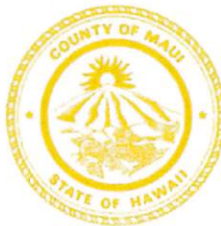


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August 22, 2023

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

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard T. Bissen, Jr.", is written over a horizontal line. Below the line, the word "Mayor" is printed in blue. To the right of the signature, the date "8-22-23" is handwritten in black, and the word "Date" is printed in blue below it.

For Transmittal to:

Honorable Alice L. Lee, Chair
And Members of the Maui County Council
200 South High Street
Wailuku, HI 96793

Dear Chair Lee and Members:

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 19.47.070,
MAUI COUNTY CODE, REGARDING THE WETLANDS
OVERLAY MAPPING**

I am submitting a proposed ordinance entitled, "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 19.47.070, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO THE WETLANDS OVERLAY MAPPING" for consideration at the next County Council meeting.

The existing Ordinance (No. 5421) was approved on October 4, 2022 and states, "Within three hundred sixty-five days after the effective date of the ordinance establishing this chapter, the planning director must prepare, or cause to be prepared, and transmit to the planning commissions, council, conservation planning committee, and director of public works, a map that shows the approximate location of wetlands throughout the County and likely migration areas reflected by passive flooding data." This means the map must be completed and transmitted by October 3, 2023. However, no funding was included in the Ordinance for actual implementation; the Planning Department (Department) had to request a budget amendment. In addition, the Department had to prepare a request for proposals (RFP) and go through the procurement process in order to secure a consultant. After these steps, the Notice to Proceed (NTP) for the contract was issued on March 20, 2023, leaving approximately six months to prepare and transmit an overlay map for the entire county.

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The purpose of the proposed ordinance is to amend the Department's timeline for preparing the wetlands overlay map. The project was initiated on March 20, 2023. The proposed date of submission is 365 days after the initiation of the contract with the consultant, or March 19, 2024.

The time extension would support the Planning Department in developing a robust map with adequate public comment. At this time, the Department, UH Sea Grant, and consultant H. T. Harvey are consulting with many agencies, researching potential wetland locations ("ground-truthing"), preparing the draft map, and conducting community meetings. The meetings on Molokai and Lanai were held in July. Meetings on Maui will be scheduled for later this year.

Thank you for your consideration and attention to this matter. Should you have any questions or require clarification, please contact Long Range Division Planning Program Administrator Jacky Takakura at extension 7743.

Sincerely,



KATHLEEN ROSS AOKI
Planning Director

Attachment

Xc: Garrett Smith, Planning Deputy Director (pdf)
Wesley Crile, Coastal Dune Restoration Specialist (pdf)
Shahin Ansari, Ph.D., Senior Ecologist, Project Manager, H.T. Harvey & Associates (pdf)

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