

## Pa'ia Youth & Cultural Center Youth Members' Budget Testimonies 2018

The Paia Youth and Cultural center is my second home. I come here as often as I can because I really love this place. The staff members are very close to me and very kind and giving. The PYCC is an amazing program, and one of my favorite places to be in the world. They have amazing programs like the kitchen, which serves food to all of the members, The Radio, where the kids can play music for all to hear, and the video production lab; where kids can make videos, and take pictures of whatever they want. The Children are always kind and respectful to others, and this is a great way to make friends. This is my favorite place to be. Samson Campbell Age 15

I fully support the PYCC to enhance their very successful youth program especially because the kids here are so much more enthusiastic and more themselves with each other and that comes with the willingness to be and find who they are and the staff here are very supportive of that specific thing as well. I'm sure that since the role models here enhance that, the kids will be open to help out others when they are older. Kayla McCarthy 17

Moving to Maui from Idaho was a rough and hard experience, knowing only very little about the island and the culture. The Pa'ia Youth and Cultural Center has been very helpful and amazing giving me; friends, activities, knowledge, and fun. Going to PYCC everyday I've learned how to surf and skate which has been great. It also gives me more free range with what I want to do with my time. I would recommend PYCC to everybody. They should keep getting money. -Ian Ware, age 16

Going to the Pa'ia Youth and Cultural Center has not only benefited me socially, but has also given me opportunities. I'm an intern for the radio station and a former intern for the kitchen program. The youth center has taught me lessons I can use in the real world and for that I am so grateful. -Madison Dungo, age 15

Here at the Pa'ia Youth and Cultural Center it's a great place to be and hang out with others. Personally when I moved to Maui it made it easy to find new friends. Also, it keeps kids safe, occupied and off the streets. -Vance Young, age 15

I love the PYCC because when I'm bored I can just walk down to the PYCC and they let you borrow the buggy boards and surf boards to go in the ocean. And let you get food you can help make food and they help you learn how to cook so when your older you know how to cook- Kaikea Martin Frate 9 years old

I love pycc a lot I think u should still help them after school I come here and hang out with the cool staff and my friends and I don't know what I would do without it it's the best place ever. -Nyah Dutro 11 years old

I LOVE pycc because if I have nothing to do you can come to pycc band hang out with all my friends. They also have a bunch of fun things to do when you are board, like surf go on the radio and play music. There are also a bunch of other activities. -Kira Iani carpenter 10 years young

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Brandon LaZve

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I love pycc because you can go surf hang with your friends and you can swim and skateboard when your bored you can come here when it open and you can meet new people and most of all I like that all the staffs are nice and amazing and you can do field trips and go to camp. - Stella Marley Valdez 11 years young

I really like the staff members Lorenzo Gonzalez 10

I really like the youth center because it keeps me busy and entertained: teiva stone keomaniboth 11

I've been coming for a year and I like to play pool and I like cooking in the kitchen. This is a good place it gives kids things to do and friends. Sulayman age 9

I've been coming for a year and I like to cooking with Ben, going on the radio, and jump roping. Daniella Gonzalez 9

I've been coming to the Pa'ia Youth and Cultural Center for about a year. I like to go on the radio, cook with Ben, and play with friends. Nariya 9



In its 3<sup>rd</sup> year on Maui, FAM is a two-phase, year-long program marrying Hawaiian cultural practices of sustainability and land management with a whole systems approach to agriculture.

Through class work and on-farm immersion activities with experienced mentors, participants will acquire and hone the skills and techniques of organic and regenerative agriculture.

The second phase offers a farm business planning, land acquisition, food safety, and a marketing component to help farmers launch into a commercial and/or subsistence operation.

The GOAL of FAM is to empower the next generation of farmers with the knowledge, skills and abilities to be successful farmers here in Hawaii.

The Hawaii Farmers Union, and it's Foundation provide the ongoing support system to make that happen.



## POLLINATE YOUR LIFESTYLE!



The FAM Program is a program of the Hawaii Farmers Union United and administered by the Hawaii Farmers Union Foundation.

Funding for FAM is provided by: County of Maui, Office of Economic Development, Kamehameha Schools 'Aina Engagement Program, the Atherton Family Foundation, and Rotary Club of the Lahaina Sunrise.



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## FARM APPRENTICE MENTORING



*Apples are a deciduous tree in the Rose family. These apples are a thriving part of the biodynamic systems at Maui Bees Farm in Pulehunui, Kula, Maui. Apples originate from Central Asia and are perhaps the first tree to ever be cultivated.*

The Farm Apprentice Mentoring (FAM) program is a network of support – a FAMILY – for beginning farmers. The purpose of FAM is growing new farmers, regenerating our islands' soil health, and increasing Maui's food production.

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“Let’s Grow New Farmers!”

