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The Honorable Mike White
Council Chair
County of Maui
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair White:

**SUBJECT: UPDATE OF 2006 MAUI INLAND SAND RESOURCE
QUANTIFICATION STUDY (PAF 17-238)**

May I request the attached proposed resolution, entitled "URGING THE MAYOR AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO UPDATE THE 2006 MAUI INLAND SAND RESOURCE QUANTIFICATION STUDY," be placed on the next Council meeting agenda.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don S. Guzman".

DON S. GUZMAN
Councilmember

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Enclosure

COUNTY COMMUNICATION NO. 17-409

Resolution

No. _____

URGING THE MAYOR AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO UPDATE THE 2006 MAUI INLAND SAND RESOURCE QUANTIFICATION STUDY

WHEREAS, a Maui Inland Sand Resource Quantification Study was prepared by SSFM International, Inc. for the County of Maui, Department of Public Works and Environmental Management, dated February 2006; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the study was to better understand the extent of the inland sand supply available for excavation on the island of Maui; and

WHEREAS, the amount of sand available for excavation is limited by the physical extent of inland sand dunes, burial complexes, and existing and proposed land uses; and

WHEREAS, the inland sand resources that were available 30 years ago are no longer available, because of development on or preservation of the larger dunes; and

WHEREAS, the study stated a five-to-seven year lifespan of Maui's sand resources remain if mining and exporting continued at the pace reported in 2006; and

WHEREAS, although sand mining slowed after 2006, the demand for sand statewide increased because of the construction of the Honolulu Rail Transit project; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the Department of Public Works may initiate an update to the Maui Inland Sand Resource Quantification Study to provide current data and resource availability; and

WHEREAS, if funds are not currently available in the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget for the update, the Mayor may initiate a budget amendment consistent with his authority under Section 9-10 of the Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended; and

Resolution No. _____

WHEREAS, correspondence from the Mayor dated April 27, 2017, attached as Exhibit "1," requested the study be assigned to the appropriate Council Committee for review and discussion and that "the option of declaring a moratorium on export of sand mined in Maui County be explored in order to extend the life of Maui's remaining inland sand resources"; and

WHEREAS, an update to this study would provide the Council with essential information needed to make knowledgeable and sound decisions prior to taking any action on Maui's sand resources; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That it does hereby urges the Mayor and the Department of Public Works to update the Maui Inland Sand Resource Quantification Study; and
2. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Director of Public Works, the Director of Planning, the Infrastructure and Environmental Management Committee, and the Land Use Committee.

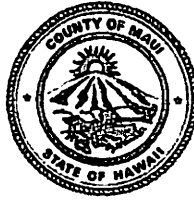
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Deputy Corporation Counsel
County of Maui

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ALAN M. ARAKAWA
MAYOR



KEITH A. REGAN
MANAGING DIRECTOR

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Ke'ena O Ka Meia
COUNTY OF MAUI - Kalana O Maui

April 27, 2017

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Honorable Mike White, Chair
and Members of the Maui County Council
200 South High Street
Wailuku, HI 96793

Dear Chair White and Members:

**RE: POSSIBLE MORATORIUM ON EXPORTING SAND AND THE MAUI
INLAND SAND RESOURCE QUANTIFICATION STUDY**

In February, 2006 I transmitted to Council a draft copy of Maui Inland Sand Resource Quantification Study by SSFM International, Inc., commissioned by the County of Maui to determine the sustainability and/or eventual dissipation of Maui Island's sand dune resources due to mining for local usage and for export to Oahu for construction and beach restoration purposes.

The study shows a 5-7 year lifespan on the resource if mining continued at current pace in 2006 and that the export rate of Maui sand to Oahu exceeds our county's use by approximately 2.5 to 1. There was a slowdown in demand for our sand elsewhere until the rail project on Oahu increased construction.

This study was discussed in October, 2006 in the Council's Parks and Economic Development Committee (Item # PED-29) and the item was deferred.

Therefore, it is my request that this study be assigned to the appropriate Council Committee for discussion and that the option of declaring a moratorium on export of sand mined in Maui County be explored in order to extend the life of Maui's remaining sand resources for Maui's people.

Sincerely,

ALAN M. ARAKAWA
Mayor, County of Maui

COUNTY COMMUNICATION NO. 17-214