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April 4, 2025

Mr. Shayne Agawa, Director
Department of Environmental Management
County of Maui
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mr. Agawa:

SUBJECT: **FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET** (BFED-1) (EM-02)

May I please request you be prepared to answer the following questions at the BFED Committee meeting on **April 15, 2025**.^{*} This will enable the Committee to comprehensively review the FY 2026 Budget.

May I further request that, after approval by the Office of the Mayor, you transmit your answer to bfed.committee@mauicounty.us by the end of the day on **April 15, 2025**. **Date subject to change without notice.*

Overall

1. The following relate to the Environmental Protection and Sustainability Division's grant subsidies: (Pages 233-236; Program Budget) (GJ) (TP) (YLS)
 - a. Does the Division have sufficient staff to distribute grants in a timely manner, including the grants that were transferred from the Office of Economic Development in FY 2025? (TP)
 - b. For FY 2025 and to the extent possible for FY 2026, please provide the following for all grant subsidies administered by the Division: the amount requested, the name of each applicant, the project's title, the amount approved, and the funding source index code and title. (GJ)

- c. Please provide a breakdown of how the Division plans to disburse the monies in the Grant Subsidy Detail for FY 2026. Please also explain how they were disbursed in FY 2025. (TP)
 - d. Why are Recycling Grants not listed and tallied in the EP&S Fund Grant Subsidy Detail? If this was inadvertently omitted, please provide the details. (GJ)
 - e. With the high demand for environmental protection and wetland grants, coupled with Federal cuts to environmental initiatives, is there a reason funding was not increased in FY 2026 for these grants? (GJ)
 - f. Please provide a breakdown of all grants administered in FY2025 under Environmental Protection Grants and Green Building and Resilient Housing Grants. (Page 233, Program Budget) (YLS)
 - g. On the proposed \$600,000 increase to the Recycling Grants Program to include grants that pilot on-island recycling processes, does infrastructure exist within the County to process this type of recycling? (Page 234, Program Budget) (YLS)
 - h. How much funding did the Maui Invasive Species Committee request and how much are they anticipated to receive? (TP)
- 2. The Electronic Waste Recycling Program grant is reduced for FY 2026. Has the program experienced a smaller volume of materials being recycled over the past few years or is it because there is less money available? (Page 237, Program Budget) (TP)
 - 3. How can residents learn more about the County of Maui Green Waste Container and Hauling Pilot program? (Page 238, Program Budget) (TP)
 - 4. Under Goal #1, item 1 for the Solid Waste Administration Program, please explain the proposed increase in cost per ton processed at the Hāna Landfill. Are there efforts to divert instead of bury the waste? (Page 216, Program Budget) (SS)

5. Under Goal #2, item 1 for the EP&S Division, the Department estimates removing 1300 abandoned and derelict vehicles in FY 2026. Is this service free for residents and is there a quota of total vehicles towed from each residency area? (Page 228, Program Budget) (SS)
6. For Goal #1, item 2 for the Administration Program, does the Department have plans to create a new program since the number has remained at zero since FY 2023? (Page 199, Program Budget) (NUH)
7. For Goals #2 and #3, item 1 for the Administration Program, the number of meetings conducted with the different divisions has dropped drastically from 75 meetings in FY 2023, to seven in the second quarter of FY 2025. (Page 199, Program Budget) (NUH)
 - a. For Goal #2, how does the decrease in meetings impact the different divisions?
 - b. For Goal #3, are seven meetings enough to review and update personnel needs and actions with the Department's divisions?
 - c. Does the Department have plans to bring the number of meetings held back up to FY 2023 levels?
8. Under Goal #2, item 1 for the Wastewater Administration Program, the Department lists the percentage of CIP projects completed in a timely manner as 100 percent in FY 2024, and estimated as 100 percent in FYs 2025 and 2026. The FY 2025 Second Quarter Budget Implementation Report notes a 25-percent decrease. Please explain the discrepancy. (Page 202, Program Budget) (NUH)
9. Under Goal #3, items 1 and 2 for the Wastewater Operations Program, the Department estimates a total of 12 sessions in FY 2026, including professional development sessions and safety training classes. (Page 210, Program Budget) (NUH)
 - a. The FY 2025 Second Quarter Budget Implementation Report notes that one session and one safety training class have been conducted. How does the Department plan on achieving its goal of conducting 12 sessions each by the end of the fiscal year?

10. Under Goal #3 for the Solid Waste Administration Program, the FY 2025 Second Quarter Budget Implementation Report indicates a decline in the number of safety courses offered by the Department. Please explain. (Page 216, Program Budget) (NUH)
11. For Goal #1, item #3 for the Solid Waste Operations Program, the FY 2025 Second Quarter Budget Implementation Report notes there were two State Department of Health notices of violation. Please explain what the violations were and how they were rectified. (Page 221, Program Budget) (NUH)
12. For Goal #2, item 1 for the EP&S Division, the Department estimates an increase in the number of vehicles towed from public roadways. Please provide a breakdown of the locations and the number of vehicles the Department expects to tow in FY 2026. (Page 228, Program Budget) (NUH)
13. What progress has been made on Lahaina's R-1 water expansion in FY 2025? Please elaborate. (TP)
14. Can General Excise Tax Funds be used for Sewer Interfund Transfers? Please explain. (TP)
15. Please confirm if Maui is the only county in the State that charges residents for refuse disposal. If yes, please provide the rationale for the County's charges. What would it take to eliminate the fee? (TP)
16. The County of Hawai'i has a diversion area before you reach the solid waste facility. It serves as a thrift store where individuals can drop off or shop for stuff they might need. With the Central Maui Landfill expansion, is it possible that our County could establish something similar? (TP)
17. The FY 2025 Second Quarter Budget Implementation Report notes four vacancies in the EP&S Division as of December 31, 2024. What are the Department's plans for this division? Have you considered hiring a team of people? (TP)
18. Twenty-two percent of County households have cesspools on their properties. Act 125, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2017, requires all

cesspools be converted by 2050, although the Cesspool Conversion Working Group suggests the deadline should be 2030. What is the Department's plan for cesspool conversions to septic systems? (YLS)

Salaries and Wages (Category "A")

1. For the expansion positions funded in FY 2025 that are requesting full year salaries in FY 2026, how many have been filled? (TP)
2. The Wastewater Operations Program is proposing an additional Electronic Technician. Has this position been filled? If not, when do you anticipate filling this position? (Page 214, Program Budget) (YLS)

Operations and Equipment (Category "B")

1. Can the Steel Wheeled Landfill Compactor under Index Code 919509C-7044 Other Equipment, Solid Waste Operations Program, be delayed until FY 2027? Please explain why or why not. (Page 226, Program Budget) (GJ)
2. What was the outcome of the Community Facilities District creation to expand R-1 water use in South Maui and Wailea? (Page 201, Program Budget) (TP)
3. For Index Code 919730C-7044 Other Equipment for the EP&S Division, where will the machinery be located and who will operate it? (Page 233, Program Budget) (TP)
4. The following relate to Index Code 919521B-6235 Rentals: (Page 7-44, Budget Details) (YLS) (NUH)
 - a. Please explain why \$345,000 is needed and what moving Refuse Collection Operations off the County Highway's baseyards entail? (NUH)
 - b. Where is Refuse Collection Operations being relocated to? (YLS)
5. The following relates to Index Code 919053B-6137 County grant subsidy: (Page 201, Program Budget) (YLS)