**Cohort 1 (2015-16):**

10 Apprentices and 2 Mentors.

**Cohort 2 (2016-17):**

15 Apprentices, and 10 mentors.

**Cohort 3 (2017-18)**

20 Apprentices, 15 mentors

NEXT APPLICATION PROCESS  
BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER 2018



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# FARM APPRENTICE MENTORING

*The GOAL of the FAM program is to empower people who want to farm  
with the skills and abilities to be successful farmers*



## FAM CURRICULUM PHASES AND MODULES

### PHASE 1:

- 1) The Farmer** - what it takes to be a farmer – commitment, flexibility, passion. Getting to know mentors
- 2) The Land (‘Aina’) and the Environment** – Marriage of whole systems/permaculture and Hawaiian perspectives
- 3) Soil and Fertility** - what are you working with - how to read soil analysis- how to improve and maintain what you’ve got using regenerative and organic methods
- 4) The Water** - source, use, irrigation systems, politics
- 5) Propagation** - seeding, starts, direct seeding, air layering, grafting, cloning
- 6) Weeds** - and what to do about them without pesticides
- 7) Integrated Pest Management** - IPM -crop rotations, insectary hedges
- 8) Harvest / Post Harvest** - procedures and certifications
- 9) Introduction to The Business of Farming and Marketing**
- 10) Agriculture Specialties:** Beekeeping, Mushrooms, Animals

**Immersion Component:** 200 paid hours on a farm

### PHASE 2: FREE

- 1) Farm Business Planning** - expenses, cash flow projections, potential funding sources
- 2) Land Acquisition** - leasing and purchasing guidance, loans and grants, how to work with the USDA / FSA / NRCS
- 3) Food Marketing** - branding, packaging, **food safety**, and expanding your market



*FAM Apprentices experience hands-on irrigation techniques with mentor James Simpliciano, on Ku’ia, lands in Lahaina. Ongoing project efforts will restore the famous breadfruit forests of Ka Mala ‘Ulu o Lele.*



*FAM Apprentices examine organizational structures, including cooperatives and collectives.*

April 10, 2018  
RE: BF1

Aloha, to the Maui County Council

My name is Georgia Amber Pinsky

I live in Huelo. I am writing today in support of the Farm Apprentice Mentorship Program (FAM), of the Hawaii Farmers' Union United.

I am a landless farmer, doing my best to contribute to our islands' needs for increased food sovereignty and self-sufficiency. Local people are becoming an endangered species here in the islands, and as we consider how we're going to spend money in this county, we need to recognize which appropriations directly support our local people. This is one of them.

Regenerative, aina-based, local agriculture is blossoming on Maui, and across the State. Last Saturday's Maui Ag Fest evidenced this, where despite the weather, thousands of people turned out at the Maui Tropical Plantation to learn about, and try tasty samples of Maui's incredible local food.

I completed the FAM program in 2017 because I have a farm vision in mind and need the skills and knowledge and attitude to realize that vision.

The FAM curriculum is incredible. It begins with 'aina observations, water access and use, soil types and nutrient options, and takes the apprentices right on thru the business of Farming. The FAM program is working for it's participants, and deserves to continue to grow.

My vision is to directly increase access to local food for local people. I want to focus on a few crops with high yields, and high usability. These include breadfruit, kalo, pineapples, avocados, and coconuts. I want an on-farm health certified kitchen for increasing "shelf-life" and storing foods for off-season. One of the things I've noticed is that many people, myself included have no idea how to process these foods.

Traditional skills and knowledge is being lost day to day. I have a vision for a "make-your-own meal" On-farm restaurant, where guests work alongside chefs to learn about how the food is prepared before they eat it. Increasing traditional food-knowledge is an important aspect to increasing our island self-sufficiency. Relearning the recipes and meals that incorporate these traditional island foods is an important aspect of my farm vision. I want to establish a farming system that increase direct accessibility to these foods, AND provides people the knowledge to consume the foods

FAM is asking the County Council to go beyond the Mayor's budget and fund the expansion of FAM to both Hana and Moloka'i. This year's Cohort of the FAM program has 3 members from Hana. These 3 take the FAM coursework via a webinar but must drive to the other side from Hana for both their immersion experience and for hands on farm experiences that reinforce the course work. FAM needs mentors in Hana.

As I'm sure you're aware, Moloka'i has had recent lay offs from Mycogen and Monsanto of approx. 80 workers. Some of these workers want to go on farming. FAM is offering an introductory workshop on Moloka'i this month (APRIL) and will be meeting with potential mentors for the next FAM cohort that will begin in December.

These expansions to Moloka'i and Hana are greatly needed. These rural areas are the traditional breadbaskets of our community, and we need to do all we can to support the increasing local agriculture.

Mahalo for your ongoing support the Farm Apprentice Mentorship program of the Hawaii Farmers Union United. Thank you for considering going above and beyond the Mayor's funding requests to allow this much needed expansion to happen!

Georgia Amber Pinsky  
Huelo

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Baldwin Beach

Hookipa Park

Lower Paia

Hwy

Hana

Paia  
"Mini-By-Pass"

Baldwin

Holomua Road

Old Maui High

Paia School

Road

Avenue

Holomua

**Un-Paved Section of  
Holomua Road**

2 miles +/-

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Hugh Starr

Makawao Union Church



**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENERGY, AGRICULTURE,  
AND RECREATION COMMITTEE  
Council of the County of Maui**

**August 16, 2016**

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**MINUTES  
Council Chamber  
August 16, 2016  
(emphasis added 4-11-18)**

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**CHAIR GUZMAN:** Okay. Any other questions from the Members for this particular item? Okay, I will like to call on Public Works to come down to the floor and shed some comment to this section in the lease regarding the construction and maintenance and cost of paved public roads. And if you can give us an update or status, traffic impacts that are currently happening right now in that area. I believe one of the testifiers somewhat talked about roads in that area. There was mention on the Paia bypass and so on and so forth. So why don't you give us an update and then if you could shed some comments on that language in the lease agreement regarding the specific roads indicated in Exhibit "8" and they do mention some specific roads here.

**MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA:** Thank you, Chair, and good afternoon, Councilmembers. For the record, Rowena Dagdag-Andaya, Department of Public Works. I went ahead and spoke with our district, our Makawao District staff on the condition of Holomua Road and here is some information that they provided. Staff did indicate that it's approximately four miles from Hana Highway to Baldwin Avenue but that's just an estimate. Roadway travel way width is approximately 20 feet. Approximately 2 miles from Hana Highway to Old Maui High School and then 2 miles from Baldwin Avenue to Old Maui High School. Holomua Road is currently within current County jurisdiction. And the staff, Makawao District staff maintains the roads approximately two to three times a year, sometimes more during years when we experience a lot of rain. What they do is they grade the road, make it passable for motorists. Any additional work in maintaining this area would likely require additional resources as you can assume. **The section from Old Maui High School to Hana Highway was observed to be in fair condition.** It is paved. From Old Maui High School to Baldwin Avenue however there's a lot of ponding and potholes and this section would require improvements in the form of resurfacing. So staff went and did a cost estimate on how much it would, how much materials would come out to. So they estimate approximately \$211,000 for about an inch and a half of asphalt from Baldwin Avenue to Old Maui High School. So that's about 2 miles right there. Now that's the only estimate that they provided me with and staff did indicate that's just materials only, no taxes or any additional improvements that would be required as part of the traffic assessment. So when you think of things like improving sight distance or putting in, I don't know, drainage improvements or the gentleman earlier had indicated there may be some improvements needed along Hana Highway. That's not included in that \$211,000

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**CHAIR GUZMAN:** Ms. Rasmussen?

**MS. RASMUSSEN:** Yeah, if I could just respond for a second on this. So, yes, Holomua Road and the upper portion which is currently is what she's speaking of. So there's two 2-mile sections basically. That would be actually very helpful to have that in a much better condition because you could really actually turn, **if somebody wanted to go up Baldwin Avenue you could turn there and avoid Paia altogether.** You know so that could be actually really a beneficial way to **mitigate some traffic in Paia** and I think that would all come out in the traffic plan. So there could be a lot of public benefit to doing that.

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## Technical Discussion of the Ultimate Conversion and Water System

GOLD SEAL INDUSTRIES, LLC of North Las Vegas, Nevada (U.S.A.) with manufacturing facilities located in Indiana where the Ultimate Conversion Waste and Water Systems are produced.

The Ultimate Conversion Waste and Water Systems is modular and portable and can be expanded to any size. It offers a 100% U.S. manufactured and a proven Green, Zero Emission and Zero Pollution Technology that will help any customer achieve three key objectives.

1. Social- 100% Recycled waste to energy, cleaning up environmental problems
2. Environmental- Proactive solutions to ongoing waste issues and reduction of the carbon footprint.
3. Economic-Cost reduction and revenue generation to pay for the system and ultimately provide additional revenue for other municipal priorities.

Ultimate Conversion Systems works best with carbon rich waste:

Municipality Solid Waste (MSW) /refuse  
Cooking Oils and Grease  
Medical Waste, Bio-hazard, and Pharmaceuticals  
Paper and Cardboard  
Coal, Petroleum Sludge, Oils, and Oil Sand  
Wood, Yard Waste, Biomass  
Construction/Demolition Materials, Mattresses and Furniture  
Tires, Rubber, Plastics, Textiles  
Sewage and Sludge Treatment  
Agricultural Waste, Plant Stock, Manure  
Commercial and Industrial Waste, Chemical Waste  
Environmental Remediation, Soil and Surface, Groundwater  
Brownfield Sites and Redevelopment

One Ton of MSW/Biomass = one 55 gallon Barrel of Crude Oil in Energy.

42 Tires = one 55 gallon Barrel of Crude Oil in Energy.

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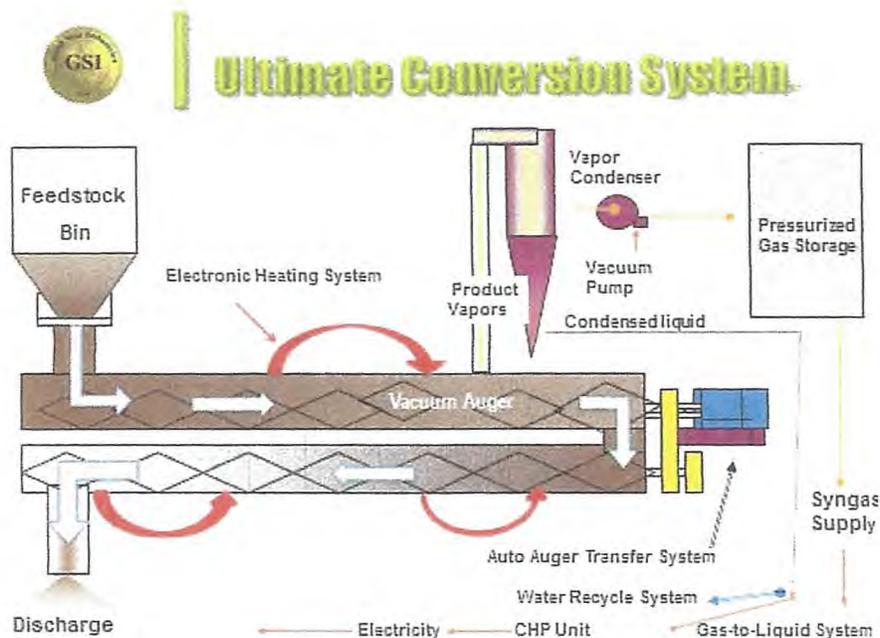


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## How the Technology Works

Electromagnetic Induction Heating- super heats the waste in a vacuum to extract gases (Syngas) from the material. This gas is hydrogen rich and contains ultra-low sulfur. The synthetic gas is used depending on the desired output.

