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April 9, 2026

Mr. John Stufflebean, Director
Department of Water Supply
County of Maui
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mr. Stufflebean:

SUBJECT: **PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET FOR THE
COUNTY OF MAUI** (BFED-1) (WS-03)

Thank you for participating in the Council's Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee meeting of April 8, 2026. The Committee respectfully submits the follow-up questions below.

May I further request that you transmit your response to bfed.committee@mauicounty.us by **4:30 p.m. on April 16, 2026**.

1. What are the projected refunds for the Department from federal agencies, such as the Federal Emergency Management Agency, over the next two years, relating to the August 2023 Maui wildfires and the Kona Low storms? (TC)
2. Relating to your Department's response to WS-02 dated April 7, 2026, you requested a correction to the funding amounts for CBS-7885 Upcountry Reliable Capacity – Ha'ikū Aquifer Source & USGS Monitor Well and CBS-1092 West Maui Reliable Capacity. (YLS)
 - a. Please provide additional context on the request to correct the funding amounts.
 - b. Please explain the effects of the additional funding for CBS-7885 and the decrease in funding for CBS-1092.

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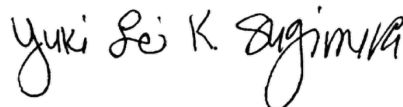
- c. Please work with the Budget Director to provide revised CIP Project sheets for CBS-7885 and CBS-1092, specifically to the Funding Details and Operating Impact Narrative sections, if necessary.

May I also request that you restate each question followed by your corresponding response. Include any attachments or exhibits. Please ensure your response is clear and legible by using a minimum 12-point font throughout so Committee Members and the public can easily read the document once it is posted.

To ensure efficient processing, please duplicate the coding in the subject line above for easy reference.

Thank you for your attention to this request. Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Kirsten Szabo at ext. 7662, James Krueger at ext. 7761, Jarret Pascual at ext. 7141, Clarissa MacDonald at ext. 7135, or Pauline Martins at ext. 8039).

Sincerely,



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

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

BFED Committee

From: BFED Committee
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2026 9:04 AM
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'kristina.cabbat@co.maui.hi.us'; 'Shirley Blackburn'; 'Janina Agapay'; 'James Landgraf';
'Linda Kimura'
Subject: PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI (BFED-1) (WS-3)
Attachments: (WS-3) Correspondence to Water Supply 04-09-2026.pdf
Importance: High

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April 14, 2026

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Ms. Lesley J. Milner
Budget Director, County of Maui
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

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Mayor
4-14-26
Date

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

For Transmittal to:

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

Dear Chair Sugimura:

SUBJECT: PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI (BFED-1) (WS-03)

In response to your letter dated April 9, 2026, Department of Water Supply (DWS) provides the following:

1. What are the projected refunds for the Department from federal agencies, such as the Federal Emergency Management Agency, over the next two years, relating to the August 2023 Maui wildfires and the Kona Low storms? (TC)

Response:

Related to current and near-term Capital Improvement Program projects, there are no anticipated additional refunds for the Department from federal agencies.

2. Relating to your Department's response to WS-02 dated April 7, 2026, you requested a correction to the funding amounts for CBS-7885 Upcountry Reliable Capacity – Ha'ikū Aquifer Source & USGS Monitor Well and CBS-1092 West Maui Reliable Capacity. (YLS)
 - a. Please provide additional context on the request to correct the funding amounts.

Response:

Federal funds are available from the EPA-Disaster Relief Grant for CBS-1092, West Maui Reliable Capacity. These funds were recognized as an amendment to the FY26 budget via Ordinance 5903. The Budget can be amended to delete the \$900,000 in restricted funds for this project.

Concurrently, the Department seeks additional funding in CBS-7885 Upcountry Reliable Capacity – Ha'ikū Aquifer Source & USGS Monitor Well for a monitoring well and consulting fees for the required Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and required monitoring well. This amount is \$1,000,000 in restricted funds.

- b. Please explain the effects of the additional funding for CBS-7885 and the decrease in funding for CBS-1092.

Response:

The effect of the additional funding for CBS-7885 is a net increase in overall Water Development Fee Fund (restricted) spending of \$100,000 , with an operational benefit of moving forward the Department's efforts of compliance with the Consent Decree relating to groundwater source development in the Haiku Aquifer.

The decrease in funding for CBS-1092 (\$900,000), due to a success in securing federal funding, offsets the majority of the \$1,000,000 request for CBS-7885 and results in a net increase in overall spending from the Water Development Fee Fund of \$100,000.

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Estimated revenue for special assessments can be increased by \$100,000 to offset this increase with no changes to rates and fees

- c. Please work with the Budget Director to provide revised CIP Project sheets for CBS-7885 and CBS-1092, specifically to the Funding Details and Operating Impact Narrative sections, if necessary.

Response:

Department staff will coordinate with the Budget Director to update the CIP project sheets for CBS-7885 and CBS-1092.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this subject matter. If you have any further questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,



JOHN STUFFLEBEAN, P.E.
Director

BFED Committee

From: Tiare P. Horner <tiare.p.horner@co.maui.hi.us>
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2026 10:39 AM
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Subject: RE: PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI (BFED-1) (WS-3)
Attachments: (BFED-1) (WS-3).pdf

Aloha,

Please see attached correspondence.

Mahalo,

Tiare P. Horner
Budget Specialist
Phone: 808.270.7517

From: BFED Committee <BFED.Committee@mauicounty.us>
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