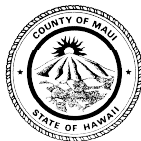


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April 5, 2025

Mr. John Stufflebean, Director
Department of Water Supply
County of Maui
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mr. Stufflebean:

SUBJECT: **FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET** (BFED-1) (WS-04)

Thank you for participating in the Committee's discussion on April 4, 2025. The Committee respectfully submits the follow-up questions listed below. May I further request that you transmit a written response to bfed.committee@mauicounty.us by **April 11, 2025**.

1. Provide the Department's list of vacancies in a font size of at least 12 points. (TP)
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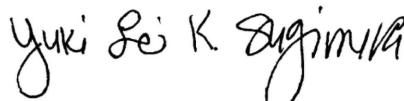
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To ensure efficient processing, please duplicate the coding in the subject line above for easy reference.

Thank you for your attention to this request. Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Kirsten Szabo at ext. 7662, James Krueger at ext. 7761, Jarret Pascual at ext. 7141, Clarissa MacDonald at ext. 7135, or Pauline Martins at ext. 8039).

Sincerely,



YUKI LEI K. SUGIMURA, Chair
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cc: Mayor Richard T. Bissen, Jr.
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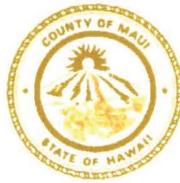
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4/10/25
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For Transmittal to:

Honorable Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Chair
Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee
Maui County Council
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Dear Chair Sugimura:

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET (BFED-1) (WS-04)

In response to your letter dated April 5, 2025, Department of Water Supply provides the following:

1. Provide the Department's list of vacancies in a font size of at least 12 points. (TP)

Response:

See attached. Attachment 1.

2. For non-potable water, you show that a 10- or 20-percent increase in rates translate to a specific dollar amount. Would you provide all percentage increases in water rates in dollars per 1,000 gallons? For example, "Upcountry customers would be paying \$1.38 per 1,000 gallons, which is 14% of the estimated \$9.36 cost to deliver the water." (TP)

Response:

<u>FY2026 PROPOSED RATE INCREASE</u>	FY2025	FY2026	Dollar Increase	Percentage Increase
Agriculture				
0 - 5,000 gal	\$2.13	\$2.24	\$0.11	5%
5000 - 15,000 gal	\$4.21	\$4.42	\$0.21	5%
over 15,001 gal	\$1.19	\$1.25	\$0.06	5%
Non-Dwelling Ag rate				
All usage	\$1.04	\$1.09	\$0.05	5%
Non Potable				
All usage	\$1.25	\$1.31	\$0.06	5%
All Other General Consumers				
All usage	\$7.58	\$8.34	\$0.76	10%
General Consumers/Multi- Family				
All usage	\$4.63	\$5.09	\$0.46	10%
General Consumers/Hotel- Resorts				
All usage	\$10.56	\$13.20	\$2.64	25%
General Residential/Single Family or Dwelling				
0 - 5,000 gal	\$2.13	\$2.13	\$0.00	no change
5000 - 15,000 gal	\$4.63	\$4.98	\$0.35	7.50%
15,001 - 35,000 gal	\$7.58	\$8.72	\$1.14	15%
over 35,000 gal	\$10.56	\$13.20	\$2.64	25%

The cost to provide water, including the cost of the source, the distribution, capital projects, and overhead; was estimated as follows.

Also shown is the percent of cost paid by two examples, (1) the tier 1 rate of \$2.13 and (2) the proposed tier 2/multifamily rate of \$4.63

District	Cost	% of Tier 1
Central/South District	\$ 5.37	40% of cost
Lahaina District	\$ 8.23	26% of cost
Upcountry District	\$ 9.36	23% of cost
Hana District	\$ 9.62	22% of cost
Molokai	\$10.04	21% of cost
County Weighted Average	\$ 6.62	32% of cost
District	Cost	% of Tier 2 / Multifamily
Central/South District	\$ 5.37	86% of cost
Lahaina District	\$ 8.23	56% of cost
Upcountry District	\$ 9.36	49% of cost
Hana District	\$ 9.62	48% of cost
Molokai	\$10.04	46% of cost
County Weighted Average	\$ 6.62	70% of cost

In all cases, residential customers at the Tier 1 and Tier 2 rates are being subsidized by other rate categories, principally the general commercial rate, the hotel/resort rate, and the higher residential tiers.