- a. Why is the County funding the Ma‘alaea Village Association project?
 - b. What is the total cost of this project?
 - c. What is the amount of funding being contributed by Ma‘alaea Village Association, if any?
6. As it relates to Index Code 919730B-6317 Count grant subsidy for the EP&S Division, what is the demand of the Recycling Grants Program? What was the total amount applied for in FY 2025, and is the proposed \$1,000,000 amount expected to meet the demand? (Page 7-17, Budget Details) (GJ)
7. For Index Code 919730B-6112 Contractual Service, please provide a breakdown of the budget for recycling services. (Page 7-16, Budget Details) (GJ)
8. For Index Code 919500B-6132 Professional Services for the Solid Waste Administration Program, please elaborate on the \$150,000 request for the rate fee study for landfill and refuse collection fees. Further, how often does the Department conduct a rate fee study for landfill and refuse collection fees? When was the most recent rate fee study conducted? (Page 7-27, Budget Details) (NUH) (YLS)
9. For Index Code 919509B-6233 Rental of machinery & equipment for the Solid Waste Operations Program, how long does the Department anticipate needing the heavy equipment rental? What type of equipment is being rented and does the Department have plans to purchase the equipment in the future instead of renting? (Page 7-38, Budget Details) (NUH)
10. For Index Code 919521B-6032 Refuse Cart Expenses for the Solid Waste Operations Program, how many carts does the Department anticipate replacing? Please provide a chart of the total carts in service by residency area, their lifespan, and their replacement schedule. (Page 7-43, Budget Details) (NUH)
11. Relating to Index Code 919726B-6132 Professional Services for the EP&S Division, please provide a breakdown of the services that will be provided by the Climate Action & Resiliency Plan program. (Page 7-16, Budget Details) (NUH)

12. Relating to Index Code 919730B-6235 Rentals for the EP&S Division, when did the Division relocate to One Main Plaza? Is this be an annual expense? (Page 7-17, Budget Details) (NUH)
13. Relating to Index Code 919023B-6137 R&M Machinery/Equipment for the Wastewater Reclamation Program, please provide a detailed breakdown of the equipment that require repair and the anticipated costs. (Page 7-68, Budget Details) (NUH)

Capital Improvement Projects

1. For CBS-1124 West Maui Recycled Water System Expansion, what is the estimated amount of R-1 treated recycled water that will be available for use when this project is completed? (Page 893, Program Budget) (TP)
2. For CBS-1146 West Maui Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Compliance Sewer Rehabilitation, is there a list of the major gravity sewer lines that will be inspected or investigated as part of this program? If yes, please provide the list. If no, how will the results of the investigations be accessible for public viewing? (Page 895, Program Budget) (TP)
3. How did the Department prioritize and determine which CIPs to use General Excise Tax Funds on? (YLS)
4. Are there any CIPs funded by the General Excise Tax Fund that can be postponed to FY 2027? (Page 57, Budget bill) (GJ)
5. The Council adopted Resolution 24-157, CD1, which set aside additional land for the Hāna Landfill expansion. The Deputy Director said the Department may expand solid waste uses, recycle diversion activities, and establish alternative technologies on the parcel. As it relates to CBS-8914 Solid Waste Master Plans for County Landfills and Solid Waste Facilities: (Page 836, Program Budget) (SS)
 - a. Are there ongoing plans for expansion or improvements at the Hāna Landfill? Are green waste materials being hauled out or can the Department manage green waste at the Landfill?

- b. Is there a Master Plan for the Hāna Landfill or any plans for a wastewater treatment facility in Hāna?
6. For CBS-3207 Pā‘ia Wastewater Pump Station Modifications, please provide an update on the renovation status. Will the \$300,000 budgeted for FY 2026 be sufficient to complete the project? (Page 867, Program Budget) (NUH)

Appendix A, Part II

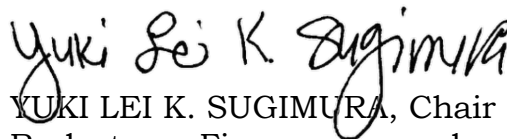
1. Can the Mālama Maui Nui – Highway Beautification grant be moved to the Highway Beautification, Abandoned Vehicle, and Tourism-related Traffic Congestion Revolving Fund under the line item for the EP&S Division? Are there other departmental costs or operations paid for out of the EP&S Fund that could be moved to the Revolving Fund to free up EP&S funding for grants? (Page 233, Program Budget; Page 48, Budget bill) (GJ)
2. Please provide a breakdown of expenditures that have used funds from the Vehicle Disposal Fee Fund in FY 2025 and planned expenditures using the fund for FY 2026. (Page 56, Budget bill) (YLS)
3. Please provide a timeline for executing the Upcountry Wastewater Treatment Facility Assessment Study included under the General Excise Tax Fund. (Page 57, Budget bill) (YLS)
4. The Sewer Fund subfund total in the FY 2024 Council Adopted Budget was about \$8,462,136 higher than the FY 2024 Actual, approximately a 15-percent difference. Please identify cuts that would limit the sewer fee increases to no more than 5 percent. (Page 7-51, Budget Details) (TP)

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Mr. Shayne Agawa
April 4, 2025
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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Yuki Lei K. Sugimura". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

YUKI LEI K. SUGIMURA, Chair
Budget, Finance, and Economic
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cc: Mayor Richard T. Bissen, Jr.
Budget Director
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BFED Committee

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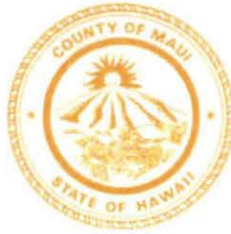
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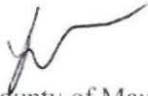
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April 14, 2025

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Honorable Richard T. Bissen, Jr.
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APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL

 4-14-25

Mayor Date

For Transmittal to:

Honorable Yuki Lei K. Sugimura
Chair, Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Sugimura:

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET (BFED-1) (EM-02)

In response to your request for information dated April 4, 2025, your request and the corresponding answer(s) are provided below by the Department of Environmental Management (DEM):

Overall

1. *The following relate to the Environmental Protection and Sustainability Division's grant subsidies: (Pages 233-236; Program Budget) (GJ) (TP) (YLS)*

a. *Does the Division have sufficient staff to distribute grants in a timely manner, including the grants that were transferred from the Office of Economic Development in FY 2025? (TP)*

EP&S-Recycling Section (RS):

Yes, for Recycling Grants Program, Provisos, if applicable, as well as various state revenue grants and "pass through" grants.

EP&S-Abandoned Vehicles and Metals (AVM):

AVM will need additional higher-level staff (Recycling Specialist 3, 4 or 5) if we win our Federal grants (award results may post in May 2025). The AVM Section Supervisor also needs the EP&S Manager to be hired in order to be successful moving forward.

