

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI
PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE LAND
USE COMMITTEE

October 23, 2020

Committee
Report No. _____

Honorable Chair and Members
of the County Council
County of Maui
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

Chair and Members:

Your Planning and Sustainable Land Use Committee, having met on September 9, 2020, and October 8, 2020, makes reference to County Communication 17-105, from the Planning Director, transmitting the following:

1. Resolution 01-141, entitled "ADOPTING THE COUNTY OF MAUI REPETITIVE LOSS PROPERTIES FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PLAN."

The resolution, adopted by the Council on September 7, 2001, formally adopts the Floodplain Management Plan in accordance with Section 46-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and in accordance with the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System. Section 10 of the Floodplain Management Plan provides that an annual implementation report be presented to the Council.

2. County of Maui Repetitive Loss Properties Floodplain Management Plan, 2016 update.
3. County of Maui Repetitive Loss Properties Floodplain Management Plan Annual Evaluation Report, dated September 2016.

Your Committee also notes that the Council's Infrastructure and Environmental Management Committee (2017-2019 Council term) met on December 3, 2018.

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By correspondence dated April 5, 2019, the Planning Director informed your Committee that the National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System ("CRS") was revised to make Maui County a "class B" community, which removed the requirement for an annual Floodplain Management Plan implementation report. Your Committee notes the County's CRS class grants a 15 percent discount on all Federally-backed flood insurance policies in the County.

Your Committee received a presentation from the Department of Planning explaining the County's CRS status and the Floodplain Management Plan.

Your Committee asked if the floodplain regulations can be improved to enhance public safety and increase the County's CRS points. The Department explained that improving floodplain regulations would only earn a small amount of CRS points. The Department informed your Committee that the County would gain enough CRS points to achieve a higher CRS class by the Council enacting a more recent International Building Code with greater building standards to prevent foundation scouring under elevated structures during flood events. The higher CRS class would grant a 20 percent discount on Federally-backed flood insurance policies in the County.

Your Committee encouraged the Department to inform the Council of other updates relevant to the County's CRS status.

Your Committee voted 5-0 to recommend filing of the communication. Committee Chair Paltin, Vice-Chair Sinenci, and members King, Molina, and Rawlins-Fernandez voted "aye." Committee members Lee and Sugimura were excused.

Your Planning and Sustainable Land Use Committee **RECOMMENDS** that County Communication 17-105 be **FILED**.

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This report is submitted in accordance with Rule 8 of the Rules of the Council.

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TAMARA PALTIN, Chair

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