- What is the Department's current plans regarding the development, use, or preservation of wells located on the Von Tempsky property in Kula? Please include any short-term or long-term strategies, timelines, or funding considerations associated with these wells. (YLS)

Response:

DWS has Fukunaga & Associates and Tom Nance Water Resources Engineering, Inc. under contract to analyze the potential to develop a source well on this property as part of their scope of work to identify two well sites within the Makawao Aquifer and begin preparations for the Environmental Assessment (EA) and design plans for the exploratory phase of the well development.

A well on this property is being explored in conjunction with other source development efforts intended for the benefit of the Upcountry system and customers, including the purchase or lease of existing private wells in the Makawao Aquifer as well as new well development on Haleakala Ranch Company property, in the vicinity of the Kula Kai tank and booster station.

The analysis includes the comparison of cost, expected well productivity, ease of connection to County infrastructure, impact of the source location on the system, HECO power availability, and solar power potential.

The discovery of 'Iwi on the property may slow the development of the well. The 'Iwi may have significant historical impact. DWS will proceed after receiving direction to minimize any disturbance to the site.

4. How do helicopter operations support restoration efforts and mitigate impacts in fire-affected areas? Could these functions be performed using drones? (TP)

Response:

Helicopter services are used for transport and equipment. The requested expansion from FY25 to FY26 for Mauna Kahalawai Watershed Partnership is additional helicopter hours for Herbicide Ballistic Technology (HBT) and Precision Aerial Treatment (PAT), and to support restoration and mitigation of fire impacted areas. Use of helicopters are needed to deploy PAT for herbicide application to invasive plants in areas that burned in the November 2022 fire and where ground treatment is difficult due to the terrain. These functions can currently not be performed with drones. However, drones are used for aerial surveys and mapping. HBT and PAT are not proposed for restoration activities in the wildland urban interface.

5. Aloha Pu'u Kukui now operates as an independent entity following separation from Maui Land and Pineapple Company. Given the ongoing drought conditions and the stressed watershed above West Maui, would the Department consider a \$500,000 grant to Aloha Pu'u Kukui to support their continued operations?

Honorable Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Chair
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In order to cover the additional cost, the Department is recommending the addition of a fifth residential tier. The current tiers break at 5,000, 15,000 and 35,000 gallons. The DWS recommends the fifth tier start at 50,000 gallons and is set at the hotel/resort rate. This is estimated to generate an additional \$491,000.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide information relating to this agenda item. If you have additional questions, please free to contact me.

Sincerely,



JOHN STUFFLEBEAN, P.E.
Director

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Attachment

Department: Water Supply
As of: March 31, 2025

REVISED VANCY REPORT

Total: 15 Vacancies in Water Operations Program (10 > 90 days; 5< 90 days)
Total: 17 Vacancies in Water Administrative Program (11 > 90 days; 6 < 90 days)
VACANT POSITIONS - 90 DAYS OR MORE

