide a Gantt Chart to illustrate the timeline and progression of the proposed Central Maui Wastewater Reclamation Facility.

Please see attached Gantt Chart for the proposed Central Maui Wastewater Reclamation Facility.

We anticipate asking for \$67,000,000 in construction funds for FY2027 and \$70,000,000 in construction funds for FY2028.

2. In the upcoming Fiscal Year 2025 Budget, will the Department appropriate funding for a landfill attendant position and a dump truck in its Solid Waste Operations Program for Lāna'i?

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> The Department does not plan to appropriate funding for an expansion Landfill Attendant position. Lanai Landfill currently employs a Working Supervisor, two (2) Landfill Equipment Operators, and one (1) Landfill Attendant. For a long period of time, the Solid Waste Division (SWD) was unable to find a qualified applicant to fill the vacant Landfill Equipment Operator position, so the position was reallocated down to a Landfill Attendant with the intention of developing and training one of the Landfill Attendants to qualify as a Landfill Equipment Operator. One of the Landfill Attendants did receive certification as a Landfill Equipment Operator and his position was reallocated to a Landfill Equipment Operator.

> Funding for a dump truck at Lanai Landfill was approved in the FY24 budget and will be procured later this year.

3. Please provide the projected repair costs for equipment and facilities damaged during the August 2023 wildfires. Will the Federal Emergency Management Agency reimburse the Department for the repair costs, if any? And if so, how much will be reimbursed?

Wastewater Reclamation Division:

To date, Wastewater has encumbered roughly \$565,000 and paid out about \$353,000 in response to the August 2023 wildfire. Wastewater's initial projected repair costs and potential costs to rebuild/repair the wastewater pump stations and collection system are \$25 million and \$118 million, respectively, based on the Phase I Damage Assessment. It is our understanding that all costs submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency will be reviewed and may be reimbursed, as long as it meets all of their requirements. It is unknown at this time how much will be reimbursed.

Solid Waste Division:

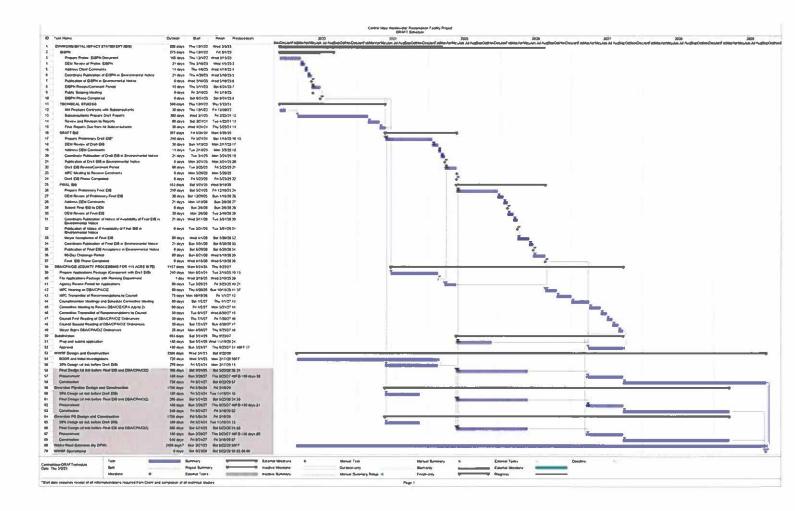
The Solid Waste Division has estimated that 847 refuse carts were destroyed by the August 2023 Wildfire. An estimated replacement cost of \$78,283 was submitted to FEMA for review and approval of reimbursement. It is unknown at this time how much will be reimbursed.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with information on this matter. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to transmit them to the Department of Environmental Management via transmittal through the Office of the Mayor.

Sincerely,

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February 23, 2024

Mr. Shayne Agawa, Director Department of Environmental Management County of Maui Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mr. Agawa:

SUBJECT: OPERATIONAL AND BUDGETARY REVIEW OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (EXCLUDING ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISION) (WAI-1(17))

Thank you for allowing Deputy Director Schmidt to participate in the Committee's discussion on this important matter.

May I please request a response to the following:

- 1. Please provide a Gantt Chart to illustrate the timeline and progression of the proposed Central Maui Wastewater Reclamation Facility.
- 2. In the upcoming Fiscal Year 2025 Budget, will the Department appropriate funding for a landfill attendant position and a dump truck in its Solid Waste Operations Program for Lana'i?
- 3. Please provide the projected repair costs for equipment and facilities damaged during the August 2023 wildfires. Will the Federal Emergency Management Agency reimburse the Department for the repair costs, if any? And if so, how much will be reimbursed?

May I further request your written response by **March 8, 2024**. To ensure efficient processing, please transmit your response to

Director of Council Services David M. Raatz, Jr., Esq.

Deputy Director of Council Services Richelle K. Kawasaki, Esq. Mr. Shayne Agawa February 23, 2024 Page 2

wai.committee@mauicounty.us and 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 (Jarret Pascual at ext. 7141, or Yvette Bouthillier at ext. 7758).

Sincerely,

TOM COOK, Chair Water and Infrastructure

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cc: Mayor Richard T. Bissen, Jr.

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