

**DISASTER RECOVERY, INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS,
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Council of the County of Maui

MINUTES

October 22, 2025

Online Only via Teams

CONVENE: 1:32 p.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Tamara Paltin, Chair
Councilmember Nohelani U‘u-Hodgins, Vice-Chair
Councilmember Tom Cook, Member
Councilmember Gabe Johnson, Member
Councilmember Alice L. Lee, Member
Councilmember Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez, Member (arrived at 2:27 p.m.)
Councilmember Shane M. Sinenci, Member
Councilmember Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Member (arrived at 1:51 p.m.)

EXCUSED: Councilmember Tasha Kama, Member

STAFF: Jarret Pascual, Legislative Analyst
Keone Hurdle, Legislative Analyst (backup)
Carla Nakata, Legislative Attorney
Yvette Bouthillier, Senior Committee Secretary
Jean Pokipala, Assistant Clerk
Ryan Martins, Council Ambassador

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ADMIN.: Amos Lonokailua-Hewett, Administrator, Maui Emergency Management Agency
Christopher Wegner, Grants Specialist, Maui Emergency Management Agency

Michael Hopper, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation Counsel

OTHERS: (25)

CHAIR PALTIN: Will the Disaster Recovery, International Affairs, and Planning Committee meeting of October 22nd come to order. The time is now 1:32. And if everyone could please silence their cell phones or noise-making devices, that will help our cause. Members, in accordance with the Sunshine Law, if you are not in the Council Chamber,

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please identify by name who, if anyone, is in the room, vehicle, or workspace with you today. Minors do not need to be identified. Also, please see the last page of the agenda for information on meeting connectivity. My name is Tamara Paltin, and I will be your Chair for today's DRIP Committee meeting. With us, in person, we have Committee Vice-Chair Nohe U'u-Hodgins. Kia ora.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Kia ora, Chair. Kia ora, everyone.

CHAIR PALTIN: And we also have Committee Member Tom Cook. Kia ora.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Kia ora. Aloha. Good afternoon.

CHAIR PALTIN: Good afternoon. And we also have Committee Member Gabe Johnson. Kia ora.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Kia ora, Chair, Councilmembers, community members. There's no testifiers at the Lānaʻi District office. And I'm alone on my side of my office and ready to work. Mahalo.

CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. Councilmember Tasha Kama is not here, so she'll be excused. We have Committee Member Alice Lee. Kia ora.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Kia ora, kākou.

CHAIR PALTIN: And Councilmember Keani Rawlins-Fernandez is excused. She may join us later on. Committee Member Shane Sinenci, kia ora.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Kia ora, Chair. No testifiers in Hāna.

CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. And Committee Member Yuki Lei Sugimura said she'll be a little bit late. She's coming from a lunch meeting. This meeting of the Disaster Recovery, International Affairs, and Planning Committee of the Maui County Council is located on the traditional ʻāina of Kānaka ʻŌiwi, who never ceded their sovereignty to the United States. We recognize that her Majesty, Queen Liliʻuokalani, yielded the Hawaiian Kingdom to the U.S. in duress under threat of violence to avoid the bloodshed of her people. We further recognize that Hawaiʻi remains an illegally-occupied nation state by the United States as documented in a 2021 scholarly article for the *National Lawyers Guild Review* by Andrew Reid, Adjunct Professor of Law at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law. Generations of Kānaka Maoli and their knowledge systems have sustainably cared for Hawaiʻi and continue to do so. We are grateful to occupy this space and learn the ways in which we can contribute. As a Committee, we seek to support the varied strategies that the indigenous peoples of Hawaiʻi are using to protect their land and their communities and commit to dedicating time and resources to working in solidarity. From the Administration our resources that we have with us today, Maui Emergency Management Agency Administrator, Chief Amos Lonokailua-Hewitt; Grant Specialist from Maui Emergency Management Agency,

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Christopher Wegner; and Deputy Corp. Counsel Mike Hopper. Our Committee Staff today, we have Senior Committee Secretary Yvette Bouthillier, Legislative Analysts Jarret Pascual and Keone Hurdle, Legislative Attorney Carla Nakata, and Assistant Clerk Jean Pokipala.

**RESOLUTION 25-174, 2025 UPDATE TO THE COUNTY OF MAUI HAZARD
MITIGATION PLAN (DRIP-18)**

CHAIR PALTIN: We have one item on today's agenda, DRIP-18, Resolution 25-174 (2025), Update To The County Of Maui Hazard Mitigation Plan. We will be taking testimony after our opening presentation. So this item is somewhat time sensitive. On the gavel in -- our Secretary distributed some questions and answers that this Committee sent to MEMA; so you have that. And it's time sensitive because the flood...the Hazard Mitigation Plan must be updated every five years, and there's things that deal with National Flood Insurance, and all sorts of stuff, so that's why it's scheduled for this meeting. The last update took effect on November 19th, 2020, and the new update must be adopted by November 19th, 2025, to keep disaster funding eligibility intact. So at this time, I'd like to hand it over to our MEMA staff for their opening presentation, then we'll open it up for public testimony, and then discussion and questions. So we're queuing up the presentation right this moment, and they'll be taking it away.

MR. LONOKAILUA-HEWETT: Aloha mai, kākou, Chair --

CHAIR PALTIN: Aloha.