EP&S-Environmental Program (EP):

Environmental Protection and Sustainability (EP&S) has sufficient staff to manage and distribute grants; however, there have been recent challenges related to staffing transitions and it would be very beneficial to have the Environmental Programs Section Manager and Environmental Protection and Sustainability Division Manager positions filled in order to continue the program to the best of the County's ability. Since the departure of Environmental Programs Section Manager, Michelle McLinden, the Recycling Specialist I and II—have been navigating a steep learning curve and with helpful support from DEM, AVM, Corp Council, Solid Waste, Budget and Finance Departments, they have remained committed to processing grant applications, managing internal routing procedures, and ensuring timely reporting. Timelines have largely stabilized, and as staff have become more familiar with the process, it has become clear that many grants follow a similar structure and sequence. The team is now better equipped to anticipate needs, recognize patterns, and streamline workflow with greater efficiency. Staff have in addition, made a concerted effort to engage with grantees directly through phone calls and email reminders, offering guidance on grant processing, providing documentation clarifying what is expected with reporting, and support to help ensure that required materials are submitted accurately and on time and most importantly detail the work being done by the grantees to ensure deliverables are being met.

It should be noted that while staff have made every effort to assist grantees in providing the necessary information to complete applications as promptly as possible, staff cannot be held responsible for any delays resulting from grantees' failure to submit the required documentation, including but not limited to the Certificate of Insurance (COI) with County language, HCE, and other relevant documents. Additionally, there are issues and tasks that fall outside the usual scope of grant processes, requiring current staff to spend time finding the best solutions—tasks that would typically be completed by an Environmental Programs Section Manager.

These efforts reflect the Division's commitment to continuous improvement, accountability, and service to the public.

- b. *For FY 2025 and to the extent possible for FY 2026, please provide the following for all grant subsidies administered by the Division: the amount requested, the name of each applicant, the project's title, the amount approved, and the funding source index code and title. (GJ)*

EP&S-RS:

FY	Amount Requested	Applicant(s)	Project Title	Amount Approved	Index/sub-object	Title of funds
FY25	\$173,000	Bio Bamboo	Waste to Microbes	\$133,000	919730B/6317	EPS RECYCLING PROGRAM
FY25	\$25,000	Honua Collective	Refill Store	\$25,000	919730B/6317	EPS RECYCLING PROGRAM
FY25	\$22,000	Maui Huliau Foundation	Zero Waste Events and Recycling Education	\$22,000	919730B/6317	EPS RECYCLING PROGRAM
FY25	\$200,000	Rethink Center	Solar Panel System Recycling Pilot	\$80,000	919730B/6317	EPS RECYCLING PROGRAM
FY25	\$20,000	Upcountry Curbside	Curbside Recycling Pilot	\$20,000	919730B/6317	EPS RECYCLING PROGRAM
FY25	\$15,754	Ka Lima O Maui	Paper Shredding Recycling Program	\$15,754	919730B/6317	EPS RECYCLING PROGRAM
FY25	\$232,000	Puaa Recycling and Farm	Food Waste Recycling Feasibility and Implementation Plan	\$59,246	919730B/6317	EPS RECYCLING PROGRAM
FY25	\$20,000	The Sewing Hui	Clothing Repair Workshops	\$20,000	919730B/6317	EPS RECYCLING PROGRAM
FY25	\$50,000	Grants Central Station	Clothing Reuse Program	\$50,000	919730B/6317	EPS RECYCLING PROGRAM
FY25	\$25,000	Lokahi Pacific	PENDING-Molokai Waste to Soil Amendment Feasibility Pilot	\$25,000	919730B/6317	EPS RECYCLING PROGRAM
FY25	\$50,000	Haleakala Biochar	PENDING-Lanai Green Waste to Bio-char Pilot	\$50,000	919730B/6317	EPS RECYCLING PROGRAM
FY25	\$500,000	West Maui Green Cycle	School Food Waste Compost Pilot	\$400,000	919734B/6317	WEST MAUI GREEN CYCLE
FY25	N/A	Maui Disposal	Glass Recovery Program	\$90,000	TBD/6317	GLASS RECOVERY PROGRAM
FY25	N/A	Aloha Glass Recycling	Glass Recovery Program	\$90,000	TBD/6317	GLASS RECOVERY PROGRAM

FY26	N/A	Maui Disposal	Glass Recovery Program	\$90,000	TBD/6317	GLASS RECOVERY PROGRAM
FY26	N/A	Aloha Glass Recycling	Glass Recovery Program	\$90,000	TBD/6317	GLASS RECOVERY PROGRAM

EP&S-AVM:

AVM FY25 Proviso Grants:

#	Vendor	Project	Funding	Index Code
G6242	Malama Maui Nui	Keep Maui Beautiful	\$155,000.00	919760B
G6242	Malama Maui Nui	Keep Maui Beautiful	\$ 306,000.00	919765B
G6243	Malama Maui Nui	Highway Beautification	\$ 200,000.00	101255B
G6244	Malama Maui Nui	Go Green	\$ 80,000.00	919763B
G6245	Malama Hamakualoa	Haiku Trash Pick Up	\$ 50,000.00	101259B
G6377	Teens on Call	Paia By Pass	\$ 30,000.00	101191B

AVM FY26 Proviso Grants:

#	Vendor	Project	Funding	Index Code
G6242	Malama Maui Nui	Keep Maui Beautiful	\$ 306,000.00	919765B
G6243	Malama Maui Nui	Highway Beautification	\$ 200,000.00	101255B
G6244	Malama Maui Nui	Go Green	\$ 80,000.00	919763B
G6245	Malama Hamakualoa	Haiku Trash Pick Up	\$ 50,000.00	101259B
G6377	Teens on Call	Paia By Pass Clean Up	\$ 30,000.00	101191B

EP&S-EP:

EP Green Grants Overview for FY25

Green Grants Category: Totaling \$160,000.00 for 919733B	
G6356/Sea Turtles/HAMER	\$29,061
G6355/Coral Rest/MNMRC	\$38,343
G6354/Reef Cleanup/PWF	\$35,000
G6362/Seabirds, u'au/MNSRP split	\$7,594
G6357/Cultural Rest/Paupena	\$50,000

Environmental Protection Category: Totaling \$490,000 for 919731B
G6362/Seabirds/MNSRP split \$32,405 G6369/Land Rest Volunteer/TIPU/TIPU \$16,800 G6370/Naiwa Homestead/MAHA \$19,000 G6399/WQ, Landscape, airport/MNMRC \$105,824 G6400/Backhoe/Mahele Farm \$17,000 G6401/Forest Rest/Auwahi \$81,305 G6403/Cultural/EM Taro Fest \$11,365 G6415/Equipment/Kipuka Land Steward \$30,000 G6436/Youth Edu/WM Fishing \$ 15,000 G6427/Malama Aina/No Na Hanauna Hou \$35,631 G6514/N Waihee Stream/Kapuna Farms \$30,000 G6416/Whale Research/Keiki Kohala \$45,669 G6531/Green Waste Bin/Malama kula \$50,000
EP Waikapū community beautification Category: Totaling \$10,000 from 919738B
G6530/Lokahi Pacific \$10,000
EP Green Building and Resilient Housing Category: Totaling \$44,000 from 919743B
G6408/Naiwa Clean Energy/MAHA \$16,000 G6407/Naiwa Off Grid/MAHA \$8,000 G6410/Kipahulu Ag Processing/Kipa Ohana \$20,000
EP Living Building Challenge Category: Total of \$56,000 from 919744B
G6411/Consultants 'Umeke/LBC/Sustain Molo \$28,830 G6409/Feasibility Study/LBC/Sustain Molo \$23,750
EP Renewable Energy Category: Total of \$100,000 from 919746B
G6412/Microgrid/Ho'ahu Energy Corp \$100,000
EP Wetlands Restoration Category: Total of \$800,000 from 919745B
G6363/ Kapoho Wetland/HILT \$10,000 G6404/Kapoho Wetland & Lokola Kala/HILT \$241,500 G6417/Honokanai'a WL/KIRC \$174,470 G6405/Ka'ehu Comm Stewardship/Ka'ehu \$132,243 G6425/WL Rest/Koali Niu \$37,400 G6406/Waiohuli WL/Ko'i'ula \$204,387