1. Run Boilers, Combine Heat And Power Plants (CHP), Solid Oxide Fuel Cell (SOFC) to produce electric energy, hot water, and steam.
2. Create Liquid Biofuels, Synthetic Fuels like diesel, ethanol, gasoline, jet fuel, via a Fischer-Tropsch refiner.

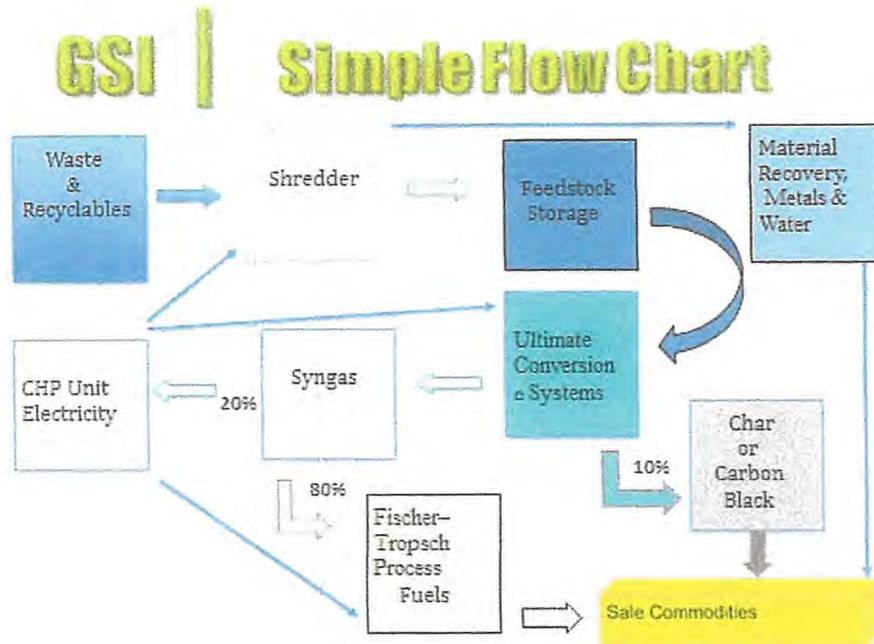


## Operation of the Ultimate Conversion

Our system processes 100% of the waste in a closed loop, super-heated, devoid of oxygen zero emission and zero leaching into the groundwater. Further the waste is processed without sorting. The system removes; metals, glass and other components and are sold as a recyclable products.

The feedstock enters the system (unsorted) and is processed in a vacuum retort unit using electromagnetic induction heating. Product vapors are extracted (Syngas) and water is distilled

condensed and converted into medical grade distilled water. The Syngas is compressed to a pressure gas storage unit that is used as a supply source to convert to electric energy or biofuel. The remainder is Char or Carbon Black captured, packaged and sold as a commodity. The greenhouse gases produced are converted to Syngas and not emitted into the atmosphere.



### Components of the Ultimate Conversion System®

The Ultimate Conversion System® is 100% manufactured in the United States. Components are provided by our corporate partners who are all major fortune 500 companies such as IBM, Microsoft, Rockwell International, Haynes International, FMC Technologies, Tocco, Wabash National, Parker, and Franklin Fueling. Electric generation provided by Caterpillar and General Electric.

### Water Purification

Water reclaimed through distillation systems is a NSF/ANSI62 drinking water distillation system and provides some of the highest quality of water in the world. Distilled water is purified without salts, impurities, macro elements or foreign inclusions. It has no heavy metals, pharmaceuticals, bacteria or viruses. The system exceeds U.S. Standard 62 that covers contaminate reduction of total arsenic, chromium and mercury, nitrates, and microorganisms from public and private water supply.

Gold Seal Industries assumes up to a 95% usable rate for water that will be converted to clean purified distilled water and the 5% content to inert solid materials that will be recycled. Seawater is processed without returning any brine back to the ocean. The unit will operate at low cost, 7 days per week for a minimum of 351 days per year without emissions or pollution. The 100 ton per day conversion system can provide 1 million gallons of distilled water per day.

## GSI | Strategic Partners



FMC - Screw conveyors and augers

Haynes International - corrosion resistant and high temperature alloys

Ajax Tocco - Electromagnetic heating systems

Wabash National - Containers and assembly

Franklin Fueling - Syngas storage control system

GE/Caterpillar - Heat and power systems

Altenergy - Hydrogen fuel cell (Backup)

ElectraTherm - Utilizing waste heat to energy systems.

IBM/Microsoft- System control center and remote monitoring.

Dow - Water process systems

Rockwell International - Gas to liquid systems controls (Fischer-Tropsch).