MR. LONOKAILUA-HEWETT: -- and Councilmembers, Members of the DRIP Committee. Amos Lonokailua-Hewett with the Maui Emergency Management Agency. And to my left is my Staff Specialist for Hazard Mitigation. I am pleased to update the room on the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2025 to 2030. The plan represents the work of many agencies, partners, and community coming together to reduce long-term disaster risk. FEMA requires each county to maintain a current hazard mitigation plan to qualify for mitigation grant funding. Ours also helps guide local resiliency investments. This plan was developed through a highly collaborative process across county, State, and Federal partners and community organizations. Public input was integral throughout; every meeting was open and publicly promoted. So we began in December of 2024 and held four virtual meetings through April 2025. These meetings covered hazard identification, County capabilities, and preliminary risk ranking. All sessions were public, posted on MEMA's website to ensure transparency and participation. We conducted three public meetings in Wailuku, Kihei, and Pukalani. These sessions allowed residents to ask questions, provide input, and understand how mitigation planning affects their communities. Public participation also supports our community resilience...excuse me, community rating system points, which reduces flood insurance premiums for our residents. Over 25 organizations participated from nonprofits and utilities to State departments and community groups. Their expertise shaped the plan from wildfire mitigation to health and infrastructural resilience. The HMP is not a standalone

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document. It aligns with other County and State plans from our general plan and climate action plan to the long-term recovery plan. This ensures consistency across land use, infrastructure, and environmental policy. We also reviewed sector-specific plans like water use, and development, and agricultural strategic plan to ensure mitigation action support long-term priorities. We conducted three surveys for the public, business, and key stakeholders. The response helped identify perceived risk capability gaps and priorities across different sectors. All results are available in the plan appendixes. After the draft was completed, MEMA opened a 14-day public comment period from April 23 to...23rd to May 8. We received 22 comments, all reviewed, and either integrated or responded to directly. We announced the comment period through press releases, social media, and two public meetings. The final plan reflects MEMA...FEMA's requirements and our community's voice. We prioritize natural hazards with the greatest risk to people, infrastructure, and our economy. We integrated key lessons from the 2023 Maui...Maui wildfires to strengthen recovery and prevention strategies. Some of the updates, we removed outdated hazards such as health risk hazardous materials at extreme heat and cold. We added a new analysis for climate change impacts for each hazard, enhanced capability assessment chapter recognizing community and agency resources, include best practices from wildfire recovery and post-fire mitigation. This plan represents a forward-looking, climate-improved approach to resilience. This plan follows FEMA's framework from introduction and County profile through hazard analysis, and mitigation strategy, and maintenance. Each chapter builds towards actionable mitigation strategies. This structure ensures clear guidance for implementation and future updates. The appendixes provides full transparencies, including outreach materials, maps, surveys, and the mitigation catalog. Once County Council adopts the plan, we'll submit to FEMA for final approval. All supporting data, public input, and resolutions are captured here. Mahalo for your time and support in moving this plan forward. Once approved by the County and FEMA, this plan will unlock access to Federal mitigation funding and guide resilience investments for the next five years. Mahalo.

. . .OPEN PUBLIC TESTIMONY (DRIP-18). . .

CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. At this time, we'll move onto public testimony. Has anybody signed up to give public testimony?

MR. HURDLE: Chair, no one has signed up for...to testify. We can do a last call.

CHAIR PALTIN: Please do. Thank you.

MR. HURDLE: Okay. If there's anybody in the Chamber or on Teams who would like to testify, please come up to the podium or raise your hand on Teams. This is the final countdown. The call is three, two, one. Chair, seeing none. No one has indicated that they wish to testify.

CHAIR PALTIN: Members, any objection to closing public testimony and accepting written

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testimony into the record?

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. So I will now close public testimony.

. . . CLOSE PUBLIC TESTIMONY (DRIP-18) . . .

CHAIR PALTIN: I would like to open the floor for discussion, and we can go for as long as you want, as many rounds as you want. Chief Lonokailua-Hewett said his afternoon is completely cleared up, and he's anxious to answer all...each and every single one of your questions until 4:30, if need be, but we'll see how efficient we are. So there won't be any timing but just try and police yourselves, not to be hogs. And we can go by raise of hand, who wants to go first, of any questions. You all should have received the questions the Committee asked MEMA and the answers that they have provided. They are also uploaded on Granicus with a signed...also, I didn't print out but there is also a signed version and a ASF on Granicus, so we'll be working off of the ASF. Committee Vice-Chair U'u-Hodgins.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Chair. Thank you for being here with us, MEMA. So I do see that we...this plan expires November 19th, 2025, and we need it to pass before then for flood insurance, for insurance purposes? Can you explain that to me? And then my second follow-up question is, are we on time to do so?

MR. LONOKAILUA-HEWETT: So I'll let Chris talk about the flood insurance piece. But the adoption of the hazard mitigation plan by November 19th is necessary to access the hazard mitigation grant program or those hazard mitigation-type funding. But on the flood insurance piece, I'll let him speak.

MR. WEGNER: Yeah. So the recertification for the community rating system, which is conducted annually, that essentially is done to provide a score. Our County score is seven and that provides a certain discount for those folks who sign up with the National Flood Insurance Program through FEMA.

VICE-CHAIR U'U HODGINS: What do you mean by when you say our County score is seven?

MR. WEGNER: So it's based on a variety of flood mitigation activities and tasks, built-environment components that are in place. To what degree is the County protecting itself, its residences, its businesses, its infrastructure, its critical facilities, from floods. Essentially?

VICE-CHAIR U'U HODGINS: And seven is on a scale of what? One to ten? One to three?

MR. WEGNER: I believe it's one to ten. And compared to the national average, we have a pretty good score. So --

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VICE-CHAIR U'U HODGINS: Okay.

MR. WEGNER: -- six would be the next step up that will get a higher discount. And we're --

VICE-CHAIR U'U HODGINS: Oh, the lower we go the better it is?

MR. WEGNER: Yeah, correct.

VICE-CHAIR U'U HODGINS: Okay. And what is the national average? Did you say?

MR. WEGNER: I don't recall what the national average is. It's...it's...it's an eight or nine, and some counties don't even participate in this.

VICE-CHAIR U'U HODGINS: Got it. Okay. I don't know if anybody else has any questions. I'll...I'll hold for now. I do have more, but I don't want to take more time.

CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you for policing yourself. Committee Member Cook, your opportunity.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Thank you. Thank you both for being here. I want to follow up on that flood mitigation score. Does the County...so for...for my understanding, basically, people who are getting flood insurance can get a better rate if the County is in compliance and has a good score. But the County doesn't necessarily get any money or anything from it.

MR. WEGNER: That is correct.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Does...if, like South Maui, my district, where we have flooding, and especially in North Kihei, if the County does flood mitigation with NRCS and other people and substantively can demonstrate that it has reduced flooding, would that add to the score?

