

DRIP Committee

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Aloha Council Member Paltin and DRIP Committee,

Thank you for your inquiry. This is in response to the request for information (RFI) contained in the letter from the Maui County Council's DRIP Committee Chair Tamara Paltin, dated December 15, 2023.

RFI: As part of the discussion, a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers representative stated that additional funding from FEMA will be needed if they are unable to complete debris removal from the Lahaina, Kula, and Olinda burn zones by the expected timeline of six-to- twelve months. Please describe how the federal, state, and county governments can take part to ensure funding for debris removal will continue until all debris is removed.

Response: USACE and FEMA are fully committed to completing the debris removal operation from the Lahaina, Kula, and Olinda burn zones. Although the expected timeline is currently 6-12 months, USACE and FEMA will continue collaborating on this effort until the mission is complete, utilizing all necessary resources to do so.

I hope this information is responsive to your inquiry. I look forward to further opportunities to serve your office and the people of Maui. Please feel free to contact me or my colleague, Todd Hoose, in our efforts to support the Maui County Council.

Best regards,

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