## Certifications and Standards

- International Code Council
- ASTM Standards and Test Methods
- Underwriters Laboratories (UL)
- FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (US))
- CHIP/EPA Combined heat and power partnership  
(United States Environmental Protection Agency)

## GSI | Standards

Energy-from-waste technology is developed to meet the standards of:

### Critical Safety Controls Systems



ASTM Standards and Test Methods



**FERC**  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION



## Additional Protections and Warrantees

The Ultimate Conversion System<sup>®</sup> is guaranteed for 25 years providing the maintenance schedule is followed and the insurance policy premium is paid. In addition, the manufactures guarantee their individual components.

Insurance guaranteeing operation as stated by **Lloyds of London underwritten by Price Forbes** to 120% of the purchase price.

Independent third party review by Soenecs Ltd. Author Dr. David Greenfield.

## **Conversion Examples**

### **100 TONS PER DAY SYSTEM**

#### **MSW-100 TONS/DAY PRODUCES;**

4,000 gallons diesel fuel/day

1 million gallons medical distilled grade water/day

3.5 MWh electricity/day

#### **USED TIRES-100 TONS (10,000 TIRES)/DAY PRODUCES:**

10,000 GALLONS DIESEL FUEL/DAY

1 MILLION GALLONS MEDICAL GRADE DISTILLED WATR/DAY

7 MWh ELECTRICITY/DAY

10 TONS OF CARBON BLACK PER DAY

13 TONS OF STEEL PER DAY

#### **SEWAGE—100 TONS/DAY PRODUCES:**

3,500 GALLONS DIESEL FUEL/DAY

1 MILLION GALLONS MEDICAL GRADE DISTILLED WATR/DAY

3 MWh ELECTRICITY/DAY

10 TONS OF BIOCHAR/FERTILLZER

## Electromagnetic Induction Conversion System - Quick Analysis

The Gold Seal Industries system:

- use's electricity to generates the heat for thermal conversion.
- has no emissions or pollution.
- qualifies for air exemption permitting (like fuel cell and electric cars
- are modular, portable and scalable.
- convert almost any form of waste of any kind.
- is self-contained and generates its own energy with less than 20% parasitic requirements.
- recovers 100% +/- of water and converted to potable or drinkable water.
- runs almost any form of feedstock that has a BTU value.
- does environmental cleanups like soil or water contamination.
- is 100% turnkey and includes all components.
- includes all training and education for all employees.
- is monitor and controlled 24/7 from multiple sites and with complete technical backup support.
- components suppliers are World-class Fortune 500 companies that are publicly traded.
- is proven and has been running over 8 years.
- has redundant backup systems that allow the system to operate 351+ days per year and process over 35,100 tons per year.
- projects provide a 25% or better return on investment.
- total Capital cost is under \$950.00 per ton/year.
- total operating and maintenance cost under \$140.00 per ton/year.
- EBITDA is over \$300.00 per ton/year.
- components suppliers provide warranties and guarantees that are insured up to 25 years.
- guaranteed and has a 120% the value of the system Insurance policy

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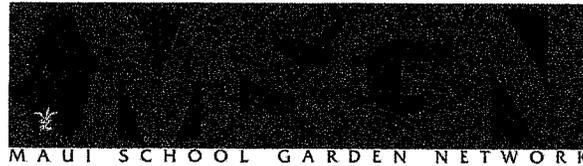
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April 11, 2018

Dear Councilmember Riki Hokama:

MSGN wishes to mahalo you for your continuing support for our work and for having given us a boost for Fiscal 2018 from \$15,000 to \$25,000 in order to bring on some support for my work as the Director of MSGN that will enable me to move this network forward in a sustainable manner.

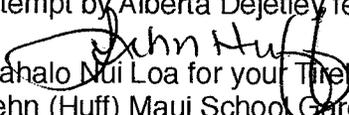
***We are NOT asking for an increase in funding for FY2019 but we do want you to know that less than 25% of our income is from the County of Maui. (Last year that figure was 39%!)*** We rely mostly on volunteers, donations, and grants both private and public. Our work is sustainable because we have a method that leads each school to take on more of the expenses of their program over a three-year period of time.

**Current Metrics:**

**9,000 students 398 teachers 33/38 sustainable school gardens 42 garden coordinators**

Beyond the excitement that comes from hands-on learning is the "behind the scenes" work MSGN and its partner, Grow Some Good, do at the state level through the P-20 Agricultural Education Group, the Senate Farm to School Plus Committee, the DOH SNAP ED and Healthy Hawaiian Initiative programs, and the Hawaii Farm to School and School Garden Hui (HFSSGH). Through the Hui, our island Farm to School directors connect with DOE procurement personnel including Child and Nutrition Services, local DOE food service managers, and DOE food distributors to open up opportunities for MORE local fruits and vegetables in our schools. In addition we work closely with the Department of Agriculture Farm to School Coordinator who lives in Makawao and commutes back and forth to Oahu. On Maui, MSGN networks with 17 partners including Maui Cty Crisis Team, DOH Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) 'Ai Pono group, UHMC Food Innovation Center, MCFB, CTAHR, HFUU, HMSA Blue Zones, and local farmers. Our grant DASHBOARD shows an increase in our schools of direct Farm to School Connections from 10 to 25 this past year. We are working on GAP certification for school gardens.