MR. WEGNER: I believe so, at...at an individual or household parcel level, I think everything matters in that case.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Okay.

MR. WEGNER: I think in this County the next...kind of the next step up would be raising up homes, most likely right on the coastline.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Yeah, doing the flood mitigation, so...

MR. WEGNER: Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Is there anything we can do to get money, credit, something from FEMA or the County... or the Government for being proactive and improving our flood

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hazards?

MR. WEGNER: That would have to be answered by the County's Floodplain Manager, Berry, over in Public Works. She would probably know more about how we get our score from a seven to a six and, therefore, improve our flood mitigation and, therefore, discount on insurance.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Thank you, Chair. I'll let that one go.

CHAIR PALTIN: Yeah, sorry. We didn't invite the Public Works Floodplain person. But to follow up on Committee Member U'u-Hodgins' question, we're...it's a resolution, so I believe it only takes one reading. And we're potentially scheduled for November 7th Council meeting. So we hope to be passing this plan and handing it off to FEMA before November 19th. Sorry, delayed response. Anyone else online? Oh, Member Sinenci and then Member Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. I didn't have any questions, but I did want to mahalo to all the stakeholders that came out, participated in the community meetings, and...and helped with the...the surveys to help form the report. So mahalo for that. Also, just a general mahalo, Administrator Hewett [sic], for always working with the East Maui community. I think our community is much more resilient with the recent funding for the resiliency hub and the...the acquisition of the aggregation parcel. So I think, you know, working with all the rural communities like East Maui has really helped, you know, get us...kind of address some of our issues. So I just want to thank you for that. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. Member Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. Yeah, I also want to thank Chief Lonokailua-Hewett as well and his team for doing this. I'm very curious, this for the Maui Hazard Mitigation Plan, do we have a County-wide or is it island-specific for the other islands?

MR. WEGNER: Thank you for that question. This hazard mitigation plan is for the entire County, so all four islands.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Oh, okay. All right. But you guys didn't do any outreach on the outer islands?

MR. WEGNER: Are you speaking about the public meetings or the survey?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Right. The public meetings, I...I noticed, was only held on Maui Island. Am...am I correct in saying that?

MR. WEGNER: Yes, that is correct. We...yeah, all public meetings were on the Island of Maui.

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COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. I don't know anybody from Lānaʻi or Molokai who made it to any of those, maybe you guys correct me. But I don't...I don't know. My community, if they made it or not but maybe moving forward that's something to consider. We always want to have everybody included. And it sounds like the...a lot of this is going to help with the flood insurance, which I heard has been kind of an issue for many folks. When I...when I see this type of hazard mitigation, I...I also am looking at it through the lens of a farmer. But I'm curious, and I know it's...for a farmer who is trying to get crop insurance, maybe this could help him with...you know, or any type of insurance. . . .
(Inaudible). . . farmers are always...ask for all kind of insurance: crop insurance, liability insurance, anything like that. I wonder if this plan could help farmers get other types of insurance or it affects it in any way. Just simply because you guys brought up flood insurance, I'm curious if that affects other types.

MR. WEGNER: Great question, Councilmember. I don't know offhand if the CRS rating score impact on National Flood Insurance also has any sort of nexus with any other insurance and especially farmers. But it's something I can look into, and follow up on, and get back to you.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. Well, I appreciate that. You know when...okay. Those are my questions for now. I really appreciate your guys' time.

CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Member Johnson. At this time, I'd like to welcome Councilmember Yuki Lei Sugimura to the meeting. We left the questions and answers the Committee left to MEMA on your desk; so you should have that. It's also posted on Granicus along with the amendment summary form in signed version, or if we didn't, our Secretary is coming with it.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. Thank you.

CHAIR PALTIN: And we're going through just the first round of questions. Yourself and Member Lee are the only ones besides me who hasn't asked questions yet. And there's no hard timeframe. It's just police yourself so that we don't have any hogs here. Member Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you. Okay. I just wanted to ask the Administrator; do you have people writing grants for you? Like --

MR. LONOKAILUA-HEWETT: I do.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- to implement the mitigation plan and so forth?

MR. LONOKAILUA-HEWETT: So I do. Well, I have one grants person handling EMPG, Homeland Security, and what we grant out from our Department. Chris --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, what you grant out, not for what you need to spend.

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MR. LONOKAILUA-HEWETT: So EMPG is what comes, and the Homeland Security grant comes in, that grant person also addresses what goes out. Chris is actually the Hazard Mitigation Grant Specialist. With the new kind of effort related to hazard mitigation, we have identified that we're going to need more help from grants, a grant specialist to, you know, address what we been doing out in, like, Ukumehame and many other properties that need to take wildfire risk reduction efforts and hazard mitigation efforts. So to answer your question, we do have two grant specialists that's being taxed, and we're going to --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah. You know, if you need more, let us know because, you know, that's...that's an important program for all of the departments, but you folks have to let us know.

MR. LONOKAILUA-HEWETT: I will be coming to ask . . .*(inaudible)*. . . --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

MR. LONOKAILUA-HEWETT: -- for sure.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Good. Thank you.

MR. LONOKAILUA-HEWETT: Yeah.

CHAIR PALTIN: Member Sugimura, do you have any questions? It was a 700-page document, almost, so I understand, like, it's difficult.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I will wait for next round . . .*(inaudible)*. . . --

CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. For...for my opportunity, in the...the mitigation strategies, as far as kind of like public-private partnerships, what kind of things are you folks intending to pursue?

MR. LONOKAILUA-HEWETT: Well, what comes to my mind, we just got of...got out of a meeting with Kamehameha Schools Land Management Division or Section. The meeting right before that was with the Maui Wildfire Coordinating Group, which includes, you know, County, State, and Federal partners related to wildfire. And so, those conversations on how we manage...what...to that point, the wildfire risk as well as in...in...whether it's grazing, or vegetation, or mechanical removal. We are engaging with all of our partners in that way regularly to kind of find out how we help each other to reduce risk. We also, through those conversations, talk about the access to private roads through gates for evacuations as well, as well as sites for temporary evacuation points and staging areas for operational coordination. That comes to my mind just on our last two meetings before we got here.