EP FY25 Proviso Grants:

#	Vendor	Project	Funding	Index Code
G6385	Maui Invasive Species Committee	Invasive Species Mitigation	\$2,800,000	919739B
G6387	Maui Nui Marine Resource Council	Marine conservation	\$225,000	919741B
G6386	Maui Nui Seabird Recovery Project	Wildlife preservation	\$82,500	919742B
G6508	Ko'i'ula wetlands environmental protection	Wetland restoration	\$200,000	919732B
G6558	Malama Kakanilua	Ecolo/Cultural Rest	\$150,000	101157B

- c. *Please provide a breakdown of how the Division plans to disburse the monies in the Grant Subsidy Detail for FY 2026. Please also explain how they were disbursed in FY 2025. (TP)*

EP&S-RS:

Recycling Grants Program - FY26 and FY25 monies will be, and were, dispersed to grantees as follows: upon Notice to Proceed, a 25% advancement of total funds is dispersed, after submittal and review of the first quarter reports, 25% of total funds is dispersed, after submittal and review of second quarter reports, 25% of total funds is dispersed, after submittal and review of third quarter reports, 15% of total funds are dispersed, after submittal and review of fourth quarter reports, the remaining 10% of total funds are dispersed. Quarterly funds are dispersed only after confirmation that grant deliverables are met, and receipts/proof is provided for all purchases made under the auspices of the grant. Please note, funds are dispersed as a refund in one lump sum for grants for equipment purchased, meaning grantees must provide proof of purchase and registration (if applicable) prior to dispersing funds.

Recycling Section Proviso Grants - The Recycling Section is unaware of proviso grants being awarded for FY26; however, FY25 proviso grant monies were dispersed in the same manner as the Recycling Grants Program grantees detailed above. Quarterly funds are dispersed only after confirmation that grant deliverables are met, and receipts/proof is provided to confirm all purchased made under the auspices of the grant.

Recycling Section State "Pass Through" Grants - Glass recovery Program grant monies are dispersed in one lump sum once the grantee provides adequate shipping and buy-back documents.

EP&S-AVM:

All of the Abandoned Vehicles and Metals Sections grants are disbursed on a fiscal year schedule. Payments are made quarterly after approval of grant application, contract, narratives and receipts.

All Payments will be made in the same manner as FY25. Our grants are disbursed on a fiscal year schedule. Payments are made quarterly after approval of grant application, contract, narratives and receipts.

EP&S-EP:

All of the competitive grants will be determined after the grant committee receives and scores the applications for FY26.

EP FY26 Proviso Grants:

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- d. ***Why are Recycling Grants not listed and tallied in the EP&S Fund Grant Subsidy Detail? If this was inadvertently omitted, please provide the details. (GJ)***

EP&S-RS:

FY26 Recycling Grants Program recipients have not been awarded yet as grantees will be selected by the Recycling Grants Review Committee after applications have been received, reviewed, and scored. "Pass through" state grants, FY25 Recycling Grants Program Recipients, and FY25 Proviso Grant details in the above answer "b."

- e. ***With the high demand for environmental protection and wetland grants, coupled with Federal cuts to environmental initiatives, is there a reason funding was not increased in FY 2026 for these grants? (GJ)***

EP&S-EP:

We would welcome any additional County grant funding to support these important Maui Nui environmental and wetland initiatives, only if the intention is to provide more funding to approx. the same number of grantees and not to increase the number of grantees. This is mainly due to the vacancy of the EP Section head and limited number of current EP personnel.

- f. ***Please provide a breakdown of all grants administered in FY2025 under Environmental Protection Grants and Green Building and Resilient Housing Grants. (Page 233, Program Budget) (YLS)***

EP&S-EP: See above table.

- g. ***On the proposed \$600,000 increase to the Recycling Grants Program to include grants that pilot on-island recycling processes, does infrastructure exist within the County to process this type of recycling? (Page 234, Program Budget) (YLS)***

EP&S-RS:

It depends on the material. The proposed \$600,000 increase is to help organizations develop or modify existing infrastructure. The Recycling Section has worked with

various organizations over the last 6 years to research the feasibility of on-island recycling processes; some examples are glass to aggregate, cardboard to cellulose for insulation and grass seed, plastics to resin that adheres to cement, polystyrene to blocks for construction, and a number of organics recycling processes such as waste to microbes, food waste to soil amendment pellets, green waste composting, and green waste to biochar. Some organizations have some infrastructure in place, most all organizations would need some addition or modification of existing infrastructure to implement a successful pilot.

- h. How much funding did the Maui Invasive Species Committee request and how much are they anticipated to receive? (TP)***

EP&S-EP: See above table.

- 2. The Electronic Waste Recycling Program grant is reduced for FY 2026. Has the program experienced a smaller volume of materials being recycled over the past few years or is it because there is less money available? (Page 237, Program Budget) (TP)***

EP&S-RS:

Since 2009, as part of the Electronic Waste and Television Recycling and Recovery Act (HRS Chapter 339D-10), the Department of Health dispersed monies annually to the County of Maui to support implementation of the Act. The Act requires producers of covered electronics such as computers, televisions, and printers, to provide recycling options for covered electronics. The State DOH determined the Act has sufficiently been implemented so decreased related funding. However, DOH identified a need for education and outreach regarding electronic recycling. The FY26 \$100,000 anticipated grant amount reflects the decrease of implementation funding and an increase in education and outreach funding for electronics recycling.

EP&S-AVM:

The State has granted the County monies to cover a portion of the costs of our E-waste program in past years. In 2023, Electronic Device Recycling and Recovery Act (339D) was passed that now required manufacturers to pay for the removal of electronic waste. By the of beginning January 1, 2025, manufactures are now required to remove and recycle the equivalent of seventy per cent, by weight, of the manufacturer's electronic devices sold in the State two years prior. For this reason, the State has reduced what it is paying to the Counties. All of the Counties have reduced what they are spending on e-waste programming as the manufacturers are required to take over the programs themselves.

- 3. How can residents learn more about the County of Maui Green Waste Container and Hauling Pilot program? (Page 238, Program Budget) (TP)***

EP&S-RS:

Department will send out a press release, a multi-media campaign is scheduled to run from May 24 through June 7, and there will be information posted at MauiCounty.gov/Recycle.