Mr. Hokama, on Wednesday, May 23 a team including our State DOA Farm to School Coordinator, our State Farm to School Hui Director and me as MSGN Director will visit Lana'i School teachers, Lisa Gallaway, Kapua Weinhouse and Mark Sacco as well as Elton Kinoshita to determine possibilities for reopening garden learning at Lana'i School next year. A number of years ago, Ag and Nr in CTE were discontinued for several reasons and the elementary school attempt by Alberta Dejetley fell victim to axis deer. However, we haven't given up!

  
Mahalo Nui Loa for your Tireless Efforts on Behalf of the Children of Maui,  
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You get a two-page letter because I have to tell you this story:

### **The Story of Kahului EI Bringing a Single Grade Garden into Six Grades....2017**

In early November 2017 I arrived early morning on a Friday morning to set up for a day of garden learning for our 2nd grade students at Kahului EI. The campus had an eerie feeling to it. A number of areas had been taped off so I had to walk around them until I found a teacher to ask about the situation. An 18 year old boy was found at the back of the school campus dead from hanging, a reported suicide. The students were aware of this incident. The teachers were instructed to line up their students in an area away from the suicide spot on the campus and offered a chance to go home with their parents who were notified by email and phone. MSGN kept the garden open all day with the option for anyone to visit the garden and touch their plants or find a quiet moment.

Three weeks after this happened arsonists entered the campus at night and ignited a fire that took out five classrooms. Since that time the school community has rallied to provide the best education it could while keeping all the students at Kahului EI! The garden has proceeded without interruption and a nursery shed has been restored with irrigation system and potting tables.

Last month, the school was given a preliminary notification of successful completion of this year's accreditation visit!

Last week, MSGN received a positive answer to its request to add a whole new 5,000 sq ft. garden to the campus to expand its offerings to the students of holistic hands-on learning. The students continue to find joy and discovery in their garden classes. I will keep you informed about the three harvest days coming up in May!!! We'd love to have you visit.

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Maui County Council Budget Committee April 12, 2018

Testimony of Ha'iku Community Association

Ha'iku Community Association (HCA) is a non-profit organization that serves as a forum for the citizens of the greater Ha'iku area.

our Mission Statement lists our main purpose:

**“To provide a forum for expressing the concerns of the community, and for determining consensus on the best means of promoting the welfare of the community”**

We appreciate the funds that were put into last years budget to create and install signage for the Hamakua Open space lands. We understand that the signs have been ordered and hope they are installed soon. We also look forward to participating in the Management Plan process for the land and hope an RFP will be issued for that contract this year.

In November 2017 HCA held a community “listening session” to hear from community members about the needs of the Ha'iku area.

We heard that residents were concerned about deteriorating roads: especially Kokomo, Pauwela, Ha'iku, Kauhikoa and Kaupakalua roads.

Mahalo to the Council for providing funding for repairs for Kokomo, Pauwela and Kaupakalua Roads that will take place or be completed in 2018.

We humbly ask that plans to repair Kauhikoa Road, Ha'iku road east of Kokomo and our “emergency bypass” Old Holomua Rd be included in this year's budget.

We also heard about needs to improve conditions at Ha'iku's much used Community Center and sports fields. These include:

- A real public bathroom & a sink to wash hands that is accessible to the many youth sports teams that use the grounds.
- repairs and repainting the baseball dugout
- nets for the soccer goals

We heard about needs to improve safety for our students on their way to school:

- Covered school bus stops in Ha'iku where needed
- Better sidewalks leading from neighborhoods to the school and community center

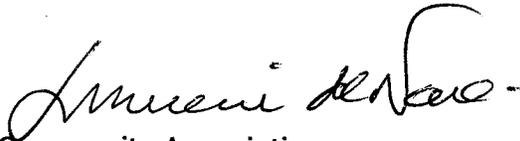
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We have heard support for the county to find a new location for a Haiku Fire station if the present one will face infrastructure challenges and community opposition. The Fire station DEA was issued 7 years ago in 2011 and never completed. The community would be happy to help suggest other potential sites. Lack of a firestation to serve the second fastest growing area in Maui drives up insurance costs and puts burdens on existing personnel in Makawao and Paia.

We also urge the county to support the Hamakua Alohalua, proposal to look for fiscally prudent solutions to fund a Pa'ia bypass. The proposed Wailuku Civic Hub project has been discussed in some form for a long time. The ideas put forth to mitigate future development risks and engage qualified Developers/Constructors to negotiate a performance contract to develop, construct a Design/Build project with a guaranteed maximum price and completion schedule should be explored.

Mahalo for your consideration of our community's needs.

Lucienne de Naie

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lucienne de Naie', written over the typed name.

President, Haiku Community Association

April 11, 2018

Aloha mai no kakou,

My name is Naone Gwen Morinaga-Kama and am a resident of Makawao. I am a member of Cohort 2 – Farm Apprentice Mentoring Program – Hawai'i Farmers Union United, Maui. I completed the program in 2017.