CHAIR PALTIN: You know, in both 2018 and 2023 fires, for West Maui, the hotel resort areas played a big parts in not only taking care of their own guests but a lot of times taking

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care of all their workers as well. And we've put a community resilience hubs under MEMA for the consistency. Is there any kind of focus on, like, more corporate resilience hubs? Like, I mean, that's kind of where I see hotels at. Like, they're not necessarily community, but they have the tools and resources to be, like, a resilience hub. And like, to me, that's one of the big draws of resort areas is. Whereas short-term rentals you...you find their guests showing up at the community hub. The hotels are able to take in some of the community. And I was wondering if that's part of your mitigation strategy, is developing a stronger relationship with our resort areas that have, I guess through the 2023 fires especially, taken in members of our community.

MR. LONOKAILUA-HEWETT: That's a great question and point. I think two initiatives that we have is establishing a community network and a business network. And to your point, it's a business network. And we...we've been having numerous meetings with various businesses, both small and large. Both businesses that may need reimbursement types of opportunities and larger businesses that don't; that they have funding specifically to support disasters at the County and State level. We've...we've had conversations. The...the idea is to definitely build out a network, a business network and find a way that the business network meets, and organizes, and...and will support in a disaster. The...the honest...honestly, it's been challenging for us to find a pathway of organizing that business network simply because there's...I mean, it just requires a lot of work and a lot of maintenance. And we've...you know, we've been able to finally fill our positions, which gives me the opportunity to start looking more deeply into the business network and see how that could be organized. But it's definitely part of what we're trying to do. I think that's a resource that...or resources that definitely needs to be tapped into, openly want to support. It is the resources that is necessary for us to overcome, and we've seen that in the line of fires. And so, how do I organize that, bring them all in? How do we exercise? How do we understand capabilities and limitations? How do we, you know, call on that in...in...in real world? Those are the things we're definitely working on.

CHAIR PALTIN: Yeah. I...I did recently speak with Maui Hotel & Lodging Association, and they seemed enthused about the idea. So maybe that's a possible way forward. And the only other thing I was thinking about, like internally with the County. Like, if you seen all of our...not all but majority of our community parks in West Maui ended up kind of being community resilience hubs. And so, if we're thinking about when and where, if any kind of disaster occurs, how can the County quickly pivot? And when we went to the conferences they said, you know, some...some counties, they have predetermined roles for people. Like, if this happens, everybody in this department goes here ,and we're going to do this, or things like that. So I guess, you know, we have the community part that showed up and showed what they could do. And now, internally, how can we get more efficient? Business-wise, how can we get more efficient? But I'll turn it over. Member Sugimura, did you want to go now, or you wanted to wait a little bit longer? Okay. Committee Vice-Chair U'u-Hodgins, followed by Committee Member Johnson.

VICE-CHAIR U'U HODGINS: Thank you, Chair. So I know that this hazard mitigation plan is

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684 pages. And so, I don't expect you to, like, know this answer. It does...this plan encompasses way more than I thought it would. Like, right now I'm looking at page 104, 3.9.2, which is new development. And this is more of a clarifying question, but it says in the Pā'ia-Ha'ikū area that we have had 358 new developments. And I'm assuming that these are probably on older structures, they had to break down and build back up. And for Makawao, Pukalani, and Kula, 624. I have not noticed 800 new homes, at least in those small areas and probably zero in Pā'ia. Do you know...could you clarify that? Or...you don't...you don't have to because it's...that's just curious to me.

MR. LONOKAILUA-HEWETT: Well, I can definitely go investigate where that exact information came...came from and get it back to you.

VICE-CHAIR U'U HODGINS: I would love to see the details on that.

MR. LONOKAILUA-HEWETT: Yeah, no problem.

VICE-CHAIR U'U HODGINS: My --

MR. LONOKAILUA-HEWETT: No problem.

VICE-CHAIR U'U HODGINS: Thank you. Another one of my questions is for Pā'ia, we have a fire concern, and it is located usually in one space, one place. And I know Chair Lee has another place that's notorious for fires, as well, in her area. And on page 100 we can see, which I find very interesting, this graph, you know, the residential count for the...or building count for residents, and commercial, and industrial, and how much it would cost to rebuild, which is pretty astronomical, scary numbers. So what are we doing? And I know we've met before, but maybe for, you know, the rest of the people, what are we doing to ensure that at least our County properties are being managed well, and we're not going to incur this cost to rebuild when we're looking at Pā'ia for just residential structures alone at, like, \$1 billion, \$1.8 billion? And...and Ha'ikū...I'm sorry, Wailuku at nearly 7.5 billion, knowing that we have kind of problem areas.

MR. LONOKAILUA-HEWETT: Thank you for the question. So MEMA has been tasked with the Wildfire Risk Reduction Program which we created based on the understood hazards, wildfire hazards that are caused in upwind, a lot of upwind communities like you're speaking to. Ukumehame is one of our projects that...that we have, I think we're at 90 something percent complete with. Lots of really great things that came out of that effort, but I can share that with you later. But we, basically, are assigned at this point to address wildfire risk. And that wildfire risk will obviously come with not only invasive fuels that will spread rapidly but the...the...the location of that threat and the occurrence of fire. And so, to these communities that we are addressing, there's a record and history. And they become priority for MEMA to identify, and to point out, and to act upon. And so, that's what we'll do. There's...there's ones that we know are...are on the top of the list because there's a lot of fires there, and we got to do something now. And I am 100 percent in with that. We do have a meeting with the Administration this

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week to kind of clarify our...our steps moving forward. But we know where our risks are, at least the primary ones, and we know we need to act, and we will do our best to act quickly and...and...and remove those risks.