- 4. Under Goal #1, item 1 for the Solid Waste Administration Program, please explain the proposed increase in cost per ton processed at the Hāna Landfill. Are there efforts to divert instead of bury the waste? (Page 216, Program Budget) (SS)***

The cost per ton is an estimate using prior year actual expenses and adjusted utilizing inflation rates at the time, then dividing by the total tons landfilled. The increase in the

estimated cost/ton at the Hana Landfill was a result of higher projected expenditures for FY 2026, with landfill tonnages only minimally increasing.

Current efforts for diversion are primarily focused on waste reduction education and finding a regional composting partner. A waste characterization study for all landfills is being proposed in the FY 2026 budget request. The study will identify the composition of waste streams to help develop more effective diversion and waste management strategies in the future.

5. ***Under Goal #2, item 1 for the EP&S Division, the Department estimates removing 1300 abandoned and derelict vehicles in FY 2026. Is this service free for residents and is there a quota of total vehicles towed from each residency area? (Page 228, Program Budget) (SS)***

EP&S-AVM:

The AVM Sections runs two very separate vehicle recycling programs: A. The Abandoned Vehicles Program and the B. Tow and Scrap Residential Vehicle Recycling Program.

A. The Abandoned Vehicles Programs charges the owners of the 1,300 vehicles the cost of towing and storage of abandoned vehicles left on County lands.

B. The Tow and Scrap Residential Vehicle Recycling Program is free for residents. There are no quotas for this program for any region. Each resident can tow and scrap two cars per year for free from each service district.

6. ***For Goal #1, item 2 for the Administration Program, does the Department have plans to create a new program since the number has remained at zero since FY 2023? (Page 199, Program Budget) (NUH)***

DEM-Admin. continuously works on the development of new programs to promote sustainability. However, the programs are normally created, administered, and managed by one of our three (3) Divisions and those programs would be accounted for in the divisional Key Activity Goals & Measures and not in DEM-Admin's.

7. ***For Goals #2 and #3, item 1 for the Administration Program, the number of meetings conducted with the different divisions has dropped drastically from 75 meetings in FY 2023, to seven in the second quarter of FY 2025. (Page 199, Program Budget) (NUH)***

- a. ***For Goal #2, how does the decrease in meetings impact the different divisions?***

Due to the additional workload that was required by each of our three (3) divisions related to recovery efforts, DEM-Admin. made a decision to decrease the average number of these meetings to approx. twice a month with an additional meeting with our departmental personnel staff for an avg. of seven (7) meetings per quarter. This revision to the number of meetings with our divisions had a minimal impact to our divisions because there were numerous other recovery related meetings occurring with our divisions which gave additional opportunity for communication between DEM-Admin and our divisions on non-recovery related topics.

- b. ***For Goal #3, are seven meetings enough to review and update personnel needs and actions with the Department's divisions?***

DEM-Admin, along with our three (3) divisions has found that the revised schedule of two (2) meetings per month is adequate to review and update personnel needs and actions with our divisions. DEM-Admin also encourages our divisional personnel to feel free to coordinate directly with our AO and our Personnel Assistant II who then updates myself and our deputy director on current personnel related matters.

- c. ***Does the Department have plans to bring the number of meetings held back up to FY 2023 levels?***

DEM-Admin always intended to increase the number of these meetings back to pre-disaster numbers once recovery efforts has scaled-down considerably, but the current twice a month meeting schedule has proven to be adequate. If there is a need to increase the number of these meetings due to additional coordination between DEM-Admin and the divisions, we will do so at that time.

8. ***Under Goal #2, item 1 for the Wastewater Administration Program, the Department lists the percentage of CIP projects completed in a timely manner as 100 percent in FY 2024 and estimated as 100 percent in FYs 2025 and 2026. The FY 2025 Second Quarter Budget Implementation Report notes a 25-percent decrease. Please explain the discrepancy. (Page 202, Program Budget) (NUH)***

The Wastewater Reclamation Division (WWRD) estimates CIP projects will be completed as planned for each fiscal year, meaning 100%. However, the quarterly reports are actual percentage of completion. At the end of 2024 (calendar year), couple of projects did not go out to bid because of delays in permit approvals which resulted in a 25% decrease. Estimated completion should go back up to 100% by the end of FY2025.

9. ***Under Goal #3, items 1 and 2 for the Wastewater Operations Program, the Department estimates a total of 12 sessions in FY 2026, including professional development sessions and safety training classes. (Page 210, Program Budget) (NUH)***

- a. ***The FY 2025 Second Quarter Budget Implementation Report notes that one session and one safety training class have been conducted. How does the Department plan on achieving its goal of conducting 12 sessions each by the end of the fiscal year?***

WWRD averages 223 professional development sessions and safety training every year for the past 5 years. However, although it is available to everyone, not everyone is able to make each session/training due to sickness, vacation, workload, etc. The actual number for Goal #3 always looks low because the number of sessions/trainings are divided by the total number of positions in the division.

10. ***Under Goal #3 for the Solid Waste Administration Program, the FY 2025 Second Quarter Budget Implementation Report indicates a decline in the number of safety courses offered by the Department. Please explain. (Page 216, Program Budget) (NUH)***

The SWD estimates providing on average 5 safety training classes per month to its employees. The actual number of training classes provided in the prior year has exceeded that average.

11. ***For Goal #1, item #3 for the Solid Waste Operations Program, the FY 2025 Second Quarter Budget Implementation Report notes there were two State Department of Health notices of violation. Please explain what the violations were and how they were rectified. (Page 221, Program Budget) (NUH)***

On December 20, 2024, the State of Hawaii, Department of Health, Clean Water Branch (CWB) issued a Field Citation for failure to renew NPDES coverage prior to the expiration date for Central Maui Landfill and Hana Landfill. Although the renewal applications were submitted to CWB by the Solid Waste Division on July 6, 2022, prior to the expiration date, the signed certification was inadvertently left out. The County subsequently reapplied on November 19, 2024, and permits were issued by CWB on November 27, 2024. The County accepted the CWB offer of an expedited settlement of \$1000 for each landfill; signing the Field Citation by the certifying person; and describing the problem and preventative actions to avoid similar problems in the future.

12. ***For Goal #2, item 1 for the EP&S Division, the Department estimates an increase in the number of vehicles towed from public roadways. Please provide a breakdown of the locations and the number of vehicles the Department expects to tow in FY 2026. (Page 228, Program Budget) (NUH)***

EP&S-AVM:

Estimate of where abandoned vehicles will be towed from in FY26:

Zone	Abandoned Vehicles
Central	530
South	280
West	175
East	50
Up-country	275
Lana'i	22
Molokai	26

13. ***What progress has been made on Lahaina's R-1 water expansion in FY 2025? Please elaborate. (TP)***

In FY2025, the construction of the R-1 Water Pump Station, Force Main, and Honokowai reservoir continues as scheduled, the R-1 Expansion and Flow Equalization project at the facility has been substantially completed and in operation, and the design and permitting phase of the new R-1 Pump Station and Force Main from the 300-ft reservoir to the 700-ft reservoir has begun. Kaanapali R-1 Water Distribution System has also been awarded and will start construction soon.

14. ***Can General Excise Tax Funds be used for Sewer Interfund Transfers? Please explain. (TP)***

DEM and/or Budget Office will be able to address this question during BFED Committee meeting on 4/15/25.