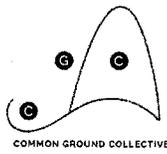
I would first like to acknowledge and mahalo our County Council's assistance and support for the Farm Apprentice Mentoring (or FAM) Program. Being retired, I found the need to update the skills I learned through a BA in Tropical Agriculture, back in the '80's. Through the FAM program, I have gained more knowledge and experiences from our farm mentors growing produce through regenerative and natural farming. I have gained more 'ike (knowledge) with regards to new technological advances in regenerative agriculture. I am particularly excited to have learned about Korean natural farming, soil fertility and composting, farm site planning, aquaponics, fruit tree production, plant propagation, etc., all through courses that the FAM program offers. Completing Phase 2 of our training, I have gained further insight from our mentors who have vast experiences in the business of agriculture, with on-site, hands-on internships. Through advice from my mentors, particularly Irene and Vince Mina, Gerry Ross of Kupa'a Farms, and James Simpliciano of Simpli-Fresh Farms, I am currently establishing my farm on my residential property in Makawao. Irene and Vince, through example, have shown me that it is possible to do agriculture on very limited space. Irene advised me to grow food for your family first, then expand out to provide food to your community.

The purpose of my testimony tonight is to compel County Council members to continue supporting and expand funding the Farm Apprentice Mentoring Program in Maui County. The Hana community and Moloka'i are an integral part of Maui County, and are deserving of a program such as FAM to train future farmers in sustainable and regenerative agriculture. Currently, there are 3 apprentices in Hana, but with increased funding to the FAM program, the Hana program could accommodate 2 more apprentices. Additionally, with the layoffs of 80 workers from Mycogen and Monsanto on Moloka'i, there are workers who are interested in becoming farmers. FAM will be offering an introductory workshop this month on Moloka'i for potential apprentices and mentors. I have family on Moloka'i, who are currently subsistence farming and could benefit from an expanded Farm Apprenticeship Mentoring program, to learn the business of farming. It would certainly support Moloka'i's goal of becoming sustainable and reduce reliance on food imports to their island, which is priced outrageously.

With increased funding for expansion of the program in Hana and Moloka'i, apprentices would be able to participate in FAM courses via web-i-nar through UHMC's EdVenture program and with mentors. FAM Program director Dr. Phyllis Robinson has provided you with a handout which explains the cost breakdowns of the expanded program. County Council members, please consider awarding the FAM program extra funds to expand farm training to Hana and Moloka'i community members.

Again, Thank –you, Maui County Council members for your continued support of growing new farmers for our island home, and supporting the goal of food sovereignty and regenerative agricultural practices. Remember, we import close to 90% of our food and the average age of a farmer is 63, so the "need to feed" is vitally important and imperative, and we must grow new farmers. Mahalo for your time and attention.

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Aloha Kākou,

My name is Nicolas Timpone, I am speaking on behalf of the Common Ground Collective, which is one of the line items under Agriculture added to the 2019 County Budget. Mahalo for hearing me today.

Common Ground Collective is a non-profit organization, with the goal to increase local food security, as well as find economic and educational opportunities through: agricultural data collection and management, community building, boosting local food production, protecting and regenerating our natural resources, and sharing knowledge in order to create better lives for our local and global community.

We would like Common Ground Collective to be considered for support in the upcoming 2019 County Budget. We are seeking additional support from the County to enhance our fundraising, grant proposals, and the administrative services that we are currently providing.

- Data collection will help identify production opportunities. We want to find out the needs of local grocery stores, restaurants, and hotels to see what they are buying locally now, how much produce they need on a daily basis, and find solutions to increase production in order to fill those needs. We will also be looking at added-value products like: sauces, juices, and jellies, for example.
- Maui needs regenerative farming practices if we want to amend abused soils, protect the vitality of our watersheds, and protect the coral reefs surrounding the island. Great care will be placed on the methods we use and teach our clients and foodscapers. For instance, emphasizing caution in-regard to the spread of invasive species, using eco-centric pest management, and developing low-impact green waste disposal solutions.
- Hawaii spends at least \$470 million on medical costs related to obesity and \$770 million on medical costs related to diabetes. Feeding our community with more locally grown, organic food will no doubt increase the health and vitality of our residents, while reducing statewide medical costs.

I'd like to ask you to please consider Common Ground Collective in the upcoming years budget. We look forward to serving the community.

Mahalo,

Nic Timpone  
Board Member  
Innovation Committee Chair  
Common Ground Collective

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**Maui Budget and Finance Committee: Budget Hearing**

Aloha Chair Hokama and Committee Members,

My name is Noelani Sugata, and I'm the part time Executive Director for the Paia Town Association. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to provide testimony and for mailing out the budget information.

We are grateful to be funded by a grant from the Office of Economic Development. Please continue to support these small town grant programs in the next fiscal year. We used some of those funds to facilitate/participate in meetings regarding issues affecting our community. I would like to recap those meetings as it relates to the budget.

Last summer, we partnered with the Planning Department to discuss short-term vacation rentals and making changes to the Paia-Haiku Community Plan. We did a mail out, and about 50 people attended. There was a lot of discussion and differences of opinion, but everyone was courteous and respectful. The majority wanted enforcement for unpermitted vacation rentals. To my understanding there's a database and system in the process. Please continue to work with Planning on getting this system up and running in the operating budget.

Also, I was asked to promote the Maui Metropolitan Planning Organization February 5<sup>th</sup> public workshop. I used social media and ran a sponsored ad on Facebook. My goal was to get as many people to attend. About 75 people attended and almost 100 surveys were completed from our region. The ad even caught the attention of Representative Lyn DeCoitte and she lead a discussion on bills going through the capital, in addition provided some information regarding the Paia Bypass.