VICE-CHAIR U'U HODGINS: Thank you. I appreciate that answer. I have...I have a clarifying question, I guess. And I don't know if this is for, like, you or even Corp. Counsel. But I can think of three, right now, primary areas that have a lot of risk concern, wildfire risk. Two are on County properties, and one is private, the one in Chair Lee's district. What is the difference on how do we handle the wildfire risk that are on County property and then how do we handle it on private property?

MR. LONOKAILUA-HEWETT: That's a good question. So all public property, MEMA will be the lead agency. On private property, the Fire Department is the lead agency. It...the Fire Department has just been offered...or well, the County has been awarded hazard mitigation post-fire money, 2.7 or \$3.3 million, that the Fire Department will use to cut fuel breaks around wildland-urban interface areas. Those lands are all private. And then MEMA is looking at all the public lands, the County lands specifically, with wildfire risk first. And we'll kind of go down the list to, you know, take action, of course. That comes with...it's...it's a new initiative which requires resources to manage and currently MEMA is holding it. And does that answer your question?

VICE-CHAIR U'U HODGINS: It does. I...I can appreciate that guidance. Thank you. Thank you, Chair. I'll hold.

CHAIR PALTIN: Member Johnson, followed by Member Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. In one of the letters you responded to the Committee, the summary of significant updates, basically, what...what...what you took out. And one was...the extreme heat and cold were removed as the temperature in the County does not reach significant impact to health and infrastructure. And recently, we had Dr. Chip come into my ADEPT Committee, talk about climate change. And he...he shared some data that said since 1950, Hawai'i's temperature had increased by three...three percent since 1950; so it's been getting hotter. And he also mentioned that extreme heat affects kūpuna and low income more...more than the rest of the folks. So I'm curious of why we would...because the solution, to my mind, is more trees and that takes ten, twenty years to actually reap...get the benefits of shade and cooling down our...our...our towns. Why would that not be important to this plan?

MR. WEGNER: So that decision...and there were a few different terms that were taken out compared to the 2020. The hazard mitigation working group that was formed to develop this had made that decision that the extremes, cold and heat, didn't apply to the County of Maui at this time. It is...those two variables are in the State's hazard mitigation plan. So there are analyses related to that, and recommendations based off those data that were collected. But it's certainly something that we...looking forward to the next plan and the next iteration, we'll consider in the planning phases.

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COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Well, I...I would say that I don't really agree with that. You know, right now we're trying to find ways to make...bring back the Nāulu cloud bridge and, you know, make...make it rain more and not deal with these droughts. (*Audio interference*) phase three of our water shortages Upcountry. You know it's...I can't imagine this being taken out when it's only been getting worse and worse. The droughts have been getting longer, and the effects of these droughts have been getting worse and worse as the...I mean, just because it's not, like, immediately an effect, I think it's not good, proper planning to plan ahead for, you know, the climate change. And as you know, heat rises, so if our islands get hot, hotter, the clouds rise and therefore no fog drip. That's a big problem for our surface water, and we already know that we've got big problems. So I just wanted to...I'm really curious so...you know, why it would be taken out, but you mentioned that it's in the State plan. Okay, that's fine. But I still think, you know, I would disagree with that, that we should have it in our local plan. And I also...you know I...I think my Lānaʻi community as well...I'm not going to speak for Molokai, but they would've probably liked to have some outreach on...on their islands. You know, on...on Lānaʻi I could say...say that we would definitely like that. So in the future, please, you know, consider coming and having outreach done in person on Lānaʻi and probably Molokai as well.

MR. WEGNER: Yeah. I'll just quickly address that. You're absolutely right with drought. Drought is an effect modifier on all the hazards that we're battling against wildfire.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yeah.

MR. WEGNER: Flooding, it creates a cycle that this County is very much struggling to get out of. There are signs of desertification in different parts of the island. I've had conversations with the Floodplain Manager, and many, about that. You're absolutely right, this needs to be incorporated in not only our analysis and understanding of these impacts but how that impacts planning and where we invest in that . . . (*inaudible*). . . --

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Right. The...the planning, as you know, it's...it takes time. And if...if we act now, we have some time, but if we wait for it to become a problem then we have no time. And it's like they're all connected, just like you mentioned. They're all...you know, all of these things are interconnected, so I...I just think it really -- really good proper planning should be...we should definitely consider extreme heat being on the table, especially now days. But I...I understand your response. If you want to add anything else, I'm fine with it. Thank you so much, Chair.

MR. LONOKAILUA-HEWETT: I just wanted to add something really quick. So, you know, the...the strategies that are captured here are captured by the collective community. That doesn't mean that that's all the work that is being done related to mitigation. I mean, when I look at, you know, wildfire risk reduction planning under MEMA, that's not reflected here in this strategic plan. Community resiliency hubs, and our work to build a business network, and updating our points of distribution plan that would support our response and recovery related to mitigation as well is not reflected in this plan. So it's not a end-all document. It captures strategies that were communicated by

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the community that we will use, reference to and try and focus efforts on but it does not lock us to these strategies alone.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: So what if I could just follow up on that. You know, a lot of times these plans unlock the doors to funding, Federal funding specifically. If that's not in the plan, does that not unlock those funds if there are funds available? That's kind of a concern I have because usually we look at these plans and then . . . *(inaudible)*. . . --

CHAIR PALTIN: Before you answer, Mr. Wegner, I'm not sure if you're also able to say in our conversation about certain terminology under this Federal Government that they did not want to be included in the hazard mitigation plan so the Committee understands the Federal constraints that we're up against, in...in addition to your response to Member Johnson.

MR. WEGNER: Yes, Chair. To address what you're saying, Chair, FEMA guidelines now would prefer counties and mandate any counties to leave any mention of climate change out of all of our analyses and policies going forward --

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Oh.

MR. WEGNER: For this iteration --

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: The plot thickens.

MR. WEGNER: Yeah. The 2025, we of course had climate change in our, you know, data collection analyses and our results. And so, that's allowed to stay in this iteration. But going forward, all HMPs and all hazard mitigation grants will not include or consider anything related to climate change. And there are certain social vulnerability variables that will also be taken out, which has a severe impact on the cost-benefit analyses that you have to conduct for these sorts of grants.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Well, that's very disappointing. So it sounds like the...it falls upon us, right?

