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Honorable Alan M. Arakawa  
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For Transmittal to:

Honorable Kelly King  
Chair, Planning Committee  
Maui County Council  
200 South High Street  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL  
  
Mayor Date

Dear Chair King:

**SUBJECT: MOLOKAI COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE (PC-02)**

This is in response to your September 28, 2017 inquiry on Action 10.5.03 in Chapter 10 of the proposed Molokai Community Plan, September 13, 2017 draft.

We understand that construction of hunting cabins was addressed in the Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the Molokai Paku'i Watershed Project. The DEA recommended greater discussion on the topic of constructing cabins in or near the Conservation District in Mana'e so that all stakeholders could more fully understand and weigh the potential risks and benefits. From a watershed protection perspective, cabins would increase access, which could potentially increase risk of weed introductions while also increase opportunities for weed control and fence maintenance. Therefore impact of this action depends on site, landowner and practices.

While DWS supports actions that increase protection and facilitate maintenance of critical watersheds, we are not in a position to lead this effort or to be tasked in maintenance or operation of any such structures.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at Ext. 7816.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Taylor".

DAVID TAYLOR, P.E.  
Director of Water Supply

cc: Gladys C. Baisa, Deputy Director

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