Finally, I wanted to have our own meeting and not only discuss the bypass, but to introduce are new community police officer and the non-profit Hamakua Alohalua. I also ran an ad on Facebook. I was asked by community members to reach out to Senator English because of his involvement in the state's budget for Maui capital improvement projects, and he came. He led the discussion and answered tough questions. He spoke to over 50 people including members of county council, other county employees, and members of the community. On a side note, please continue to support recruiting and retention efforts for MPD. Our CPO John Kalama wasn't sure if he could make it because at the time MPD was short staff for patrol.

I'm really proud of the turn out we've been having at our meetings. Paia has some big decisions to make for such a small town. It's hard, but I look at all the improvements Wailuku has made, and I realize with patience and perseverance we can do the same.

Respectfully,  
Noelani Sugata, Executive Director

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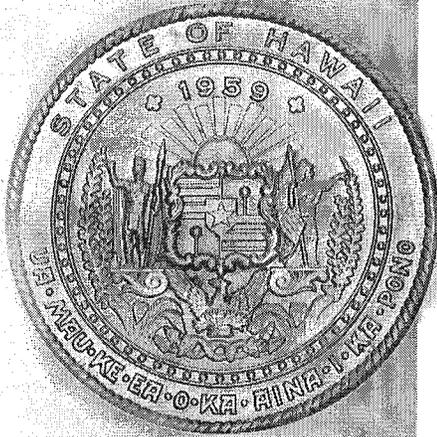
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**SENATE HONORS AWARD-WINNING  
ENTERTAINER MELVEEN LEED**

The Senate recognized Melveen Ku'uleipuanani Leed on March 27 for her incomparable career in music and entertainment, one that spans more than five decades and garners world-wide acclaim.

Melveen Leed, known as "da tita," began her long and illustrious career performing as a keiki on Moloka'i for family and friends. She grew to become an internationally acclaimed performer, while remaining true to her roots as a Hawaiian entertainer and local icon.

Melveen was honored with nine Nā Hōku Hanohano Awards, she is a five time recipient of the Female Vocalist of the Year, and was presented with their Lifetime Achievement Award in 2005. She has recorded 28 albums in 18 different languages, and last year she was inducted into the prestigious Hawaiian Music Hall of Fame.



Melveen was most recently honored at the Pan Pacific Southeast Asian Women Association of Hawai'i for her outstanding achievements that span a lifetime. The Association cites her accomplishments in entertainment, indigenous issues, philanthropic work, and for serving as a positive role model for young people in the Pacific and worldwide.

**LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS**



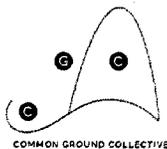
*Clockwise from top: Sen. English meets with the Pā'ia Community Association to discuss the proposed Pā'ia Bypass Road. March 13, 2018.*

*Moloka'i and Lana'i students participate in Kick Butts Day at the Capitol. March 20, 2018.*

*Sen. English; Melanie Ide, CEO of Bishop Museum; Board member Tim Johns, and Rep. Lynn DeCoite attend a presentation at the Bishop Museum in Honolulu. March 27, 2018.*

*Early childhood advocates visit Sen. English during Early Childhood Day at the Capitol. March 23, 2018.*





Aloha Kākou,

My name is Terese, I am speaking on behalf of the Common Ground Collective, one of the line items under Agriculture added to the 2019 County Budget. Mahalo for hearing me today.

Common Ground Collective is structured as a non-profit organization, with the goal to increase local food security, and economic & educational opportunities through: job growth, developing administrative and foodscaping teams, boosting local food production, resource pooling and bolstering distribution channels on the island and sharing knowledge in order to create better lives for our community both local and globally.

We would like Common Ground Collective to be considered for support in the upcoming 2019 County Budget. We are seeking additional support from the County to augment our fundraising, grant proposals, and the administrative services that we are providing now.

- Common Ground Collective will be transitioning landscapes into “food-scapes.” By collaborating with other farming organizations and schools around the island, CGC will grow more food and fewer lawns by creating 4 “food scapers” jobs to start off with and employing 3 more per year who want to grow food, work the land, and regenerate the soil. We will also serve as a transition period for aspiring farmers just out of training, to give them real world experience and knowledge before committing to starting their own farms.
- For residents, we can structure or tailor our service to fit their needs, whether big or small, a local family farm, or older residents who no longer have the energy to harvest by themselves. We offer a la carte services that include the installation and maintenance of backyard gardens, including the harvesting and delivering of produce to markets. By providing a sliding scale installation cost based on income, utilizing the 2017 Federal Poverty Guidelines for Hawaii, CGC is set up to work with families who are wanting to grow food, but are not able to. Other services will include helping property owners with dedicated their ag lands, establishing farm plans, or coming into compliance; keeping in line with our Maui Island Plan design.
- Common Ground Collective will also offer administrative and emergency farm help to local farmers; including finding and secure tax credits, grants, and/or loans; facilitate market connections for sales or added-value products, help manage agriculture data, assist in permaculture land design and appropriate crop selection, aid in developing farm business plans, educate farmers on understanding/navigating local, state, and federal regulations, and help with GAP certification.

Please consider Common Ground Collective in the upcoming years budget.

Mahalo,

Terese Masters  
President  
Legislative/Policy Committee Chair  
Operations Committee Chair  
Common Ground Collective

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