MR. WEGNER: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Because if big brother is not coming, if the Feds ain't coming with their big checkbooks, then it comes on us, and our local taxpayers, and...and our local Administration, and our local County...you know County Council. I mean, what are we going to do about this, folks? It's something that makes me really...not...not sleep good at night because that's like pulling the rug out from under any kind of things we had plans to do, and now it's going to fall on us. And those are big numbers, big fundings that we would lose out on. And we're going to turn to the taxpayer, local taxpayer. And okay, not very fiscally smart for the Feds to do that to us, nor is it morally smart, but that's my soapbox. Thank you, guys.

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MR. WEGNER: Yeah. And, Councilmember Johnson, to address what you were saying before, the HMP is a living document. So we can make amendments to the document as long as they are considered minor. We can even add additional strategies. So if we have a grant that we'd like to submit, and there is no language addressing that specific activity, we can make an amendment and post it on our website, and then it becomes considered part of the living document. And therefore, we become eligible for a grant related to that activity or . . . *(inaudible)*. . . --

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. Well, if we got to avoid the term "climate change", we can say we live in a tropical place, and it gets hot in the tropics. Put some trees up. . . *(laughing)*. . . But I...I get it. I don't want to hog time. I...I...I know you guys have tough...a tough...tough job. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PALTIN: And...and just to remind folks, the next iteration will be in 2030, so it may be a different Federal climate by then as well, so...

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: And physical climate as well.

CHAIR PALTIN: Yes, all of the climates. Member Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Administrator...are you the Director? Or what is...what is your title?

MR. LONOKAILUA-HEWETT: Administrator.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Administrator Hewett [sic], I was just wondering, in order to leverage your funds, do you also work with, let's say, HECO? HECO with regard to, you know, prevention of wildfires and as...as well as climate change, you know, issues because...because of what happened in Lahaina? I know they've investing millions upon millions of dollars in sophisticated cameras and other devices to help detect various types of crises. So besides them, you also have probably the Highways Department. State Highways, I know that they have also invested into sophisticated devices. So, you know, if everybody pull their efforts together and us taking advantage of the bigger agencies that have more money to put money...you know to invest into these types of equipment, I'm sure they'll be happy share either their knowledge or their technology, you know, actual devices with us so that we don't have to carry the whole burden of buying things only for our use. Have you worked with other groups in order to acquire more knowledge and...and equipment for our purposes?

MR. LONOKAILUA-HEWETT: Yeah. So we...HECO is a critical partner with...with MEMA and we're connected all the time.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Good.

MR. LONOKAILUA-HEWETT: For a hazard mitigation project out in Ukumehame, they were part of the planning process because they do have power lines that run through that particular property or are adjacent to it. We are connected to their SOS an alert wet

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system, which is their weather stations. And the cameras, we have access like the public does. And they're a partner that comes into the EOC all the time. And we always do hotwashes after every PSPS kind of integration or activation. So we do use all of their...their technology. With HDOT, same...same thing, we use their highway cameras, they respond to the EOC. And that was the last...I guess the last tsunami, we...we called upon the use of their cameras that...we...we called those folks inside. So, you know, whoever has resources that we can use, all of these folks all want to be a part of --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Great.

MR. LONOKAILUA-HEWETT: -- protecting this community. And so, we all call them in. We...we definitely leverage each other's resources to overcome what we face.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you. And...and it's good to know. I'm really glad that you have that collaboration already set up because I think perhaps we could do a little bit more in prevention. I mean, for instance, whether it's Pā'ia or Pi'ihana, those are the hotspots. So if any place is going to expand or blow up, it's probably going to be there because it happens on a regular basis, yeah. And so, you know, a wildfire could destroy Happy Valley and Hawaiian homes. You know, it won't take much. But that's why I'm saying, if...if we can all put a little bit more effort into prevention. And even that Holomua Road, yeah, could destroy Pā'ia Town. So these are...you know it...it's not farfetched. And so, that's why I'm...I'm hoping that as you collaborate and pull your resources together you start identifying, you know, potential areas to keep an extra eye on. Do you do that?

MR. LONOKAILUA-HEWETT: Yeah. So, you know, I think the land management function of the County has...related to wildfire risk and risk reduction is new...or nonexistent. This Administration, with they're tasking us to address it, kind of proves and confirms that it is a priority of this Administration, and we are actively removing those hazards. There's a lot to do. A lot to do, lots of...the Ukumehame project is...was, you know, over a million dollars to move, and that's being funded by State...supported by State and Federal resources because we had a electric battery, major electric battery hazard that we weren't expecting going into that. And we have this unprecedented project going on right now that identifies electric battery neutralization and proper disposal that will affect the entire globe. Maui is leading the process in neutralizing batteries. And that was born after the wildfires. It's actually called the Maui Method created by...directed by a retired firefighter from the Maui Fire Department working with the EPA and currently helping us with that project. All of our County, State, and Federal partners are actively in Ukumehame utilizing the process, destroying...neutralizing and disposing of hundreds of batteries.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Amos, sometimes you have to tell us more of those stories, honestly. I mean, we can sit here and get chicken skin listening to you. But if you don't tell us, we don't know, you know. Thank you.

MR. LONOKAILUA-HEWETT: You're welcome.

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CHAIR PALTIN: Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah. I wanted to listen. I have this...because of the last tsunami and then working with Amos and his crew, and coming to Kula, and understanding what you're doing at Ukumehame, and the land management which you...you just mentioned, I realize that MEMA is no longer the MEMA that I...that I know of when I first got elected to this office. You have expanded. And I really, really appreciate what you did for Kula. You know, after that tsunami, and the scare, and what...you know, you listen to the many stories. And then you came to Kula Community Association meeting, the general membership meeting. And I think that the residents who were there, which is a lot, were kind of in awe because I...I believe that most of us have an old...like me, you know, an old understanding of what MEMA does. But you have taken on a new role. And you have, in...in my experience, reached out to community through that meeting but also individually where you put together meeting with the large landowners. And we have a lot, right, we have the ranches and...and the farmers, and whatever. And...and...and that...that whole outreach that you did, I thought, okay this is...this is a new chapter. It's a new evolution. And to approve this resolution, which we need to do to approve your plan, I wonder if it's enough because to me you've added more for hazard mitigation, and...and planning, and prevention. So is it...is it enough? I mean, based upon just the evolution of what I'm seeing you do with the office.

