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April 12, 2019

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Honorable Michael P. Victorino
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For Transmittal to:

Honorable Keani Rawlins-Fernandez
Chair, Economic Development & Budget Committee
Maui County Council
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Rawlins-Fernandez:

SUBJECT: **FISCAL YEAR ("FY") 2020 BUDGET** (WS-7) (EDB-1)

In response to your letter dated April 3, 2019, we respond as follows:

1. Auwahi Forest Restoration Project: Please explain why the proposed amount is increased to \$120,000 from the \$60,000 appropriated in FY 2019.

Answer:

Additional funds will allow Auwahi Forest Restoration Project to double the number of volunteer trips and native plantings, increase native seed banking, expand forest restoration and non-native plant control. Requested funds will also provide a report on the potential of Rapid Ohia Death impacts to Maui County watersheds and ecological restoration.

"By Water All Things Find Life"

2. Countywide Watershed Protection: Please explain why the proposed amount is increased to \$305,000 from the \$200,000 appropriated in FY 2019.

Answer:

Increased funding is anticipated for accelerated efforts treating invasive Himalayan Ginger and ungulate control in East Maui. Countywide funds can also be utilized to quickly address fence repairs and other storm related damage to watersheds countywide.


3. Eradication of Miconia and other invasive plants: Please explain why the proposed amount is reduced to \$260,000 from the \$500,000 appropriated in FY 2019. Is this because of the receipt of an "additional \$250,000 from WRC to ramp up miconia control efforts FY 2019" (index code 953165B-6132, Professional Services, Program Budget, page 635 and 638)?

Answer:

Yes, the additional \$250,000 was allocated by WRC for Maui Invasive Committee (MISC) in FY 2019 but not requested in the MISC FY 2019 or FY 2020 Grant Proposals.

In advance, thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any further questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,



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Director

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