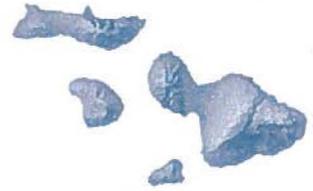


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October 19, 2025

Honorable Tamara Paltin, Chair
Disaster Recovery, International Affairs, and Planning Committee
County Council, County of Maui
200 S. High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Paltin:

Subject: Response to Inquiry Regarding Resolution 25-174, 2025 Update to the County of Maui Hazard Mitigation Plan (DRIP-18)

Thank you for your letter of October 7, 2025, regarding Resolution 25-174 and the 2025 Update to the County of Maui Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP). The Maui Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) provides the following responses to your inquiries.

1. **Council's Adoption Deadline:** The current 2020 County of Maui Hazard Mitigation Plan expires on November 19, 2025. To maintain the County's eligibility for federal hazard mitigation grant programs without interruption, the updated 2025 HMP must be formally adopted by the Council on or before this date. Supporting documentation from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) confirming this expiration, the "2017PDMC-004 Mitigation Plan FEMA Approval" letter, is attached for your reference.
2. **Plan Expiration:** As stated above, the 2020 HMP expires on November 19, 2025. This expiration date is the trigger for the adoption of the 2025 update.
3. **Earlier Effective Date:** An earlier effective date is no longer required to satisfy a flood management or federal fiscal requirement. The "Approvable Pending Adoption" status granted by FEMA is sufficient for the County's current needs, and a retroactive effective date for the 2025 update is not necessary.

MEMA appreciates the Council's attention to this time-sensitive matter and is available to provide any further information needed to facilitate the timely adoption of the 2025 HMP.

Me Ka Ha'aha'a,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amos Lonokailua-Hewett".

Amos Lonokailua-Hewett
Administrator
Maui Emergency Management Agency

Received at DRIP meeting on 10/22/25

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Attachments:

"2017PDMC-004 Mitigation Plan FEMA Approval" letter



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FEMA

November 19, 2020

Paul Coe
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Dear Mr. Coe:

We have completed our final review of the *2020 Maui County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update*, officially adopted by Maui County on November 5, 2020 and found the plan to be in conformance with *Code of Federal Regulations*, Title 44, Part 201, Section 6 (44 CFR 201.6).

The approval of this plan ensures the Maui County's continued eligibility for funding under FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance programs, including the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities program, and Flood Mitigation Assistance program. All requests for funding, however, will be evaluated individually according to the specific eligibility, and other requirements of the particular program under which applications are submitted.

Approved hazard mitigation plans may also be eligible for points under the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System (CRS). Additional information regarding the CRS can be found at <https://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program-community-rating-system> or through your local floodplain manager.

FEMA's approval of the *2020 Maui County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update* is for a period of five years, effective starting the date of this letter. Prior to November 19, 2025, Maui County is required to review, revise, and resubmit their plan for approval in order to continue to be eligible for the aforementioned grant funding. The enclosed plan review tool provides additional recommendations to incorporate into the plan when Maui County undertakes its identified plan maintenance process.

If you have any questions regarding the planning or review processes, please contact the FEMA Region IX Hazard Mitigation Planning Team at fema-r9-mitigation-planning@fema.dhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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Alison Kearns
Risk Analysis Branch Chief
Mitigation Division
FEMA Region IX

Enclosure

cc: Larry Kanda, State Hazard Mitigation Officer, Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency
Savanna Holloway-Ledo, Grant Coordinator, Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency

DRIP Committee

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Sent: Monday, October 20, 2025 4:14 PM
To: DRIP Committee; Jarret P. Pascual; Keone J. Hurdle
Cc: Christopher W. Wegner
Subject: MEMA Response: RESOLUTION 25-174, 2025 UPDATE TO THE COUNTY OF MAUI HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN (DRIP-18)
Attachments: 251022 DRIP Committee Agenda.pdf; 018aema01.pdf; 018ema02_MEMA Response Letter.pdf; 018aema01_MEMA Response Letter.pdf; 018ema02 signed.pdf; 2017PDMC-004 Mitigation Plan FEMA Approval.pdf

Aloha e Chair Paltin and Members of the Disaster Recovery, International Affairs, and Planning Committee,

In advance of the upcoming committee meeting, please find attached the Maui Emergency Management Agency's (MEMA) formal responses to the Committee's inquiries regarding Resolution 25-174 and the 2025 Update to the County of Maui Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP).

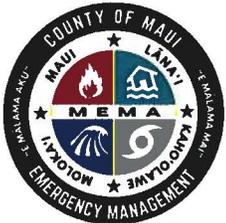
This package includes the following for your review:

1. The Committee's original letters of inquiry (October 3 and October 7, 2025).
2. MEMA's response letters (dated October 20, 2025), which address all questions concerning plan updates, FEMA approval status, adoption deadlines, and the path forward for technical corrections.
3. The supporting FEMA documentation ("2017PDMC-004 Mitigation Plan FEMA Approval" letter) confirming the November 19, 2025, adoption deadline.

Our responses confirm that the 2025 HMP is eligible for adoption in its current form to meet the critical FEMA deadline, with a commitment from MEMA to produce a final, technically corrected version immediately following Council adoption.

MEMA is grateful for the Committee's diligence and looks forward to discussing this matter further at the upcoming meeting to ensure the timely adoption of the 2025 HMP.

Me Ka Ha'aha'a,



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