MR. LONOKAILUA-HEWETT: Regarding resources and funding, no, it's not enough. We are justifying increased budget proposal for all of you. What I also wanted to say, too, related to hazard mitigation and related to educating the public because I think that's one of the...the major gaps in...in MEMA. Currently, there's a lot of new tools, a lot of capabilities, some change in perspective. And we're actually going through an interview of...of our Public Affairs Officer that has been...we've been waiting for over a year, and we're finally interviewing for that position. That position will take us into all of your districts and will take us intimately looking at the...every aspect of your threat in each district, and every critical facility, and every vulnerability, and be able to educate the public on what it is and identify what we can do about it. Inevitably, there will be a gap between what we can do now and what we may be able to do later. But between the community, and MEMA, and with...with the County we're going to have to identify the gap because inevitably there will be a gap. And...but in that gap, when we look at the gap together, we can hopefully close the gap with just partnerships and understanding. And that...that's a critical initiative that I wanted to start a long time ago because I...I realize that this is a new day, and the community requires more information and more education on what we're actually doing.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Good job. Thank you.

CHAIR PALTIN: And Member Sugimura, I'm not sure if you noticed, but the last update was November 19th, 2020. And so, we need to pass one update...pass this update by November 19th, 2025, in order to keep disaster funding eligibility intact. So that's why

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we're hearing it today. Hopefully, it's...well, it is a resolution which requires one reading, so it'll be on the November 7th, and we'll make the deadline.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I saw that.

CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. And I see Member Rawlins-Fernandez has joined the meeting, although her camera is not on. If she would like to ask any question [sic] from...about the hazard mitigation plan, to our resources, or anything? Oh, and kia ora, if you're by yourself or not.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(laughing)*. . . Kia ora, Chair. Aloha, everyone. Kala mai for my tardiness. I am alone in my vehicle, and I currently have no questions at the moment. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR PALTIN: Member Cook. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Thank you, Chair. So in their discussions, did the Haole koa, on the sides of the road, come up? To me it seems with all the dry seed pods and the...the challenge is it's everywhere, and some of them are 20 feet tall. Is that something that...that money that the Fire Department...or that the \$2 million, or whatever their quote amount was, could be used...is used for land clearing? Or is that only for when there's a complaint? How does that work? I mean, just when I'm driving around the Haole koa looks like a hazard because of the...if it was wind and embers. . .*(inaudible)*. . .like that.

MR. LONOKAILUA-HEWETT: Yeah, 100 percent. Every time I drive up Halekaka Highway I see all the Haole koa. And luckily, there's farming there, and the hazard is minimized. But 100 percent, Haole koa all over the place, all over the highways. It'll jump the roads a quarter mile, half a mile and...and...and be a problem. I...I understand. Related to the Maui Fire Department's Fuel Break Program and what that HMGP Post Fire grant is for; they had identified 100 projects. I think that those 100 projects make up 6,000 parcels, to my knowledge. Those 100 projects are wildland-urban interface. They basically identified 100 areas that need to be cleared. Inevitably, they...they're going to be removing Haole koa to some degree. I know a lot of the Haole koa is along the highways, and I'm not sure what the entire 100 projects look like. I did look at them, and when I perused over them, I'm like, yeah, they're all really good areas that the Fire Department has identified, and we're going to get that started real soon.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Stuff was real handy when I used to have livestock, and I go cut, but we don't have enough people doing that anymore. So I know in Kihei along the Pi'ilani Highway, North Kihei Road going out where it's even, you know, on the mauka side of the road. But anyway, thanks.

CHAIR PALTIN: Any more questions from the Members? Member Johnson, followed by Member Sinenci. You're muted, Member Johnson.

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COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair, I was lowering my hand . . . *(inaudible)*. . . -- . . . *(laughing)*. . . I'm going through the maps. Section 14.5, it looks like a big error because the map that I'm looking at says...it looks like South Maui, but it's labeled Wailuku and Makawao. And either way, those towns are not right next to each other, so there's something wrong with that map. I don't know, it...I know it's a big document, but it's on 14.5. It's the tsunami hazard. And that's another thing, it's a tsunami hazard map and definitely Makawao...if Makawao has a tsunami, we're in big trouble. So maybe take a look at that before the resolution gets all said and done. I don't know.

CHAIR PALTIN: So Member Johnson, our Committee Staff identified a number of errors, kind of like that one. And so, in the amendment summary form we have inserted a whereas clause acknowledging that the Council has insufficient time to review and identify all technical corrections needed to the County of Maui 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan. And that would be kind of a nonsubstantive revision for clarity, consistency, style --

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay.

CHAIR PALTIN: -- correction. And I think, as Mr. Wegner said, those could...those kind of correction of error and nonsubstantive can be updated after it goes to FEMA for review. Is...is that your understanding, Administrator Hewett *[sic]*?

MR. LONOKAILUA-HEWETT: Yes, that is. And I just want to apologize to all of you for that. Those kinds of errors are, you know, in my mind, unacceptable. But we are committed to resolving all of that and making sure this document is absolutely accurate moving forward.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. Just...I...I didn't...thanks for clarifying that. I just want to make sure it's...it's noted. And thank you, Councilmember Paltin, for noting that.

CHAIR PALTIN: Yeah. Okay, Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. I just wanted to address the FEMA disaster declarations. And I know Chair mentioned, you know, about, you know, the politics in Washington right now and possibly changing in the next couple years. But on page 126, does it...do we address...you know, should we have some...some shortfalls from...from the Federal Government funding for emergencies? It also lists Governor...Hawai'i Governor's emergency proclamations too. I'm sure we'll get some State but just in case we, you know, have larger disasters that need additional funding.