15. ***Please confirm if Maui is the only county in the State that charges residents for refuse disposal. If yes, please provide the rationale for the County's charges. What would it take to eliminate the fee? (TP)***

The County of Kauai charges a base monthly assessment fee per benefitted property (real property where there is a dwelling unit or units), which allows residents to utilize drop boxes. The County of Kauai also charges a separate fee for residential refuse collection at the curb. The County of Hawai'i allows residents to use drop boxes free of charge, but it is our understanding that the drop box operations are funded by the General Fund.

16. ***The County of Hawai'i has a diversion area before you reach the solid waste facility. It serves as a thrift store where individuals can drop off or shop for stuff they might need. With the Central Maui Landfill expansion, is it possible that our County could establish something similar? (TP)***

The County of Hawai'i has a diversion area operated by a private vendor, similar to a Habitat for Humanity Restore. The "take it or leave it" concept was considered during planning for the Central Maui Landfill Entrance Facility, but not implemented for two reasons: County liability and the market economy for second-hand goods. There was concern that the County could be exposed to claims from handling and distributing second-hand goods. Also, recycling activities have been subsidized by grants and contracts by the County to private vendors or non-profits to expand and enhance the local market economy. The second-hand market remains robust even after the departure of Savers. There is still a variety of thrift shops, consignment shops, donation centers, and non-profits to promote reuse.

17. ***The FY 2025 Second Quarter Budget Implementation Report notes four vacancies in the EP&S Division as of December 31, 2024. What are the Department's plans for this division? Have you considered hiring a team of people? (TP)***

As of December 31, 2024, the EP&S Division had four (4) vacancies: the Environmental Protection & Sustainability Manager, Account Clerk III, Recycling Specialist II, and Recycling Specialist I. Since then, we've filled both Recycling Specialist positions, will be interviewing for the Account Clerk III the week of April 21st, and are continuing the hiring process for the EP&S Manager.

We recognize the importance of having a fully staffed team to support the Division's expanding responsibilities, especially in response to increasing environmental regulations and community expectations. As such, we are evaluating our current organizational structure and workload distribution to enhance operational capacity and efficiency. This includes exploring the development of new classifications or series that align with the Division's evolving needs.

We remain committed to building a strong, cohesive team within the EP&S Division to support our mission and better serve the public.

18. ***Twenty-two percent of County households have cesspools on their properties. Act 125, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2017, requires all cesspools be converted by 2050, although the Cesspool Conversion Working Group suggests the deadline should be 2030. What is the Department's plan for cesspool conversions to septic systems? (YLS)***

Users of cesspools need to (a) convert to either a new individual wastewater system (septic system or aerobic treatment unit) that is approved by the Department of Health (DOH), or (b) connect to a centralized wastewater treatment facility, or (c) obtain a variance from (DOH) to come into compliance based on the all the final reports released by DOH under Act 132.

DOH is developing a path forward that could help Hawaii create a financially flexible program to achieve the goals recommended from their reports and obtain compliance with Act 125. To date, the Department has been meeting with DOH, along with other Counties and entities, to develop this path forward. The Department has also accepted free technical assistance under EPA's Closing America's Wastewater Access Gap Initiative to develop a master plan for the conversion of cesspools identified in these reports for the County of Maui.

Salaries and Wages (Category "A")

1. ***For the expansion positions funded in FY 2025 that are requesting full year salaries in FY 2026, how many have been filled? (TP)***

In FY 2025, the Department requested funding for seven (7) expansion positions. As of today, four (4) of those positions have been filled. Recruitment is currently underway for two (2) additional positions, and we are working to initiate recruitment for the remaining vacancy.

We anticipate having all expansion positions filled in FY 2026, which is why full-year salaries are being requested.

2. ***The Wastewater Operations Program is proposing an additional Electronic Technician. Has this position been filled? If not, when do you anticipate filling this position? (Page 214, Program Budget) (YLS)***

Yes, the department has filled the Electronic Technician position within the Wastewater Operations Program.

Operations and Equipment (Category "B")

1. ***Can the Steel Wheeled Landfill Compactor under Index Code 919509C-7044 Other Equipment, Solid Waste Operations Program, be delayed until FY 2027? Please explain why or why not. (Page 226, Program Budget) (GJ)***

According to studies performed by Caterpillar USA, an average Landfill Compactors life span is 10,000 hours. The existing landfill compactors at Central Maui Landfill are at 10,200 hours and 6,600 hours. The concern with delaying the purchase of the landfill compactor is the time delaying the purchase in addition to the time to construct/ship a new landfill compactor could put the Solid Waste Division in a scenario where it is down to one or no landfill compactor for an extended period. Also, due to the specialization of this equipment, it is not readily available for rental. Poor compaction of the waste will also lead to reduced efficiency of airspace utilization and future settling that can lead to erosion and/or exposure of trash.

2. ***What was the outcome of the Community Facilities District creation to expand R-1 water use in South Maui and Wailea? (Page 201, Program Budget) (TP)***

Unfortunately, DEM was not able to invest any resources towards this project due to lack of bandwidth. All of our resources were utilized for programs/projects that allow us to adhere to regulatory requirements and for the rehab/maintenance of our existing infrastructure along with continued support for ongoing recovery efforts associated with the August 2023 wildfires.

3. ***For Index Code 919730C-7044 Other Equipment for the EP&S Division, where will the machinery be located and who will operate it? (Page 233, Program Budget) (TP)***

Both pieces of machinery will be located at the Hana Landfill and operated by the Hana Landfill staff.

4. ***The following relate to Index Code 919521B-6235 Rentals: (Page 7- 44, Budget Details) (YLS) (NUH)***

- a. ***Please explain why \$345,000 is needed and what moving Refuse Collection Operations off the County Highway's baseyards entail? (NUH)***

Currently, the Refuse Collection Section utilizes areas on County Highways baseyards. Over the years both divisions have grown in both personnel and equipment. The Refuse Collection equipment is double parked to fit into a small footprint, which limits space for preventative maintenance servicing, safe daily inspections, and cleaning. The move would be to a much larger area for the Refuse Collection Section.

All Refuse Collection Section's equipment, supplies/parts, and staff would be moved to the new baseyard. The SWD billing section would also be moved to the new location, which would improve communications and planning between the two sections.

- b. ***Where is Refuse Collection Operations being relocated to? (YLS)***

The Solid Waste Division has identified an area in Central Maui that is away from residential properties and has been available for lease for almost a year. However, the SWD is concerned that sharing the specific location of the property could reduce its ability to negotiate a fair lease price.

5. ***The following relates to Index Code 919053B-6137 County grant subsidy: (Page 201, Program Budget) (YLS)***

- a. ***Why is the County funding the Ma'ala'ea Village Association project?***

Per MD Nishita, the County is assisting with funding this project to support reef protection/rehabilitation, stormwater management, fire protection buffer, addressing environmental hazards, reduce reliance on injection wells, etc.

- b. ***What is the total cost of this project?***

The total estimated cost of this project from planning to construction is approx. \$12.5M

- c. ***What is the amount of funding being contributed by Ma'ala'ea Village Association, if any?***

DEM's understanding is that MVA intends to contribute approx. \$1.5M to this

project in addition to what is expected from the County. They are currently working to obtain additional funding from various sources.

