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December 15, 2023

Colonel Jesse T. Curry, Commander, Rock Island District United States Army Corps of Engineers P.O. Box 2004 Rock Island, Illinois 61204-2004

Via E-mail: jesse.t.curry@usace.army.mil

Dear Colonel Curry:

SUBJECT: UPDATES ON RECOVERY EFFORTS IN RESPONSE TO THE AUGUST 2023 WILDFIRES ON MAUI ISLAND (DRIP-2(12))

Thank you for your participation in the Maui County Council's Disaster, Resilience, International Affairs, and Planning Committee meeting of December 13, 2023. We are grateful for the knowledge and expertise you shared at the meeting.

May I please request your response to the following:

- 1. What is the average number of truckloads of debris removed from each parcel in the Upcountry burn zone? Please also include the average total weight of debris removed from each parcel and any other relevant data.
- 2. Trees and other debris fell into gulches in the Upcountry burn zone as a result of the August 2023 wildfires. If heavy rain were to occur in the area, debris would likely obstruct the safe flow of rainfall via the gulches, resulting in possible flash flooding. This would pose a risk to the community and surrounding infrastructure. Please describe what actions the County can take to seek federal support to remove such debris.

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May I respectfully request your written response by **December 29, 2023.** To ensure efficient processing, please transmit your response to drip.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 (Paige Greco at 808-270-7660, or Maria Leon at 808-270-7866).

Sincerely,

TAMARA PALTIN, Chair

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cc: Mayor Richard T. Bissen, Jr.