MR. LONOKAILUA-HEWETT: So I would say to that is a lot of the...maybe the perspective of the Federal Government, the thresholds have all changed. There's a lot of uncertainty about what that means. But I can tell you with the public assistance program, for instance, there is all the thresholds, as far as when the Federal Government will come in and support the County, has changed. The thresholds are much higher than they were before. There are changes in what is acceptable, when...what is not acceptable, there's delays in...in when those funding is available. And...and the short story to that

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is expect that moving forward, and we have to overcome it in some way.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: All right. Okay. Thanks for that, Administrator. And then my other question was, the...the last tsunami warning, we did see some of the emergency, and the evacuation, and how people were reacting to the...to the tsunami warning. For us in East Maui, we have a couple small communities that...that lay along the shoreline, like Ke'anae, Hamoa and Nāhiku. And so, I think, one of the...one of the issues was how do we get...well, from the community, how do we get the...the word out for...for some of the rural communities? And...and I know we...we did. We do have our liaison in East Maui but so...and our Hāna Emergency is also working on it too. But...and the other thing was, I guess, agreements with private owners. The ranch allowed both residents and visitors to...to go through the ranch and then up to higher ground. But are those types of agreements need to be with our local nonprofits or something that the Department want to kind of initiate?

MR. LONOKAILUA-HEWETT: So I'll start with the behavior of the public related to the tsunami. And I agree, I think the traffic situation, evacuation effort was more complex and more difficult because of the way we reacted to it. And I think the solution is education. There are tools that we offer in Genasys Protect that provide some of that solution. There's a tsunami inundation map that's attached to the...the...all the zones that are in the inundation zone. But not everybody has Genasys Protect, and not everybody knows that the link is there. So there's a education piece that has to take place. Like I said, that's with our Public Affairs Officer. Once that person comes in, that is what that person will be doing and will engage the public, hopefully, in a...in a productive, and intimate, and effective way. At least I envision it to be. To East Maui, specifically, there's a lot to do. You know, one of...the Staff Specialists are really trying to guide forward large programs, which is preparedness, response recovery, and mitigation. And that one person is looking at all of the programs in that area. Though that area is isolated and smaller in nature, it still requires a lot of work. And we're trying to support those Staff Specialists in doing good work. In East Maui there's a lot of really good operational folks that could be a part of East Maui's, maybe, response network. We're trying to figure out how we...we organize. Some of those folks are Reserve Corps We would look to employ them in through Army Reserve Corps program...program which is. . .*(inaudible)*. . .also working on. Did that answer your question?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah. And our...I just wanted to add, our office is always open to...to helping to, you know, initiate the...the community getting together. I did...I must say that the tsunami inundation map was very helpful. It told us the people that weren't affected by the evacuation and those that was in the...the...you know the pink section. Those were the immediate people that had to evacuate, so thank you for that. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PALTIN: Anyone...further questions? Committee Vice-Chair U'u-Hodgins.

VICE-CHAIR U'U HODGINS: Thank you, Chair. Well, this might...this may be one of my last few questions. I don't know yet. On page 411, there's a breakdown in the buildings in

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the wildfire risk hazard area by occupancy class. And it goes to define residential, commercial, industrial, and other, which is usually Government places. We have, at least in Pā'ia Town, or Pā'ia and Ha'ikū rather, low wildfire hazard risk areas, moderate, and none, and high. I would agree that Pā'ia and Ha'ikū could have a low wildfire risk hazard if we maintain better our County lands. But right now, I would disagree with that classification, probably same for Wailuku and...well, Kahului is bunched up as well. But I'm wondering if you could tell me where the line was drawn to separate the 3,156 structures from the 649 structures in low wildfire risk hazard areas and moderate risk hazard. Or rather, I guess that could be the same for all, but at least for Pā'ia Town I'm asking.

MR. LONOKAILUA-HEWETT: So I can find out the exact rationale behind the line. I think with wildfire, they're...they're identifying risk based on topography, fuels, drought conditions, typical wind speeds, and history. And based on the history, it should be high, and I agree it should be high risk. What they don't include, which is a part of our risk...Wildfire Risk Reduction Program is ignition management. And so, we have ignition...an ignition concern versus a vegetation concern, potentially, or a drought concern, potentially, but in our program it's an ignition concern. And so...and the risk exists, the history shows it, and it's a high...it's a high hazard. So regardless of what...how they've identified it...or this plan has identified it by those criteria, we know it's a high risk and you know that we'll address it.

VICE-CHAIR U'U HODGINS: Thank you. No, I appreciate that. We...we've had several conversations. I...I appreciate how you feel. I would love for us to be more low risk. So this is...this is goals for me. We...I just...we may...we are not there yet, but this is goals. Thank you.

MR. LONOKAILUA-HEWETT: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR U'U HODGINS: That...probably that's all for me, Chair. Thank you so much.

CHAIR PALTIN: Sure. Anyone else? Should...should we take a recess, or do you guys think we can power it out? Power it out. Okay. If everyone feels like they've asked all their questions, I'll entertain a motion to recommend the adoption of Resolution 25-174.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Second.

CHAIR PALTIN: Moved by Member U'u-Hodgins, second by Member Sugimura. The Chair will entertain, also, a motion to substitute Resolution 25-174 with the proposed CD1 version attached to the amendment summary form distributed at today's meeting.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Second.

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CHAIR PALTIN: Did...did you have something additional, Member Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No, just said, "aye".

CHAIR PALTIN: Oh, okay. All right. So then this concludes today's Disaster Recovery, International Affairs, and Planning Committee meeting. Thank you very much, everyone. The time is now 2:45. So I'm giving everybody a whole hour and 45 minutes extra to your workday that you can do with as you see fit. This meeting is adjourned. . .
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CERTIFICATION

I, Tricia Higa, hereby certify that pages 1 through 24 of the foregoing represents, to the best of my ability, a true and correct transcript of the proceedings. I further certify that I am not in any way concerned with the cause.

DATED the 28th day of October 2025, in Mililani, Hawaii


Tricia Higa