6. *As it relates to Index Code 919730B-6317 Count grant subsidy for the EP&S Division, what is the demand of the Recycling Grants Program? What was the total amount applied for in FY 2025, and is the proposed \$1,000,000 amount expected to meet the demand? (Page 7-17, Budget Details) (GJ)*

EP&S-RS:

The demand for the Recycling Grants Program is high. In FY25, 24 applicants requested \$2,018,786. The proposed \$1,000,000 will move the recycling Section in the right direction towards meeting the demand.

7. *For Index Code 919730B-6112 Contractual Service, please provide a breakdown of the budget for recycling services. (Page 7-16, Budget Details) (GJ)*

Contract Number	Contractor	Program Title	FY26 Amount	Notes
C7199	Maui EKO Systems through 12/31/25; 1/1/2026-6/30/26 To be determined	Organics Processing at the Central Maui Landfill	\$3,843,920	Increase due to related expenses to restart composting while continuing services
C7922	Cameron Chemical Corp	Used Motor Oil Program	\$325,360	Continuation of services
C7918	Maui Disposal	County Facility Recycling Program	\$55,000	Continuation of services
C8488	Aloha Glass Recycling	Recycling Center Hauling and Monitoring and CRC Services	\$750,000	Continuation of services
C6795	Maui Disposal	Recycling Center Materials Processing	\$480,000	Continuation of Services
C4963	Maui Disposal	Molokai Recycling Center	\$295,500	Continuation of services
TBD	To be awarded	Olowalu Transfer Station	\$215,000	RFP for new contract to continue services
TBD	To be selected	Waste Characterization Study for Central Maui, Hana, Lanai, and Molokai Landfills	\$500,000	Required for future diversion/recycling program development
TBD	To be selected	Cost Recovery Study	\$75,000	Program Evaluation
Total			\$6,542,780	

8. *For Index Code 919500B-6132 Professional Services for the Solid Waste Administration Program, please elaborate on the \$150,000 request for the rate fee study for landfill and refuse collection fees. Further, how often does the Department conduct a rate fee study for landfill and refuse collection fees? When was the most recent rate fee study conducted? (Page 7-27, Budget Details) (NUH) (YLS)*

The intent of the study will be to analyze the current rates and rate structure as well as to develop a 5-year forecast model. The model will allow for scenario-based analysis to allow

different variables to be evaluated and determine user fees for residential refuse collection and landfill. The SWD has never conducted a rate fee study and anticipates revisiting every 5 years.

9. ***For Index Code 919509B-6233 Rental of machinery & equipment for the Solid Waste Operations Program, how long does the Department anticipate needing the heavy equipment rental? What type of equipment is being rented and does the Department have plans to purchase the equipment in the future instead of renting? (Page 7-38, Budget Details) (NUH)***

The SWD utilizes landfill equipment rentals when equipment is down due to unforeseen breakdowns or when performing extensive preventive maintenance on older equipment. Also, there are times that equipment is necessary to rent for intermittent site tasks (e.g., drain way clearing, bank stabilization, or other infrequent tasks) and not extensively used by operations or available from another department, so the SWD does not justify purchase of this kind of equipment. The SWD has rented dozers, loaders, backhoes, excavators, forklifts, boom lifts (manlift), air compressors, pumps, generators, light plants, and other equipment to assist operations.

When replacing older equipment, the SWD is also looking for opportunities to upgrade with similar models that offer multi-functional capabilities. For example, replacing a roll-off truck with a hook-lift truck to allow quick changes of different bed units for multiple functions (e.g., flat bed, dump bed, tanker bed, litter vac bed, etc). For loaders and backhoes, purchasing different attachments to give versatility to the loader or backhoe (e.g., brooms/sweepers, different bucket types, forks, grapples, etc.).

10. ***For Index Code 919521B-6032 Refuse Cart Expenses for the Solid Waste Operations Program, how many carts does the Department anticipate replacing? Please provide a chart of the total carts in service by residency area, their lifespan, and their replacement schedule. (Page 7-43, Budget Details) (NUH)***

The SWD replaces or repairs carts on an as needed basis. The Refuse Collection Section replaces on average 320 carts per month at a current contract rate. Countywide on average there is 21,400 carts in service at any given time. The refuse carts are warrantied for 10 years and on average most carts meet that lifespan. Some of the carts have lasted more than the 10 years and others much less.

11. ***Relating to Index Code 919726B-6132 Professional Services for the EP&S Division, please provide a breakdown of the services that will be provided by the Climate Action & Resiliency Plan program. (Page 7-16, Budget Details) (NUH)***

EP&S-EP:

Environmental Program Section: Currently, our section is operating with a limited but dedicated team: one Recycling Specialist I, a Recycling Specialist II, and oversight from the Director of Environmental Management. We have been focusing on the continuation of the Green Grants Program currently. A Recycling Specialist III with a strong background in climate change and sustainability is being proposed as an expansion position for EP&S by DEM, which will significantly enhance our capacity moving forward.

In the absence of an EP Section Manager, staff is still actively reviewing all relevant island-wide environmental and climate plans (Kihei Master Drainage Plan, Hawaii Forest Action Plan, Upcountry Community Wildfire Plan) to ensure our services are aligned with the

County's long-term resiliency goals. We have also attended meetings such as Council member Cook's Kihei Flood Forum and the Community of Practice Around Olowalu Reef meetings. In addition, we have been able to gain knowledge by working out in the field with our various Green Grant recipients and learn from their perspective some of their ideas and concerns in relation to climate change. As we build capacity, our section intends to provide the following professional services in support of CARP.

- Community Outreach and Education: Public education on sustainable practices, climate literacy, and materials management strategies.
- Data Collection and Reporting: Establishing consistent metrics to monitor waste reduction progress and climate action impacts.
- Cross-Departmental Support via the MD's Office: Collaborating with other County divisions to implement CARP goals, especially those related to materials management, emissions reduction, and circular economy strategies.
- Grants and External Partnerships: Identifying and supporting funding opportunities and partnerships with nonprofit, private, and academic stakeholders.

We acknowledge the current staffing limitations but are confident in our trajectory. With strategic hires and continued interdepartmental collaboration, our team will be well-positioned to support the implementation of CARP once an EP Section Manager and Recycling Specialist III is hired.

12. ***Relating to Index Code 919730B-6235 Rentals for the EP&S Division, when did the Division relocate to One Main Plaza? Is this be an annual expense? (Page 7-17, Budget Details) (NUH)***

EP&S-RS:

The Recycling Section relocated to One Main Plaza back with the Solid Waste Division offices. Yes, this is anticipated to be an annual expense. DEM intends to permanently assign the Recycling Section under the SWD-Admin office with a planned re-organization to occur in FY27 or sooner if possible.

13. ***Relating to Index Code 919023B-6137 R&M Machinery/Equipment for the Wastewater Reclamation Program, please provide a detailed breakdown of the equipment that require repair and the anticipated costs. (Page 7-68, Budget Details) (NUH)***

The \$100,000 requested for FY2026 Index code 919023B-6137 should be moved to 919023B-6129. Approximately \$90,000 is for laboratory testing services that WWRD is unable to perform in house and the other \$10,000 is for miscellaneous equipment services such as Fume hood testing, instrument calibration, and other services as needed. All of these services are required in order to comply with EPA and DOH permits requirements and regulations.