POSITION / LOCATION (Please indicate if expansion)	DATE OF VACANCY	REASONS FOR VACANCY	STATUS OF PERSONNEL ACTION	ANTICIPATED FILL DATE	PROGRAM
P-27632 Engineering Support Technician I	1/15/2022	Resignation	Redescribing/reorganizing position for improved functionality of division	Jul-25	Admin
P-27726 Pipefitter I (Hana)	1/16/2022	Transfer	Position reallocated from Pipefitter II to Pipefitter I effective 6/01/2024. Currently filled through TA	Jan-25	Ops
P-27732 Civil Engineer IV	5/13/2022	Resignation	R-7861(B) created 3/12/2024; continuous open recruitment. Same applicant for all open Civil Engineering positions, not chosen.	Oct-24	Admin
P-27841 Civil Engineer V	5/16/2023	Promotion	R-9516 created 10/16/2023 for open recruitment. Position filled by tentative start date 4/16/2025.	Oct-24	Admin
P-27845 Meter Reader And Field Collection Supervisor	4/30/2020	Retirement	Currently filled via TA.	Jan-25	Admin
P-28088 Plant Electrician/Electronics Repairer	2/1/2023	Promotion	Awaiting lower level employees to take certification exam.	Oct-24	Ops
P-28854 Civil Engineer V	11/8/2022	Resignation	R-8430(B) created 3/11/2024. No new applicants.	Oct-24	Admin
P-29353 Assistant Field Operations Division Chief	11/30/2021	Retirement	Redescribing/reorganizing position for improved functionality of division	Jul-25	Ops
P-32539 Engineer Support Technician I	12/16/2022	Expansion Position	Redescribing/reorganizing position for improved functionality of division	Nov-24	Admin
P-27797 Secretary III	7/3/2023	Transfer	Updating position description. Limited Term Position.	Jan-25	Admin
P-27912 Planner IV	4/1/2024	Transfer	Continuous recruitment, no new applicants.	Jan-25	Admin
P-28875 Safety Specialist II	10/1/2024	Retirement	R-10589 created for open recruitment effective 9/27/2024. Applicants interviewed not selected.	Jul-25	Admin
P-29409 Water Treatment Plant Operator II	11/1/2024	Promotion	Reallocating to WTPO II will re-recruit at lower level. Open recruitment 2/14/25. No qualified applicants. Reallocating to	May-25	Ops
P-28680 Laborer II	12/1/2024	Promotion	R-10966 created for open recruitment effective 1/08/2025. Occumed physical scheduled 3/28/25.	Feb-25	Ops
P-27936 Waterworks Maintenance Helper	12/1/2024	Promotion	Position Description review, plan to recruit open. R-11152 created for PWOE recruitment 2/27 - 3/10/2025. No applicants	Feb-25	Ops
P-34004 Water Meter Technician Helper	12/1/2024	Expansion Position	P-10996 created for PWOE recruitment 1/15 -1/29/2025. Applications sent to DPS for review 1/30/2025. Applicant did not meet MQ's	Feb-25	Ops
P-27944 Water Microbiologist I	12/13/2024	Resignation	R-11144 created for open recruitment effective 2/26/2025. Interviews begin 3/24/2025.	Apr-25	Ops
P-28700 Planner I	12/20/2024	Resignation	Plan to fill under the County Internship Program-applicant lied about qualifications, disqualified. Reallocating to Water Conservation Specialist III. And rerecruit.	May-25	Admin
P-27801 Accountant IV	12/31/2024	Retirement	R-10808 created for open recruitment effective 11/25/2024. Offer made 1/28/25 response expected 2/3/25. Offer declined.	Jul-25	Ops
P-27972 Personnel Assistant II	12/31/2024	Retirement	Position currently filled by TA. R-10632 created for open recruitment effective 10/14/2024. R-10632(A) created 1/03/2025.	May-25	Admin

VACANT POSITIONS - < 90 Days

POSITION / LOCATION (Please indicate if expansion)	DATE OF VACANCY	REASONS FOR VACANCY	STATUS OF PERSONNEL ACTION	ANTICIPATED FILL DATE	PROGRAM
P-27946 Customer Service Representative II	2/1/2025	Promotion	R-11112 created for PWOE recruitment effective 2/14 - 2/25/2025.	Apr-25	Admin
P-27851 Purchasing Technician	2/16/2025	Promotion	R-11132 created for open recruitment effective 2/21/2025.	Apr-25	Admin
P-28677 Laborer II	2/16/2025	Promotion	R-11186 created for open recruitment effective 3/07/2025.	Apr-25	Ops
P-27763 Pre Audit Clerk I	2/16/2025	Promotion	R-11173 created for open recruitment effective 3/05/2025.	Apr-25	Admin
P-29628 Pre Audit Clerk I	3/1/2025	Promotion	R-11172 created for open recruitment effective 3/05/2025.	Apr-25	Admin
P-27970 Assistant Waterworks Fiscal Officer	3/1/2025	Return to previous position	R-11171 created for open recruitment on 3/05/2025.	Jul-25	Admin
P-29263 Customer Service Representative II	3/16/2025	Volunteer Demotion	R-11243 created for open recruitment on 3/27/2025.	May-25	Admin
P-28046 Water Microbiologist I	3/16/2025	Promotion	R-11223 created for open recruitment on 3/24/2025.	May-25	Ops
P-27728 Water Plant Maintenance Mechanic Helper	3/16/2025	Promotion	Plan to re-recruit. Recruited for PWOE no candidates applied will recruit intra/interdepartmental.	Jul-25	Ops
P-29531 Labor Supervisor I	3/16/2025	Promotion	Reallocating position to Laborer II, will require reorganization because it effects the supervisory hierarchy.	Oct-25	Ops
P-27600 Laborer II	3/16/2025	Promotion	R-11241 created for open recruitment on 3/27/2025.	May-25	Ops

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Aloha,
Please see attached correspondence. Thank you.
-Lesley

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Richard T. Bissen Jr. 4-15-25

Mayor Date

For Transmittal to:

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Dear Chair Sugimura:

SUBJECT: **FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET** (BFED-1) (WS-04)

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Hello,

Please see attached correspondence (BFED-1)(WS-04)

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