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December 20, 2024



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APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL

  
Acting Mayor 12/23/24  
Date

For Transmittal to:

Honorable Alice L. Lee, Chair  
And Members of the Maui County Council  
200 S. High Street  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Lee and Council Members:

**SUBJECT: MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT AMONG THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, HAWAII STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER, THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, AND THE COUNTY OF MAUI REGARDING THE DEMOLITION OF THE HISTORIC SPRING HOUSE AND THE LAHAINA PUBLIC LIBRARY IN RESPONSE TO THE 2023 LAHAINA WILDFIRES**

The Department is transmitting the attached Memorandum of Agreement entitled "MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT AMONG THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, HAWAII STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER, THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, AND THE COUNTY OF MAUI REGARDING THE DEMOLITION OF THE HISTORIC SPRING HOUSE AND THE LAHAINA PUBLIC LIBRARY IN RESPONSE TO THE 2023 LAHAINA WILDFIRES." The purpose of this Memorandum of Agreement is to enter into an intergovernmental agreement between FEMA, SHPD, and the County of Maui for the debris removal and storage of pohaku artifacts found in the Library and the Spring House wall system. Also, FEMA should put a temporary burial crypt on the county parcel of library property. Pohaku artifacts will be placed at Moku‘ula until such time they are used for a temporary burial crypt site.

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The Department respectfully requests that the Council consider this Memorandum of Agreement at its next regular meeting. Timely adoption is crucial to meeting the January 2025 deadline due to Debris Removal Federal Funding. Referring the Memorandum of Agreement to committee and back to the Council for final action would delay adoption by approximately four weeks, missing the deadline.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of stylized initials and a surname, positioned above the printed name.

KAPONO'AI MOLITAU  
Director of 'Ōiwi Resources

Attachments