Capital Improvement Projects

1. ***For CBS-1124 West Maui Recycled Water System Expansion, what is the estimated amount of R-1 treated recycled water that will be available for use when this project is completed? (Page 893, Program Budget) (TP)***

Roughly 3.5 million gallons per day on average will be available.

2. ***For CBS-1146 West Maui Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Compliance Sewer Rehabilitation, is there a list of the major gravity sewer lines that will be inspected or investigated as part of this program? If yes, please provide the list. If no, how will the results of the investigations be accessible for public viewing? (Page 895, Program Budget) (TP)***

Although DEM anticipates additional inspections of our existing gravity sewer lines in West Maui, there is no official list of these lines to be inspected. Potential projects may include major trunk lines in Honoapiilani Highway or other areas found damaged during the investigations following the wildfires.

3. ***How did the Department prioritize and determine which CIPs to use General Excise Tax Funds on? (YLS)***

GET funding for CIP projects are determined by the Dept. of Management after receiving all CIP requests from departments that manage CIP programs.

4. ***Are there any CIPs funded by the General Excise Tax Fund that can be postponed to FY 2027? (Page 57, Budget bill) (GJ)***

CIP projects are scheduled each fiscal year to minimize the risk of wastewater spills and expand services to the community while keeping sewer rate increases as low as possible. Therefore, CIP projects may be postponed to FY2027, but this will increase the risk of wastewater spills, prevent additional services to the community and result in a significantly higher sewer rate increase next fiscal year.

5. ***The Council adopted Resolution 24-157, CD1, which set aside additional land for the Hāna Landfill expansion. The Deputy Director said the Department may expand solid waste uses, recycle diversion activities, and establish alternative technologies on the parcel. As it relates to CBS-8914 Solid Waste Master Plans for County Landfills and Solid Waste Facilities: (Page 836, Program Budget) (SS)***

- a. ***Are there ongoing plans for expansion or improvements at the Hāna Landfill? Are green waste materials being hauled out or can the Department manage green waste at the Landfill?***

There are no plans for expansion of the landfill since there are decades of estimated landfill capacity remaining. Currently, green waste material is not being hauled out of Hana and is being managed by the landfill staff. A larger grinder and excavator, similar to Molokai Landfill, is being considered to better process the green waste material.

- b. ***Is there a Master Plan for the Hāna Landfill or any plans for a wastewater treatment facility in Hāna?***

Hana Landfill does have a master plan for landfilling that was completed in 2013. Project CBS-8914 will evaluate the status of landfill airspace at all landfills and update landfill Master Plans to meet solid waste permit requirements. The Wastewater Division does not have any plans for a wastewater treatment facility on the expanded property at this time, but the feasibility of a plant may be evaluated in the future.

6. *For CBS-3207 Pā‘ia Wastewater Pump Station Modifications, please provide an update on the renovation status. Will the \$300,000 budgeted for FY 2026 be sufficient to complete the project? (Page 867, Program Budget) (NUH)*

Our design consultant (Kennedy Jencks) has completed approx. 19% of the design to date. Yes, to complete the design portion.

Appendix A, Part II

1. *Can the Mālama Maui Nui – Highway Beautification grant be moved to the Highway Beautification, Abandoned Vehicle, and Tourism- related Traffic Congestion Revolving Fund under the line item for the EP&S Division? Are there other departmental costs or operations paid for out of the EP&S Fund that could be moved to the Revolving Fund to free up EP&S funding for grants? (Page 233, Program Budget; Page 48, Budget bill) (GJ)*

EP&S-AVM:

The Mālama Maui Nui – Highway Beautification grant is already funded by the Highway Beautification, Abandoned Vehicle, and Tourism related Traffic Congestion Revolving Fund in the amount of \$200,000. (101255B-6317)

2. *Please provide a breakdown of expenditures that have used funds from the Vehicle Disposal Fee Fund in FY 2025 and planned expenditures using the fund for FY 2026. (Page 56, Budget bill) (YLS)*

EP&S-AVM:

FY25 Spent as of **2/28/2025:**

Category	Vendor	Project	Amount
C7673	Hammerhead	Vehicle Disposal	\$287,769
C7937	Maui Tow	East Tow & Scrap Program	\$22,266
C7940	D&D Towing	Upcountry, Central, South, West	\$148,287
C8476	A&S Services	Molokai Tow & Scrap Program	\$7,354
C7672	Refrigerant Recycling	Molokai Metals / Lanai Vehicle Disposal	\$100,197
C8267	Maui Tow	Aban. veh towing from impound to disposal	\$53,644
PO	P-5 Service	Cleaning out vehicles for disposal	\$15,675
PO	E-H	Tire Recycling from Ke‘anae	\$5,981
PO	D&D Towing	Specialized hauling for vehicle disposal	\$1,571
Contract	Verizon Wireless	Cell phone for staff	\$46
P-card	Misc	Miscellaneous program supplies	\$729

FY26 Planned Expenditures:

Contract	Vendor	Project	Amount
C7673	Hammerhead	Vehicle Disposal	\$700,000
C7937	Maui Tow	East Tow & Scrap Program	\$200,000
C7940	D&D Towing	Upcountry, Central, South, West	\$400,000
C8476	A&S Services	Molokai Tow & Scrap Program	\$75,000
C7672	Refrigerant Recycling	Molokai Metals / Lanai Vehicle Disposal	\$240,473
C8267	Maui Tow	Aban. veh towing from impound to disposal	\$150,000
CX	TBD	Tire Recycling Pilot	\$300,000
GX	TBD	Vehicle Disposal Grant Program	\$100,000
PO	TBD	Cleaning out vehicles for disposal	\$15,000

3. ***Please provide a timeline for executing the Upcountry Wastewater Treatment Facility Assessment Study included under the General Excise Tax Fund. (Page 57, Budget bill) (YLS)***

The timeline for wastewater studies varies from six (6) months to a year depending on the scope of work and deliverables for the project. Public input, community meetings, service area, and industry standards for wastewater engineering are some of the factors that may need to be taken into consideration when developing the scope of work. The timeline shortens or gets longer based on the number of deliverables established in the scope of work.

4. ***The Sewer Fund subfund total in the FY 2024 Council Adopted Budget was about \$8,462,136 higher than the FY 2024 Actual, approximately a 15-percent difference. Please identify cuts that would limit the sewer fee increases to no more than 5 percent. (Page 7-51, Budget Details) (TP)***

The WWRD budget is comprised of two main parts, operations and CIP. The operational budget ensures that the entire system continues to operate and meets all federal and state regulations and requirements. The CIP budget funds CIP projects to minimize the risk of wastewater spills and expand services to the community. Therefore, CIP projects may be removed or postponed to later fiscal years, but this will significantly increase the risk of wastewater spills, prevent additional services to the community and result in a higher sewer rate increase in the following fiscal years.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with information on this matter. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to forward them to the Department of Environmental Management.

Sincerely,



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My apologies, please see attached updated correspondence with Director's signature.

Thank you,

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